

Summer 2

Riviera News

July 2025



Year 4 pupils at Shiphay visited the Golden Hind in Brixham as part of their history theme, learning about Sir Francis Drake.

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School Meals



Caterlink will be our brand new caterer from September!

Find out more [HERE](#)



Education Trust

Message from the CEO



Dear Parents and Carers

As we approach the end of the school year, I'd like to say a sincere thank you for all your support over the past twelve months. It's been a wonderful year across Riviera Education Trust, filled with memorable learning experiences, achievements, and joyful moments for your children.

We're especially proud of the progress pupils have made this year, with really strong academic results. These outcomes reflect not only the hard work of our dedicated

staff, but also your support at home – and most importantly, the effort and enthusiasm of the children themselves.

Alongside academic success, our schools have offered a wide range of opportunities beyond the classroom – from school trips, plays and sporting events to community projects and celebration days. It's been a vibrant, positive year and a real privilege to share in so many special moments.

Thank you for being such a valued part of our school communities. Your involvement and encouragement make a real difference. We wish you a safe, happy and relaxing summer, and look forward to welcoming you back in September.

Best wishes

Stewart Biddles
CEO



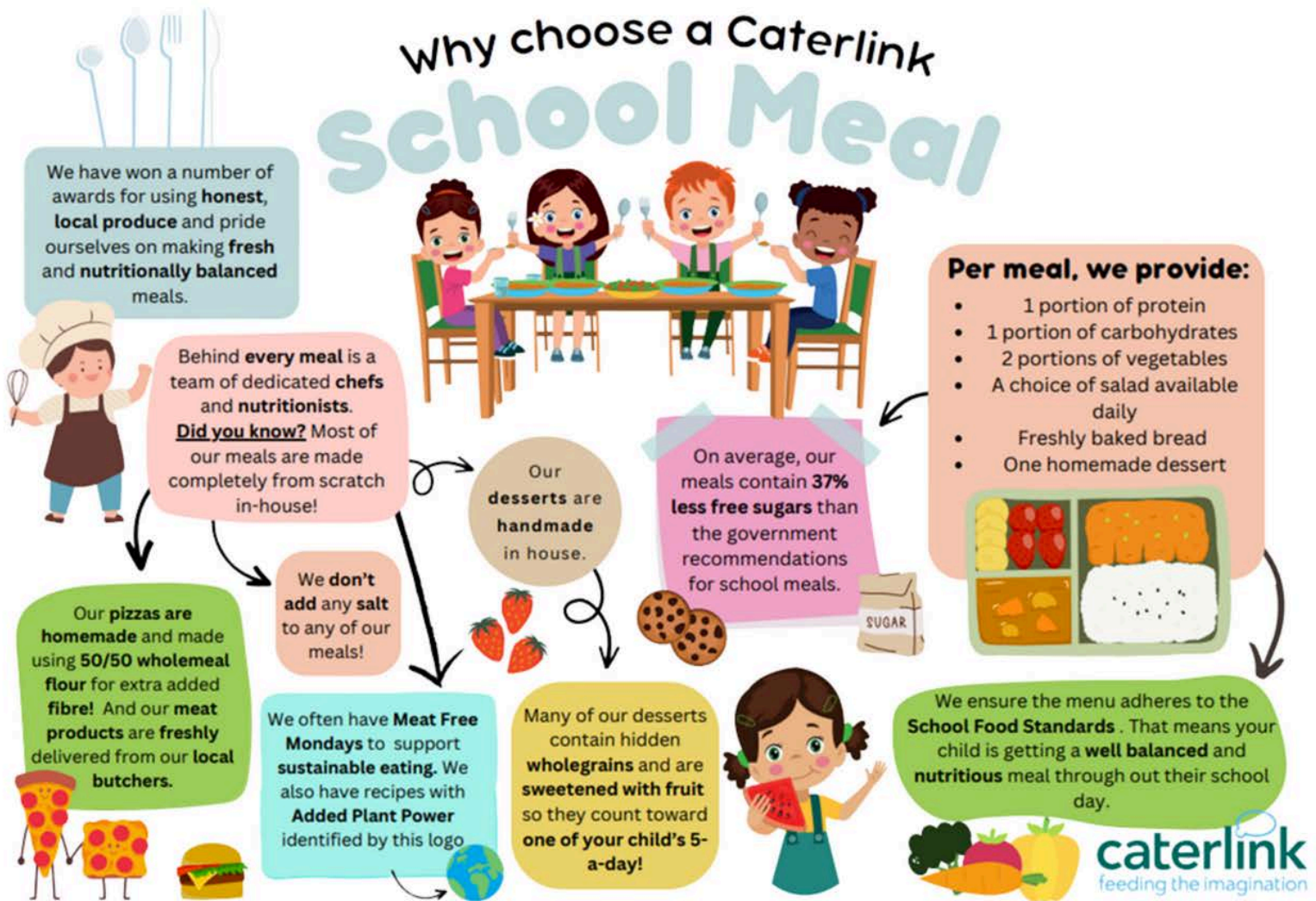
Year 6 children at Shiphay learnt essential first aid training, thanks to FOSS (Friends of Shiphay School)

INTRODUCING



We listened to your feedback and we're pleased to let you know that from September 2025, we will be working with **Caterlink** to provide freshly-made school meals on site.

Why choose a Caterlink School Meal



We will be in touch shortly to let you know how you can book your child's meals through ParentPay. Menus can be seen on the school website on the **School Meals** page under the **Parents** menu.



Torbay Children's

Parliament



This year's Torbay Children's Parliament took place on Friday 20th June in the Banking Hall at the Town Hall in Torquay

8 schools (including all three trust schools) took part in the competition that provided an opportunity for schools to field a team of four Year 5 pupils to present their views on:

With the possibility that the voting age may be reduced to 16 years of age in the next few years, the theme of this year's Children's Parliament asks our young people to think about the importance of having a say in decisions that affect them and how young people can be empowered to participate in democracy, and be encouraged to register and vote.

The event was hosted by trust CEO, Stewart Biddles, and teams were judged not only by their peers, but also by a panel of Torbay Council representatives:

Matthew Fairclough-Day, Director of Corporate Services;

Hannah Stevens, Councillor

John Fellows, Councillor

Catherine Hayden, Electoral Services Team Leader

1st place went to Homelands Primary

2nd place went to Our Lady of the Angels Primary

3rd place went to Shiphay Learning Academy

To celebrate their accomplishments, pupils in each of these schools received medals, with Homelands Primary also awarded the Children's Parliament shield. In addition, pupils from the winning school have an exciting trip to the Houses of Parliament to look forward to, early in the new academic year. They will be accompanied by the highest scoring team of trust pupils, which this year was Shiphay Learning Academy.



I enjoyed using my acting skills and giving our presentation. It was good to hear that the judges and the other adults were taking our ideas seriously and paying attention about why we should be allowed to vote at 16.

Annabelle, Shiphay



I loved the experience and speaking to everyone. It helped me with my confidence, and made me consider a future career. Being able to explain what I believe in, made me feel very included in society, even though I am only 10. Overall, it was an amazing thing to compete in.

Lisa, Oldway



Being included with Children's Parliament was fun. Performing with my friends made me very proud. I really enjoyed it.

Sam, Roselands

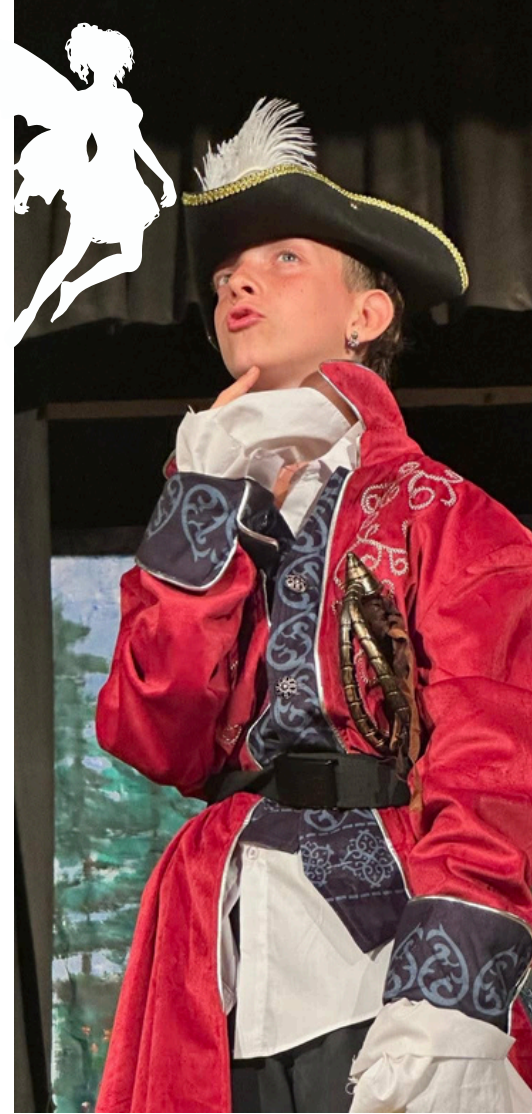


It was a good experience and I was proud of my team because we had worked very hard on our presentation. It was good to hear the ideas of the other groups and to hear how passionate everyone was about their ideas.

Erin, Shiphay



PETER PAN



Year 6 pupils at Oldway wowed audiences with two spectacular performances of Peter Pan, featuring both Team Lost Boys and Team Pirates. Each cast delivered outstanding shows full of talent, heart, and energy - an unforgettable end to the school year, made possible by the brilliant direction of Mrs Scott.



SHIPHAY LEARNING ACADEMY PRESENTS...

The 85 talented members of Shiphay's Performing Arts pupils delivered a theatrical extravaganza with their impressive performances of Alice The Musical, leaving audiences thoroughly wowed. Thanks were extended to Torquay Boys' Grammar School for generously providing the hall, lighting, and sound.

ALICE THE MUSICAL



Roselands' Performing Arts pupils showcased their production of 'Hoodwinked' to sell-out audiences



We're delighted that all 3 trust schools have been awarded **School Games Mark Gold**.

The purpose of School Games Mark is to reward and recognise a school's engagement (provision and uptake) in the School Games against a national benchmark and to celebrate keeping young people active.





The 21st year of presentations for the **Torbay and Devon Civic Award** was held at St Cuthbert Mayne School on 9th July. Pupils from all our trust schools received their certificates from Councillor Barbara Lewis, the Civic Mayor of Torbay, accompanied by her consort Councillor Chris Lewis.

The event was presented by Karen Thomson, Award Founder and Co-ordinator, who spoke to the children about the history and legacy of the award and about taking the values of the award into their secondary schools and their lives.

The event commenced with a welcoming introduction from Tracey Dearling, Assistant Headteacher of St Cuthbert Mayne School.

Click on each school name to go the official website for more information about what the pupils had to accomplish for their awards plus more photos!



7 Year 6 students from **Oldway** successfully graduated from the 2024/2025 Torbay and Devon Civic Award



20 Year 6 students from **Roselands** successfully graduated from the 2024/2025 Torbay and Devon Civic Award



22 Year 6 students from **Shiphay** successfully graduated from the 2024/2025 Torbay and Devon Civic Award

Riviera 70

Oldway pupils were visited by David Hill, a GB Paralympic athlete who competed at both the 2004 and 2016 Paralympics! All pupils were invited to take part in a fun fitness circuit.



Pupils at Oldway and Shiphay enjoyed a nautically themed performance from Paddleboat Theatre.

Reception classes at Roselands had a fantastic time at Occombe Farm, meeting and feeding the animals and learning more about farm life up close.



As part of their local history theme about Sir Francis Drake, Year 4 pupils at Shiphay visited the Golden Hind in Brixham. They were made honorary pirates at the end of the day!



Year 5 pupils at Oldway had the exciting opportunity to explore space in the interactive Space Odyssey Dome.



Oldway was lucky enough to be chosen to host the wonderful Torbay Symphony Orchestra and staff and pupils in Years 4 and 5 were blown away by the orchestral experience.



Year 4 pupils at Roselands had an unforgettable day at Somerset's home ground on Monday, where they watched an exciting match between Somerset Men and Nottinghamshire Men.

Year 2 pupils at Shiphay had a fabulous fieldwork visit to Dawlish Warren, learning about habitats and coastal erosion.



Support Our Schools, Enrich Their Future

With growing financial pressures on education, our ability to fund experiences and resources beyond the core curriculum is becoming increasingly difficult.

That's why we've launched our **Voluntary Donation Scheme** – a simple but powerful way for families and friends of Riviera Education Trust schools to help us go beyond the basics and create exceptional opportunities for our children.

Every donation - big or small - directly benefits the children of our schools.



WHY not consider setting up a regular standing order to the school?

Just £1 per month from parents could raise over £7,000 for Oldway, over £5,000 for Shiphay and over £4,000 for Roselands over the course of a year.

Just imagine how many books, iPads, and special activities that would pay for!

What Your Donation Supports:

- Enhanced classroom supplies
- Upgraded tech for interactive learning
- Enrichment programmes & extracurricular activities
- Playground improvements
- Creative classroom decorations & projects
- Visits from inspiring experts like authors & artists



How to donate:



Oldway

Bank: Lloyds Bank

Account Name: Oldway Donations

Account Number: 45681068

Sort Code: 30-88-04

Roselands

Bank: Lloyds Bank

Account Name: Roselands Donations

Account Number: 45681760

Sort Code: 30-88-04

Shiphay

Bank: Lloyds Bank

Account Name: Shiphay Donations

Account Number: 45682160

Sort Code: 30-88-04

All donations will go directly to your school of choice, to be used for the children at that school.

Your contribution is entirely voluntary, and all support is deeply appreciated. If you're unable to donate at this time, your involvement in our community remains invaluable.

Thank you for helping us build a better tomorrow – one inspired child at a time.



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Summer Holiday Fun

Click on the images for more information

COCKINGTON COURT

SCULPTURE TRAIL 25

20 July - 2 November
Open Daily, 10.30am - 4pm

Follow us on Facebook
Paignton Festival

PAIGNTON CARNIVAL Week 1
25th July - 3rd August

FRI 25 JULY THE CHER EXPERIENCE EX2	FRI 1 AUG TAYLOR SWIFT v ED SHEERAN BY FOREVER SWIFT - SING IT LIKE SHEERAN - IBIZA TRIBE		
SAT 26 JULY PAT SHARP STUDIO 64 - KARMA ZETA - ELECTRIX - LUKEY Q	SAT 2 AUG KYLIE ON A KNIGHT LIKE THIS - RIDING TIDE - LIZZIE STARBUCK - NOSTALGIC NEON WVS - JOE STONE		
THU 31 JULY RIVIERA DOGS AJ & ELLIOT TRIO - PLUS FIREWORKS!	SUN 3 AUG VW DUBS AT THE BEACH BOOTLEGGERS TURN - REGGAE GOT SOUL		
SUN 27 JULY CLASSIC CAR SHOW CLASSIC CAR ENTHUSIAST PAT SHARP	MON 28 JULY DJ STAR NIGHT	TUE 29 JULY LOCAL TALENT	WED 30 JULY SPINNING WHEEL CARNIVAL PROCESSION

LIVE ON PAIGNTON GREEN



Paignton Festival Fireworks
31st July, 9.30pm



Kid's Activity Week at Occombe Farm
28th July - 1st August

TorreAbbey

SUMMER FAIR

FREE family fun
Saturday 30th August



Sign your child up for a summer holiday club today!

FREE places if your child is on benefits-related free school meals or they're electively home educated.

There are clubs in Torquay, Paignton and Brixham throughout the holidays.

Scan the QR code to book your child's place.





LEARN TO RIDE SESSIONS AT TORBAY VELOPARK

PENWILL WAY, PAIGNTON, TQ4 5JR

In the Summer Holidays , Torbay Cycling Services will be running Learn to Ride Sessions at Torbay Velopark **for children in Years 3-6**, who can't ride a bike without stabilisers.

A Learn to Ride session at Torbay Velopark is two hours long with 1 instructor to 3 children.

The cost is £10 (plus booking fee).

As this is subsidised by Torbay Council, we can only accept children from the Torbay Area. The fee is non-refundable.

Bikes and helmets will be provided for any children that need them.

Although we can't guarantee that your child will be riding independently by the end of the session, we have an extremely high success rate.

Please ensure that your child wants to Learn to Ride before signing them up for a session.

Book [HERE](#)



Universal FSM: All children in reception, year 1 and year 2 in state-funded schools in England receive free school meals. The aim is to improve academic attainment and save families money.

However, if you qualify for **Free School Meals** using the criteria below, **your school will receive additional funding** that can support your child for the remainder of their time in primary school and on into secondary education.

Your child may be able to get Free School Meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household earnings must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

Want to get cheaper residential and school trips for your child?

Apply for free schools meals (FSM) and if eligible, your school will receive Pupil Premium Grant funding that will benefit your child and the school.

Did you know?

- Even if your child receives Universal FSM (because they are in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2), it's still important to register to get the extra benefits from Pupil Premium funding. Children who are registered for free school meals **don't have to eat them** if you prefer them to have packed lunches
BUT registering them is still important because **for every child registered for free school meals, the school gets an extra £1,480 through Pupil Premium funding.**
- If your child is in receipt of Pupil Premium (PP) funding, the trust will **subsidise the cost** of non-residential trips for your child **by 50%**! In addition, **PP funded pupils are exempt from the board and lodgings cost** of residential trips, **a significant saving!**
- Your child would also be entitled to a **50% subsidy** towards the cost of **music lessons**

Applying is easy... <https://www.torbay.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals>

- If you receive benefits, then your child could be eligible for free school meals
- **Apply just once!** The 'Ever 6' scheme means that you don't have to apply each academic year, even if your financial situation changes
- You can **pick and choose when your child has a hot dinner** and when they can bring in their own from home
- **You don't need to give any financial details** when you apply - just your name, address, date of birth, National Insurance Number, phone number and email plus the names of any children you receive benefit for, their date of birth and which school they go to - **it shouldn't take more than 10 minutes!**
- If you're entitled, Torbay will let you and the school know, usually within 5 - 10 school days

APPLY NOW

Need some help?

You can apply online using a computer or mobile device such as a phone, but if you need some help, please let the school office know and they can arrange some support for you.

CONFIDENTIAL

All our schools have confidentiality procedures and you can be sure that if your child is eligible for FSM, they will not stand out amongst others whose parents pay for meals



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2025-26 Term Dates

Autumn Term 2025	Non-Pupil Day	Tuesday 2nd September 2025
	Non-Pupil Day	Wednesday 3rd September 2025
	First Day	Thursday 4 th September 2025
	Half Term	Monday 27 th October - Monday 3 rd November 2025 inclusive
	Last day	Friday 19 th December 2025
	Non-Pupil Day	Monday 3rd November 2025
	Christmas holidays	Monday 22 nd December 2025 – Friday 2 nd January 2026 inclusive
Spring Term 2026	First Day	Monday 5 th January 2026
	Half Term	Monday 16 th - Friday 20 th February 2026
	Last day	Thursday 2 nd April 2026
	Easter holidays	Friday 3 rd – Friday 17 th April 2026
Summer 2026	First day	Monday 20 th April 2026
	Bank Holiday	Monday 4 th May 2026
	Half term	Monday 25 th May - Monday 1 st June 2026 inclusive
	Non-Pupil Day	Monday 1st June 2026
	Non-Pupil Day	Tuesday 2nd June 2026
	Last day	Tuesday 21 st July 2026
	Non-Pupil Day	Wednesday 22nd July 2026
	Summer holidays	Thursday 23 rd July - 4 th September 2026 inclusive



Tuesday 2nd and Wednesday 3rd September are Non-Pupil Days - pupils return on Thursday 4th September 2025.

Schools half-termly round-up

Roselands

- Year 6 had a visit from The Sound Communities Boom bus, producing a radio show for their year 6 peers
- A group of Year 6 children attended the Civic Award Presentation evening
- Year 4 had an unforgettable day at Somerset's home ground on Monday, where they watched an exciting match between Somerset Men and Nottinghamshire Men.
- Thanks to the PSA, the school has received a wide range of fun and engaging toys from the House of Marbles
- The PSA ran another very successful Big Bash enjoyed by so many in our community!
- The children enjoyed a visit from Shelley from Churston Library, who joined an assembly to launch this year's Summer Reading Challenge - Book Quest.
- At the community coffee morning, both the children and the wider community were taught some fun dance moves!
- A team of four Year 5 pupils took part in the annual Torbay Children's Parliament competition
- Pupils took part in a series of performing arts shows
- Reception classes had a fantastic time at Occombe Farm meeting and feeding the animals and learning more about farm life up close
- Year 1 enjoyed their final Forest School session, making the most of the outdoors with plenty of exploration and teamwork

Shiphay

- Y3-Y5 Pupil Councillors represented the views of the whole school at the launch of the UNICEF Child Friendly Torbay project
- Year 2 had a fantastic time at a multi-skills sports event hosted by St Cuthbert Mayne school
- Paddleboat Theatre company treated years 4 – 6 to a performance of Signals of the Sea
- Year 1 children have been fantastic role models in listening to and helping the Reception children read
- A team of four Year 5 pupils took part in the annual Torbay Children's Parliament and were awarded bronze medals for their presentation
- Year 2 had a fabulous fieldwork visit to Dawlish Warren, learning about habitats and coastal erosion
- Year 2 pupils had a visit from a puppeteer and learnt about the history of puppets as part of their DT project
- Year 1 had a fabulous visit to Torquay Museum on the trail of local explorer, Percy Fawcett
- Year 5 had a fabulous enrichment day at Torquay Academy
- Year 4 visited the Golden Hind in Brixham as part of their local history theme
- Boys' and the Girls' Football teams topped their leagues and came away with 3 out of the 4 trophies on finals night
- Pupil councillors visited the former Brampton Court Hotel site as part of their construction careers project
- Pupils performed their version of Alice the Musical

Oldway

- The OSF Summer Fair was a great success with £4,200 raised!
- Pupils were visited by David Hill, a GB Paralympic athlete who competed at both the 2004 & 2016 Paralympics!
- Nursery and Reception children have had a fantastic experience learning about the lifecycle of a butterfly, watching the changes take place and releasing the butterflies
- Everyone joined in with the NSPCC 'Move a Mile' day and we had some very creative ways to move a mile. Thank you for all your donations, we raised a fantastic £267.47
- Oldway's Children's Parliament team (Trust winners) were privileged to visit the Houses of Parliament. They had a fantastic day and saw parliament in action, a very rare treat
- Took part in the 'poet in residence' week in Torbay to encourage a love of poetry. We were visited by the award-winning children's poet, James Carter
- Year 6 had a fantastic morning being introduced to the world of Geology with Rick and Elaine from Taleblazers, who came in to talk Rocks!
- We were lucky enough to be chosen to host the wonderful Torbay Symphony Orchestra and staff and pupils in Years 4 and 5 were blown away by the orchestral experience
- Year 5 had the exciting opportunity to explore space in the interactive Space Odyssey Dome
- KS2 enjoyed a marvellous, nautically themed performance from Paddleboat Theatre

