

Trafalgar Newsletter

Special Events:

Autumn Term 2025

October		
8 th	2.15pm	Reception Year '6-week-in' Parent/Carer meeting
10 th		Individual school photos being taken in school - JP Photographic
13 th		Harvest Festival Assembly
21 st		'Trafalgar Day' celebrations in school
24 th		Influenza Vaccination Day - Whole School
27 th -31 st		Half term break
November		
3 rd		INSET Day. School closed to the children.
14 th		Children in Need 2025
19 th	4.00-7.00pm	Parent Consultations
25 th	3.30-5.00pm	Parent Consultations
26 th	3.30-5.00pm	Parent Consultations
December		
9 th		Year 1 Performance to Parents/Carers
10 th		Year 1 Performance to Parents/Carers
12 th		FTS Christmas Market & Christmas Jumper Day
16 th		FTS Pantomime treat
19 th		Last Day of Term
22 nd -2 nd Jan		Christmas break

Spring Term 2026

January 2026

5th Spring Term begins

Harvest Festival – Monday, 13th October 2025



On Monday, 13th October, the Trafalgar staff and children will be having our annual Harvest Festival celebration in school. The assembly will be led by Pastor Jon White, Trafalgar Road Baptist Church.

We ask that your child bring a harvest 'gift' to school on Monday, 13th October in the morning and take it with them to their classroom.

This year our harvest gifts are going to the Horsham Matters Foodbank. Usually they require tinned goods and non-perishable dried food rather than fresh food. Toiletries are also useful. For further information about the items most needed as donations please click here <https://horshamdistrict.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>

Other local foodbanks can be found at <https://horshamdistrict.foodbank.org.uk/get-help/>

Thank you in advance for your support.

Miss Hickie
Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead

3rd October 2025

Assembly Theme

The assembly theme for next week will be:

National Poetry Day



Attendance Update

**Highest Class
Attendance for this week
goes to:**

Badger Class – 100%

**Whole School Attendance is
96.26%**

(National Expectation is 96% or better)

The attendance rate (proportion of possible sessions attended) was 95.21% across all schools in the week commencing 08 September 2025. The absence rate was, therefore, 4.79% across all schools.

No Nuts



Please be aware that products containing nuts could be a risk to other children in school with a nut allergy, so please do not give your child anything containing nuts to eat in their snack or lunchbox.

This includes Nutella or Peanut Butter spreads in sandwiches, please.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Google Classroom – Years 1 and 2 Only



Years 1 and 2 use Google Classroom as one of the ways we communicate with parents; therefore, it is really important please that you log-in to your child's Trafalgar Google Classroom account on a weekly basis as it provides you with information you may need for the week ahead and it also has useful and important announcements, dates and events.

We would ask you please to join your child's current classroom if you haven't already.

Often posted to your child's Year Group Google Classroom will be:

- A weekly overview about what we will be teaching the following week. This will include any important messages about special events or things to remember for the coming week.
- An overview of the learning we will be doing over each term.
- Copies of any materials given out at meetings.
- Any information we have that may be useful to families to support your child's learning and development, e.g. book lists, toileting guidance.

If you are unable to access Google Classroom or need a password reset please speak to the School Office in the first instance.

Reception Year 6-week-in Parent/Carers Meeting - Wednesday, 8th October



Reception parents/carers, please remember to let us know if you will be attending the '6 Weeks-In Meeting' on Wednesday, 8th October from 2.15-3.30. This will be an opportunity to find out more about the structure and content of the Reception year and to spend some time in class with your child.

If you would like to attend this meeting, please email the School Office at office@trafalgarinfant.com.

If you are unable to make the meeting, please don't worry. Any information on Seesaw and there will be future Open Afternoons as well as our Parent Consultations where you will be able to visit classes.

Individual School Photos – Friday, 10th October



Please remember to let the School Office know by Tuesday, 7th October if you **do not** wish your child to have their individual school photograph taken next Friday **and let your child know too.**

A reminder that if you would like siblings who **do not** attend Trafalgar to have their photographs taken together, please be ready at school for 8.00am and go straight to the Hall.

West Sussex Admissions – Junior Transfer and Starting School September 2026

Apply online at:
westsussex.gov.uk/admissions



Was your child born between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022?

If so they are eligible to start school
in September 2026

Apply online!
It's simple, convenient and time-saving.
If your application is received after the deadline,
your chance of securing a place at one of your
preference schools could be seriously affected.

You can apply online from
Monday 6 October 2025
If you would like further advice or
information, phone: 03330 142 903.

Deadline: Thursday 15 January 2026

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is available at all West Sussex libraries.




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Is your child due to transfer to junior school in September 2026?

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We now have tour dates for 2026/2027 intake scheduled as below. Please share this information with your family/friends/community.

Trafalgar Community Infant School



New Intake Tour Dates – September 2026 Starters

Monday 29th September 10.45am

~~Thursday 9th October 9.15am~~ FULL

Wednesday 15th October 1.30pm

Wednesday 22nd October 1.30pm

Thursday 6th November 9.15am

Monday 10th November 10.45am

Thursday 20th November 9.15am

Wednesday 26th November 1.30pm

Monday 1st December 10.45am

Thursday 11th December 9.15am

Wednesday 7th January 9.15am

If you would like to book a tour of our school please email or call our school office. Spaces are limited. 2 adults per child.

office@trafalgarinfant.com 01403 254925

For more information check our website:

<https://trafalgar.eschools.co.uk>

Find us on Facebook and like our page.

Trafalgar is a happy and caring school that offers young children exciting opportunities to learn throughout our extensive grounds.

We believe that young children learn from a stable and inclusive environment, where we can foster a desire for knowledge and a continuing interest in lifelong learning.

Our Core Values are central in all that we do, and are displayed all around our school on our Trafalgar Ship.

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

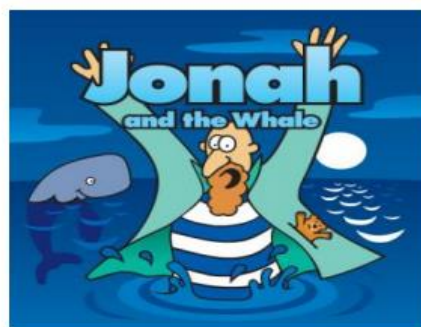
INSET Days 2025/2026

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

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

TUESDAY 28th October

FUN, FOOD, & FELLOWSHIP. 10.30am till 1pm
including lunch.
Donations welcome



Did you know....?

“Ensuring children become fluent and engaged readers at the very *earliest* stages also helps avoid the vicious circle of reading difficulty and demotivation that makes later intervention more challenging.”

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1000986/Reading_framework_Teaching_the_foundations_of_literacy_-_July-2021.pdf

Challenge(s) of the week...

Set aside some time to learn more about ‘phonics’ and the terminology of ‘phonics’ (e.g. phoneme, grapheme, digraph, trigraph, split digraph, tricky word, high-frequency word, segmenting, blending, decoding).

These websites are good starting points:

1. <https://literacytrust.org.uk/information/what-is-literacy/what-phonics/>
2. <https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/reading/learn-to-read-phonics/>
3. <https://www.familiesonline.co.uk/local/swindon/in-the-know/all-about-phonics>