

# Trafalgar Newsletter

## Special Events:

Summer Term 2025

Year 2 Kicks Dance

21<sup>st</sup>

closed for the children



This is the last newsletter of the school year. We are very proud of the children and staff for working so hard and thank you to our parents/carers too for their ongoing support this year.

On behalf of the Trafalgar community, we wish our leavers the very best of luck at their new school. We shall certainly miss them all. Thank you also to all parents and carers who have come to the end of their time at Trafalgar, we wish you well for the next phase. For all those of you who will return in September, have a really happy, healthy and relaxed holiday with hopefully plenty of sunshine and fun.

Please remember that school will finish for the children on Monday, 21st July.

Please also remember that Wednesday, 3rd September is an INSET Day and school will be closed for the children.

We will look forward to seeing the children back in school on:

Thursday, 4th September at 8.50am.

Miss Hickie Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead

# Assembly Theme

18th July 2025

The Assembly Theme next week will be:

Celebrating the end of the year



# Attendance Update

Highest Class Attendance for this week. goes to:

Badger Class - 99.59%

Whole School Attendance is 96.12%

(National Expectation is 96% or better)

The attendance rate across the 2024/25 academic year to date was 93.3%. The absence rate was, therefore, 6.7% across all schools.

## Trafalgar School Fund QR Code:



## Big Thanks to the Friends of Trafalgar



On behalf of the school community, we would like to say a huge THANK YOU to all the Friends of Trafalgar and volunteers who organised the Summer Fair last weekend.

A big thank you must also go to all the children, parents/carers, family members, staff and governors who came along to support as well. It was a really enjoyable event, the weather stayed dry and it certainly looked as though a great time was had by everyone.

# Staff News



After three years we will be saying farewell to Mrs Brooks, a member of our learning support staff, who has worked with us signing BSL for one of our students, at the end of term. Mrs Brooks is moving on to work at Northgate Primary School where there are many students who communicate using sign language. We wish her all the best in her new venture.

We are recruiting for a new Learning Support Assistant on the WSCC website for anyone that might be interested. Go to <a href="https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/jobs/job-search/">https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/jobs/job-search/</a>

# Before School Multiskills Club



There are still a few spaces available on the Multiskills Clubs starting on a Monday and a Friday before school in September. Please see the links below if you wish to book your child's place. Don't miss out! And remember to check out the other Clubs on offer too.

## Monday mornings -

https://forms.gle/zXN3X9WyNXTSBw5u5

## Friday mornings -

https://forms.gle/tXEPgeAgAdViweUr7



## Message from Richard King, Parent Governor



## Parent/Carer Survey - the results are in!

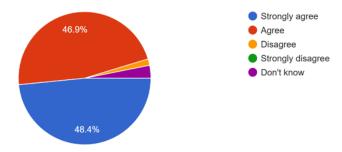
Thank you to all the parents and carers who took the opportunity to share their views with the governors via our recent survey. Overall the results were overwhelmingly positive, with 97% of respondents agreeing that their child was happy and felt safe at the school, 92% agreeing the school makes sure pupils are well behaved, and 95% indicating their child does well at the school. Additionally, 94% of Trafalgar parents would recommend the school to another parent, with many of the feedback comments relating to the quality of the staff and the nurturing, caring environment created by the school and its leadership team.

Of course, a valuable component of any survey is identifying areas where we can strive for further improvements. Thank you for your suggestions, ideas and feedback, which we have begun to digest and attempt to respond to. A few examples include:

- "Provide more advanced warning of when sign up for school clubs is coming": clubs were flagged in the weekly newsletter ahead of a dedicated parent mail email for club sign-ups being issued in early July.
- "Keep me informed of what my child will be learning": reminder emails and joining instructions for Google Classroom (Year 1 & 2) and Seesaw (Reception) have been circulated as this is our primary method for communicating what the children will be learning week-to-week. Please contact the school office if you need help accessing these platforms.
- "Could there be more wraparound care provision?": we are liaising with Greenway Rainbows Club regarding before and after school care availability. Please let the school know if you feel there is more demand for additional wraparound options.
- "I would welcome more engagement opportunities with governors": it was great to meet some parents while staffing the bar at the school fair last week. Governors are hoping to meet more parents/carers next academic year by being onsite during parents' evenings.

We are intending to run the survey annually (with some tweaks next time as certain questions are N/A for some families), but please remember you can always reach out to the School Office if you'd like to speak with any of the school governors.

There is a good range of subjects available to my child at this school. 64 responses



### Term Dates 2024/2025

### Autumn Term:

2<sup>nd</sup> Sept - 20<sup>th</sup> Dec 2024

- Half Term 28<sup>th</sup> Oct
   1<sup>st</sup> Nov
- Christmas break
  23<sup>rd</sup> Dec 2024 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan 2025

## Spring Term:

6th Jan - 4th April 2025

- Half Term 17<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>st</sup> Feb
- Easter break
  7<sup>th</sup> April 21<sup>st</sup> April

## **Summer Term:**

22<sup>nd</sup> April - 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2025

 Half Term 26<sup>th</sup> -30<sup>th</sup> May

#### **Inset Days**

- Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept 2024
- Tuesday, 3rd Sept 2024
- Monday, 24th Feb 2025
- Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2025
- Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2025

# Farewell Books 2025

Thank you to all those Year 2 families who donated money towards a 'farewell book' for their child. We received some wonderful messages to be stuck in with the children's bookplate, for which we are really grateful. Pupils will enjoy reading these messages, along with the new books for years to come.





## Did you know....?

The German author Cornelia Funke (who wrote 'Inkheart', the children's trilogy of books), wrote:

"Isn't it odd how much fatter a book gets when you've read it several times?...As if something were left between the pages every time you read it. Feelings, thoughts, sounds, smells...and then, when you look at the book again many years later, you find yourself there, too, a slightly younger self, slightly different, as if the book had preserved you like a pressed flower...both strange and familiar."

## Holiday Reading Challenge

Support your child to choose their own reading challenge for each week of the holidays, and to complete them:

- Read a book with a one-word title.
- Read a comic.
- Read to your pet. If you don't have a pet, read to a soft toy.
- Read under the covers with a torch.
- Share a book of poetry (or find poems online to read together).
- Share a book that you loved when you were a baby.
- Share a book whose cover is your favourite colour.
- Share a rhyming book.

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