



Sally Banfield

Headteacher

11th September 2026

Dear Parents and Families,

I hope you and your families are well.

As we begin the new academic year, I wanted to take the opportunity to update you on a few key matters and to reflect on what has been a very positive first full week back at school.

Unfortunately, I would like to inform you that our Headteacher continues to be absent due to ill health. We send our best wishes. In the meantime, all existing leadership arrangements remain firmly in place, ensuring continuity and stability across the school. We are working closely together to ensure that the school continues to run smoothly and that pupils receive the high-quality education and support they deserve.

A Positive First Full Week

It has been wonderful to see the children return to school with such enthusiasm and positivity. Classrooms have been busy with learning, friendships have been renewed, and there has been a real sense of excitement across the school. We would particularly like to commend our new pupils, who have made an excellent start. Whilst many are still settling into their new routines and surroundings, they have approached the transition with confidence and resilience.

As is often the case at the start of a new school year, particularly when children are moving into new classes, year groups or schools, there can sometimes be a few bumps in the road as everyone settles into new routines, expectations and friendships. This is a completely normal part of the transition process, and our staff are experienced in supporting children through these early adjustments. If your child experiences any difficulties or if you have any concerns, however small, we encourage you to speak with their class teacher. By working together and maintaining open communication, we can quickly address any issues and ensure that every child feels happy, settled and ready to learn.

Parents' Evening – 29th September

Please make a note that Parents' Evening will take place on **29th September**. This will be an important opportunity to discuss your child's progress and settle any questions you may have about the academic year ahead. Further details regarding appointment booking will be shared next week.

Uniform Expectations

Thank you for your continued support in ensuring that children arrive at school wearing the correct uniform. Our new uniform has been very positively received by pupils, with many commenting on how comfortable it is, which is exactly the feedback we were hoping to hear. It has been lovely to see our children looking smart and taking pride in their appearance. As the term progresses, we would appreciate your support in continuing to check that all items of uniform meet school expectations and are clearly named, helping us to return any misplaced items quickly and efficiently.

Vacancies at Our School

We currently have a number of exciting opportunities to join our team, including vacancies for a **Catering Manager, Cleaners, and Teaching Assistants**. If you know anyone who may be interested, please direct them to the vacancies section of the school website for further information and application details.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We look forward to another successful and enjoyable term and to working in partnership with you to support every child to achieve their best.

Kindest regards

Mrs J McVeigh

Jenny McVeigh
Acting Headteacher

Parent Carer Engagement Events Parent Carer Engagement Events

The SEND Local Area Partnership are keen to continue engaging with parent/carers about improvement work in Torbay this year. This September and October will see a series of events giving you the opportunity to hear more about their progress and about the SEND reform planning. At their first event on 16 September, parent/carers will be able to meet members of the SEND local area improvement board. The board is responsible for overseeing the improvement of SEND services across Torbay.

They will also be explaining more about their Experts at Hand offer. Experts at Hand is a new service being launched by the government this September to help identify children's needs earlier and to make sure they're receiving the best possible support in their everyday education environments. There are events taking place during the day and early evening at venues throughout Torbay.

Four engagement events between September and October 2026 will give parent carers opportunities to influence the Experts at Hand offer, SEND Pledge, Self-Evaluation Framework and SEND Strategy.

Wednesday 16th September 2026, Parkfield House, 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm

Meet members of the **SLAIP board** and co-produce our **Experts at Hand Offer**

Thursday 24th September 2026, Parkfield House, 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Co-produce our **Experts at Hand Offer** (update on planning and how feedback has been used and further development of the offer) & Engagement on the **SEND Pledge**

Monday 28th September 2026, Christ Church, Church Hall, Paignton, 10 am - 12 pm

Questions and data to explore key areas of the **Self Evaluation Framework (SEF)** - what is working well in Torbay? & Engagement on **the SEND strategy**

Wednesday 14th October 2026, Parkfield House, 10am - 12pm

Update and further engagement on the **Self Evaluation Framework (SEF) and SEND Strategy**

For more information on the items we are inviting participation in please see SEND Family Voice Torbay's latest newsletter: <https://sway.cloud.microsoft/O4Cr38SkS3BVDzFE?ref=Link>

Please register your interest in any of these events here: [Torbay Parent Carer Engagement Sessions September and October 2026 – Fill in form](#)

Torbay United Football Club

Please see below information from Torquay United Football Club. Should you have any questions or queries, please contact georgemathys@tucst.co.uk



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LEARNING DIFFICULTIES
AND **ADDITIONAL NEEDS.**





MONDAY EVENING
ADULTS (16+) 6-7PM
JUNIORS (7-15) 5-6PM

SATURDAY MORNING
ADULTS (16+) 9-10AM
JUNIORS (7-15) 10-11AM

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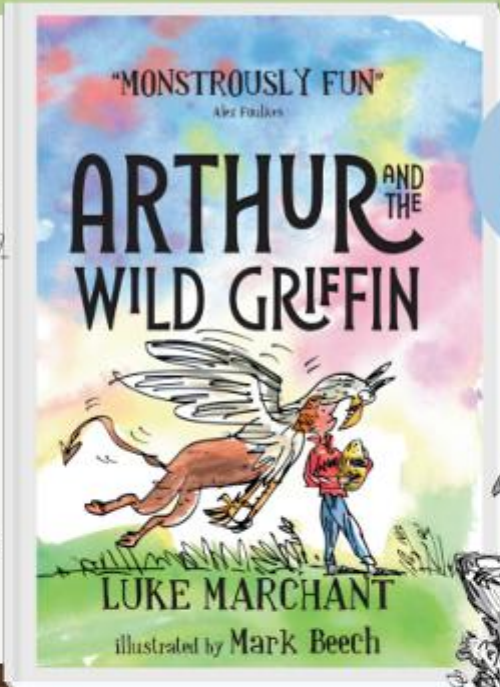
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Luke Marchant Book Launch

Please see information in relation to Luke Marchant's new book launch being held at Paignton Library on 19th September.

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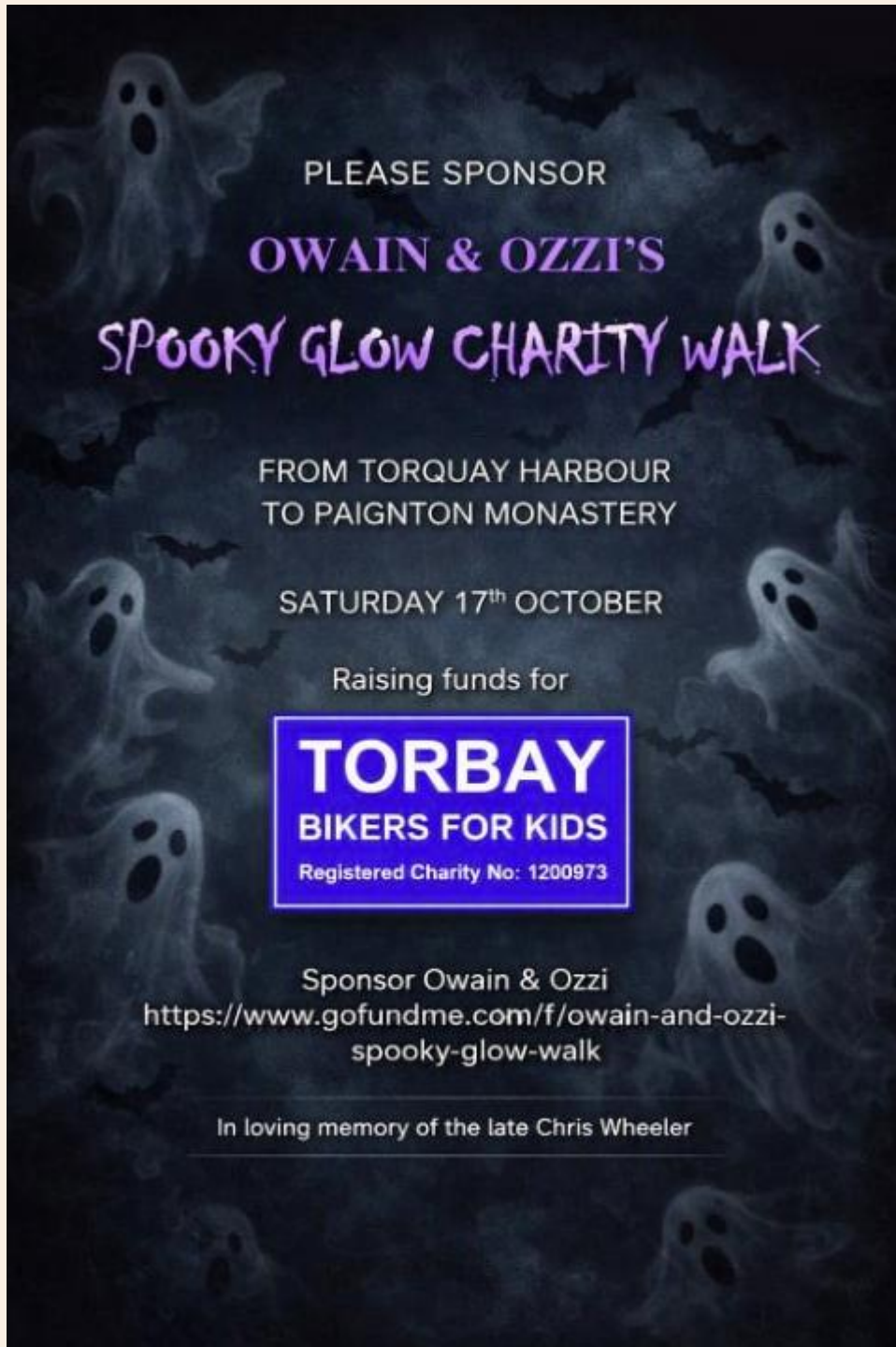
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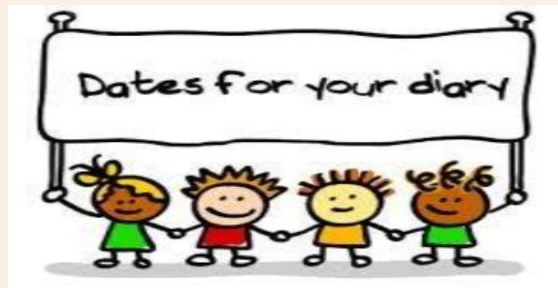


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Owain & Ozzi's Sponsored Scary Glow Night Walk – 17th October 2026

Please see below a poster in relation to a sponsored walk taking place on 17th October to raise funds for Torbay Bikers for Kids.





SEPTEMBER 2026

- 28th September Flu vaccinations
- 29th September Parents Evening

OCTOBER 2026

- 2nd October School Photos (TBC)
- 22nd October Last Day of Term
(Children Return on 2nd November)
- 23rd October INSET DAY