



# Trafalgar Newsletter

## Special Events:

### Autumn Term 2025

September

3<sup>rd</sup> INSET day. School closed to the children.  
4<sup>th</sup> First day of Autumn term for the children

October

8<sup>th</sup> 2.15pm Reception Year '6-week-in'  
10<sup>th</sup> Parent/Carer meeting  
Individual school photos being taken in school - JP Photographic  
21<sup>st</sup> 'Trafalgar Day' celebrations in school  
24<sup>th</sup> Influenza Vaccination Day - Whole School  
27<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> Half term break

November

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

December

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

### Spring Term 2026

January 2026

5<sup>th</sup> Spring Term begins

## Trafalgar School Core Values



As usual at the start of the academic year, the children are learning about our Core Values. These are displayed on the sails of our Trafalgar ship.

Children are being praised when we spot them demonstrating one of the values e.g. 'we are kind' or 'we are healthy and active'. Please do emphasise these at home too, and remind your child that it is important to e.g. be kind, and if someone is unkind to them, to say 'no, please stop' and tell an adult straight away.

We also talk to the children about how 'we learn everywhere' so please do ensure that you talk to your child about how we come to school to learn, and it is important that they listen carefully, share their great ideas, and try their best.

Thank you for your continued support with this.

Miss Hickie  
Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead

12<sup>th</sup> September 2025

## Assembly Theme

The assembly theme for next week will be:

## Playtimes



## Attendance Update

### Highest Class

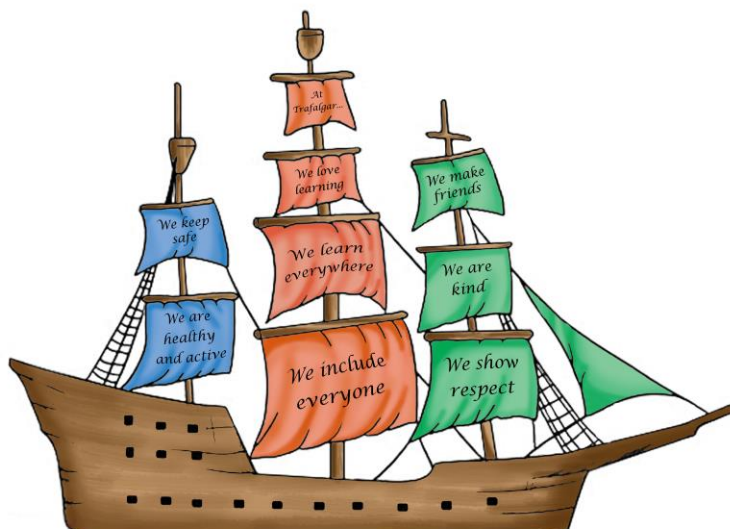
Attendance for this week goes to:

**Badger Class – 98.58%**

Whole School Attendance is 95.49%

(National Expectation is 96% or better)

## Our Core Values



## Safeguarding



We will continue to keep both gates open on a Friday, but please be aware that as Mrs Cotton and Miss Power are both in class teaching on a Friday, Miss Hickie will be locking both gates and will stand on the main pedestrian gate. As such, the gate by the Rec will not be manned.

As we ask you on all days, please remember you need to supervise your children carefully on the playground before the school day starts (and they are safely in the classroom) and after the school day finishes, including siblings.

## School Lunch Support



Now the majority of children are full-time and eating school lunches each day, please can we ask for your help at home to practice with your child using a knife and fork effectively. Many children in all three year groups are needing support to cut up their own food at lunch, so your support with this would be much appreciated. Many thanks in advance.

## New Reception Intake – Academic Year 2026-2027

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

**Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> September - 10.45am**

**Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> October - 9.15am**

**Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> October - 1.30pm**

**Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> October - 1.30pm**

**Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> November - 9.15am**

**Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> November - 10.45am**

**Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> November - 9.15am**

**Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> November - 1.30pm**

**Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> December - 10.45am**

**Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> December - 9.15am**

**Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> January - 9.15am**

If you would like to book a tour of our school please email or call the School Office. Spaces are limited, 2 adults per child. Tour will last approximately 45 mins.



If you haven't yet done so, it is not too late to register your Reception new starter with CoolMilk.

Please just go to <https://coolmilk.com/> Milk is delivered daily **FREE** for children under the age of five and subsidised for all other children in primary education.

## Trafalgar Day – Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> October



As a longstanding school tradition at Trafalgar Community Infant School, we will be celebrating **Trafalgar Day** on **Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> October**.

All the year groups will be engaging in a range of fun, educational, hands-on activities in their classrooms throughout Trafalgar Day. We also invite all the children (and staff) to dress up on Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> October and come to school as Horatio Nelson, a sailor, a cabin boy, Lady Hamilton or another historical character of the time.

We would very much welcome a voluntary donation, to be brought in on the day, of £1.00 for the Trafalgar School Fund to enable us to continue to purchase additional resources for the children at Trafalgar Community Infant School.

## *Medication in School and Keeping Warm as Winter Approaches*



Now the Winter months are fast approaching, germs can increase and illnesses spread. Please be vigilant with your child and encourage hand hygiene, wiping of noses with a tissue and coughing into their elbow.

If your child does need to take medication from the doctors we can administer this at school if the frequency is 4 times a day. If the medication is due 3 times a day we ask this is done before school, straight after school and before bed.

In the cold weather please make sure your children have a warm coat, hats and gloves available to them in school.

### *Flu Vaccinations – Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> October*



For your advance notice, the Immunisation Service are coming into school on **Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> October 2025** to offer your child the Flu vaccination. Further information will follow in due course, giving all the details you will need in order to give your consent online.

### *Big Thanks to the Friends of Trafalgar (FTS)*



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 term.

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.

Thanks to the generosity of all those who attended on the day, an incredible grand total of **£3,187.15** was raised!

### *Plea for 'Good as New' Uniform Donations for FTS*



If you have any school uniform outgrown by your child, that you would be happy to donate to the FTS for their next 'Good As New' sale, they would be very happy to receive it.

All donations can be placed in the red FTS donation 'bin' inside the front door, at any time. Thank you to all those families who have already made donations.

## Term Dates 2025/2026

### Autumn Term:

3<sup>rd</sup> Sept - 19<sup>th</sup> Dec 2025

- Half Term 27<sup>th</sup> Oct - 31<sup>st</sup> Oct
- Christmas break 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec 2025 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan 2026

### Spring Term:

5<sup>th</sup> Jan - 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026

- Half Term 16<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> Feb
- Easter break 30<sup>th</sup> March - 10<sup>th</sup> April

### Summer Term:

13<sup>th</sup> April - 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2026

- Half Term 25<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> May

## INSET Days 2025/2026

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

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## *Local family support charity Home-Start CHAMS are recruiting home-visiting volunteers!*



Crawley, Horsham  
& Mid-Sussex

Now the kids are back at school are you finding some spare time - wondering if you can put that time to good use? Then read on.

### **\*Volunteer - Home-Visiting**

Ever thought about the benefits of volunteering?

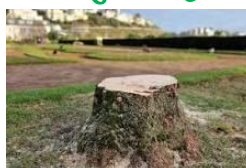
Volunteers say they have a better sense of connection with their community, improved wellbeing, gain new skills and work experience.

Last year 100% of their families reported an improvement to cope following one to one support - they couldn't do that without their volunteers.

If you have parenting/relevant experience and could spare a couple of hours a week, why not join them in helping local families with children under 5 years.

Have a chat with one of their friendly coordinators to find out more: 01293 416327 or visit <https://homestartchams.org.uk/volunteers-needed-2025/>

## *Thank You Josh!*



A big thank you to Mrs Knapp's son, Josh and K Vallance Carpentry and Building for coming at short notice last weekend and felling the rotten palm tree on our site, with no charge. We really appreciated it.



### **Did you know....?**

"Children who see adults reading, and enjoying it, are much more likely to want to read themselves"

(<https://www.pearson.com/uk/learners/primary-parents/learn-at-home/help-your-child-to-enjoy-reading/why-is-reading-so-important.html>)

### **Challenge(s) of the week...**

Set aside some time this week to **visit the Horsham library** with your child/children. If you/they don't have a library card (or it has expired), rejoin!

It's completely free and means you can access books in any library in West Sussex! Ask a member of staff if they can show you and your children around, and tell you all about how it is organised, how they can find/reserve/borrow/return books, and what the rules are. Borrow a book and set aside some time to spend reading it!