



Trafalgar Newsletter

Special Events:

Autumn Term 2025

October
10th Individual school photos being taken in school - JP Photographic
13th Harvest Festival Assembly & Donations
16th 7.30pm FTS meeting in the School Hall
21st 'Trafalgar Day' celebrations in school
24th Influenza Vaccination Day - Whole School
27th-31st Half term break

November
3rd INSET Day. School closed to the children.
14th Children in Need 2025
19th 4.00-7.00pm Parent Consultations
25th 3.30-5.00pm Parent Consultations
26th 3.30-5.00pm Parent Consultations

December
9th Year 1 Performance to Parents/Carers
10th Year 1 Performance to Parents/Carers
12th FTS Christmas Market & Christmas Jumper Day
16th FTS Pantomime treat
19th Last Day of Term
22nd-2nd Jan Christmas break

Spring Term 2026

January 2026

5th Spring Term begins

Harvest Festival – Monday, 13th October 2025



Please remember that on Monday, 13th October we will be having our annual Harvest Festival celebration in school. 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 District Foodbank. Current most needed items include Long Life Milk, Tinned/Packet Custard, Tinned Macaroni Cheese, Hot Chocolate and Long Life Fruit Juices. Tinned goods and non-perishable dried food are always preferable to fresh food. Toiletries are also useful.

Alternatively, if parents would prefer, you can make a financial donation on the Horsham Matters' JustGiving page: [Horsham Matters - Cost of Living Crisis - JustGiving](https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/horsham-matters-cost-of-living-crisis).

We thank you for your support.

Miss Hickie
Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead

Parent Consultations – November 2025



From **08.00am on Saturday, 11th October** you will be able to sign up for an appointment to meet with your child's class teacher on either Wednesday, 19th November, Tuesday, 25th November or Wednesday, 26th November via the on-line booking system at <https://trafalgarschool.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

If you do not have access to the internet, please contact the School Office after 9.00am on Monday, 13th October and they will be able to see which time slots are still available and will be happy to add appointments on your behalf.

10th October 2025

Assembly Theme

The assembly theme for next week will be:

Harvest
to be led by Pastor Jon White



Attendance Update

Highest Class
Attendance for this week
goes to:

Mouse and Fox Classes –
100%

Whole School Attendance is
96.33%

(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.

Staff News



We are delighted to be able to share with you that over the next few weeks we will be happy to welcome Mrs Novotna as a Midday Meals Supervisor and she will be supporting children at lunchtime.

We will be saying goodbye to Ms Dendy (Bursar) and Mrs Harman (Midday Meals Supervisor) at half term. We wish them the very best in their new ventures. We will miss them.

'A Christmas Recipe' – Year 1 Performance

Our Year 1 children and staff are beginning to get ready for the shows at the end of term and are getting excited to perform it for you all. The Year 1 children will be performing for up to a maximum of two parents/carers at 9.30am on the mornings of Tuesday, 9th December and Wednesday, 10th December. **The Tuesday performance will be for Otter class and the Wednesday performance will be for Mouse class.**

Three cooks set about creating the ultimate Christmas recipe. There are plenty of ingredients to stir in: a pinch of presents, a hint of angels, a few robins, several snowflakes and even Father Christmas! All these ingredients are stirred into the mix one by one, until there is just one vital ingredient left to add: the baby in the manger! Finally they have it: the recipe for a perfect Christmas.



We look forward to welcoming you into school.

Year 1 Team

FTS Meeting – Please join them if you can!

**PLEASE JOIN US
FOR OUR FIRST
MEETING OF THE
YEAR**



**THURSDAY 16TH OCTOBER
7:30PM
TRAFALGAR SCHOOL HALL**

If you would like to know more but can't make the meeting, please email friendsoftrafalgar@gmail.com

Message for Reception Year Parent/Carers



Thank you to all of you who were able to make our '6 week-in meeting'. We hope you found it useful. The children loved sharing their phonics and classroom with you. If you were not able to attend, you can find the slides and handouts on 'Seesaw'.

We would also like to take this opportunity to ask you to complete a short, anonymous survey, by clicking on the following link: <https://forms.gle/6tARbdppLYLsbEb19>

We really appreciate all feedback as it helps us to know what is working well and what we can make even better. We will close the survey on 24th October.

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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After School Woodland Club

"It's fun and you get dirty"

This quote by one of our Woodland Clubbers pretty much sums it up. We have been having a great time exploring the weather this term by making wind socks and bubble snakes; and testing how waterproof we could make some tiny miniature dens. We also always make time for building, playing in the mud kitchen and playing our favourite woodland team games too.

We hope to be running Woodland Club for a different year group in the Spring term.



Did you know....?

"Reading is vital for *developing the imagination* - the ability to stand in other people's shoes and look through other eyes. With a book you can experience other lives, other worlds, other times."
<https://www.pearson.com/content/dam/one-dot-com/one-dot-com/uk/documents/Learner/Primary/Primary%20parents/Enjoy-Reading-Guide.pdf>

Challenge(s) of the week...

- **Discuss** one of your child's/children's **favourite stories** with them. What do they like about the story? Can they retell the story in their own words? Can they draw a picture of a scene/character and talk to you about it? Can they pretend to be one of the characters and answer some of your questions about the character's feelings/friends/actions/choices?
- Talk to your child/children about one of your favourite stories from when you were about their age. Can you find a copy to read to them? Tell them about the story. Who read it to you? Why do you like it?