

Special Events:

Spring Term 2026

February 2026

9th-15th Children's Mental Health Week
10th Safer Internet Day
13th FTS NNS & Cake Sale after school
16th-20th Half Term break
23rd INSET Day. School closed to the children.
24th Return to school

March

4th 9.15am Supporting Parents Workshop
5th World Book Day
10th Horsham Museum to visit Y1
19th 9am-12pm Let's Get Creative a.m.
3.20-4pm Open Afternoon
20th Red Nose Day
30th-10th Apr Easter holidays

Summer Term 2026

April 2026

13th First day Summer Term
May 2026
15th JP Photographic - Class Group photographs
25-29th Half Term break

June 2026

1st Return to school

July 2026

20th Last Day of Term
21st INSET Day. School closed to the children.
22nd INSET Day. School closed to the children.

Trafalgar Newsletter

6th February 2026

Assembly Theme

The assembly theme for next week will be:

Core Value – We make friends



Look Out for your child's World Book Day Book Token!



Please remember to look out for your child's World Book Day voucher which will be coming home via the classroom next week. These are valid from 12th February - 15th March 2026.

This token is for single-use only and entitles children (under 18) to one Free World Book Day 2026 Book or £1.00 off a book or audio book costing £2.99 or more in participating booksellers only. Find your nearest participating bookseller at www.worldbookday.com/books-and-tokens/participating-retailers/

Miss Hickie
Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead



For your advance notice, we have been advised by the Cool Milk Dairy Team that unfortunately, due to strict routing schedules the dairy will be unable to deliver milk on our first day back after the half term break and INSET day.

Therefore, the children won't receive milk on Tuesday, 24th February 2026.

Attendance Update

Highest Class Attendance for this week goes to:

Rabbit Class – 100%

Whole School Attendance is 95.00%

(National Expectation is 96% or better)

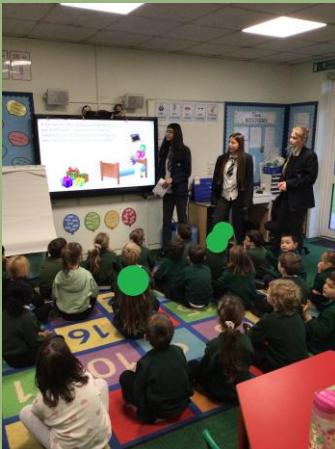
The attendance rate (proportion of possible sessions attended) was 93.37% across all schools in the week commencing 19 January 2026. The absence rate was, therefore, 6.63% across all schools.

School Clubs – Spring Term 2



Please look out for a ParentMail that will be coming out on Monday with regards to signing up for additional Spring Term 2 clubs on offer.

Safer Internet Tanbridge Students Visit to Reception and Year 1



Safer Internet Day 2026

Tuesday
10 February

Coordinated by the UK Safer Internet Centre

saferinternetday.org.uk

Safer Internet Day takes place every February to promote the safe, responsible and positive use of digital technology for children and young people.

Safer Internet Day 2026 will take place on Tuesday, 10th February with celebrations and learning based around the theme 'Smart tech, safe choices - Exploring the safe and responsible use of AI'.

Safer Internet Day is a chance to think about any worries we might have about using technology and the internet, but it's also about celebrating all the fantastic things technology can help us with. The children will be taking part in a range of activities and discussions throughout the week during their computing lessons and whole class snack times.

On Tuesday, Reception and Year 1 had a visit from a group of Tanbridge House School students. In Reception, the children listened to a story about Louie, who wanted to draw a giraffe. He didn't believe the pictures on the internet were correct so he asked his grown up for help. In Year 1, the children listened to a story about Smartie the Penguin and how he can stay safe online when using his own tablet. The children joined in with the class discussion on staying safe on the internet and when using technology, and they said the following:

"Tell a grown up."
"Ask your grown up."
"Tell a teacher."
"Don't click on it."
"It might not be true."

Thank you to the group of students at Tanbridge who spent a long time preparing their stories and for taking the time out of school to come and share them with us.

Advance Notice of Dates for your Calendar...

Open Afternoon – Thursday, 19th March



On Thursday, 19th March we will be having an Open Afternoon from 3.20-4.00pm. We hope you will take this opportunity to come into school and have a look around your child's classroom at all the interesting learning that has been taking place so far, during the Spring term. Please feel free to visit other classrooms too.

Let's Get Creative – Thursday, 19th March



If you are free on Thursday, 19th March in the morning and feel you could come into school to help with any of the exciting activities on offer, then we would greatly welcome parent/carer/grandparent/governor helpers to assist with these creative Easter themed activities. In previous terms, our art activities have included painting, weaving, baking, nature led art, printing with ink, collage, sock puppet making and following the work of some inspirational Artists. The purpose of our 'Let's get Creative' morning is to inspire all of our children to embrace their creativity and express themselves through art.

If you are able to come in and volunteer please contact the School Office at office@trafalgarinfant.com. We would love to see you in school however, I'm afraid we cannot guarantee that you will be working with your own child.

More Events that May be of Interest...



Messy CHURCH Messy Church @ Holy Trinity



No need to book Just Come!
Children, please bring an Adult
Holy Trinity Church and Hall,
Rushams Road, Horsham

TUESDAY 17th February

Fun, Food, & Fellowship. 10.30am till 1pm
including lunch.
Donations welcome

CALLING ALL PARENTS AND CARERS!



Helping Your Child with Anxiety Drop-in session

Would you like some information and ideas to help your child and understand more about ANXIETY?

THE EVENT- **FREE** Parents and Carers ANXIETY Drop In morning

WHERE- At Trafalgar Community Infant School

WHEN- Wednesday, 4th March 2026

WHAT TIME- 9.15am until 10.45am

Come and have a cuppa and a chat

Contact the School Office by phone or email to book a space

Tel. 01403 254925 office@trafalgarinfant.com



Term Dates 2025/2026

Autumn Term:

3rd Sept - 19th Dec 2025

- **Half Term 27th Oct - 31st Oct**
- **Christmas break 22nd Dec 2025 - 2nd Jan 2026**

Spring Term:

5th Jan - 27th March 2026

- **Half Term 16th - 20th Feb**
- **Easter break 30th March - 10th April**

Summer Term:

13th April - 22nd July 2026

- **Half Term 25th - 29th May**

INSET Days 2025/2026

- **Wednesday, 3rd Sept 2025**
- **Monday, 3rd Nov 2025**
- **Monday, 23rd Feb 2026**
- **Tuesday, 21st July 2026**
- **Wednesday, 22nd July 2026**

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Chinese New Year 2026

Chinese New Year begins on **Tuesday, 17th February 2026**. This is a festival that most children like to learn about because it is colourful and fun. **2026 is the year of the Horse.**



Here is some information that you may like to share with your child:

- The origin of the Chinese New Year is centuries old.
- It is recognised as the Spring Festival and celebrations last for 15 days.
- Like the Western calendar, the Chinese Lunar Calendar is a yearly one, with the start of the lunar year being based on the cycles of the moon. Because of this cycle of dating, the beginning of the year can fall anywhere between late January and the middle of February.
- The Chinese lunar calendar names each of the twelve years after an animal.
- Legend has it that the Lord Buddha summoned all the animals to come to him before he departed from earth. Only twelve came to say farewell and as a reward he named a year after each one in the order they arrived.

It will help us if your child knows which year he/she was born and what the animal sign is. All the twelve animals are identified below for your interest.

Year	Chinese New Year Day	Animal Sign
2015	19/02/2015	<u>Goat</u>
2016	08/02/2016	<u>Monkey</u>
2017	28/01/2017	<u>Rooster</u>
2018	16/02/2018	<u>Dog</u>
2019	05/02/2019	<u>Pig</u>
2020	25/01/2020	<u>Rat</u>
2021	12/02/2021	<u>Ox</u>
2022	01/02/2022	<u>Tiger</u>
2023	22/01/2023	<u>Rabbit</u>
2024	10/02/2024	<u>Dragon</u>
2025	29/01/2025	<u>Snake</u>
2026	17/02/2026	Horse



Did you know....?

“Comprehension does not refer to reading itself but, rather, to the way in which we *make sense of* words, sentences and the wider language we hear or read.”

(https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1050849/Reading_framework_Teaching_the_foundations_of_literacy_-_July_2021_Jan_22_update.pdf)

Challenge(s) of the week...

Share a book with your child that they have not read/heard before. Before you read it, what do they think it will be about from the front cover/title/blurb?

If it is a book with pictures, show them on picture, and make up a story that could go with the picture; then choose another and ask them to do the same.

If the book has no pictures, after reading the first chapter, ask your child if they could retell that chapter for a younger child by drawing pictures to tell the story.