

Trafalgar Newsletter

11th October 2024

Special Events:

Autumn Term 2024

October

- 11th Individual school photos being taken in school-JP Photographic
- 18th 'Trafalgar Day' celebrations
- 21st Harvest Festival donations
- 28th-1st Nov Half term break

November

- 6th 4-7pm Parent Consultations
- 12th Flu Vaccination Day 3.30-5pm Parent Consultations
- 13th 3.30-5pm Parent Consultations
- 15th Children in Need

December

- 10th Y1 Performance to Parents/Carers
- 11th Y1 Performance to Parents/Carers
- 13th FTS Christmas Market & Christmas Jumper Day
- 17th FTS Pantomime treat
- 20th Last Day of Term
- 23rd - 3rd Jan Christmas break

Spring Term 2025

January 2025

- 6th Spring Term begins

February

- 17th-21st Half Term break
- 24th INSET Day (school closed to the children)

March

April

- 7th-21st Easter holidays
- 22nd Summer term begins

Trafalgar Day – Friday, 18th October



Please remember that at Trafalgar School we will be celebrating **Trafalgar Day** on **Friday, 18th October**.

Throughout the day, all the year groups will be engaging in a range of fun, educational, hands-on activities in their classrooms and are also invited to dress up on Friday, 18th October and come to school as Horatio Nelson, a sailor, the ship's cat, a cabin boy, Lady Hamilton or another historical character of the time.

We would also 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.

We look forward to seeing all the incredible outfits.

Miss Hickie
Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead

Assembly Theme

The assembly theme for this week is:

Harvest Festival

with Pastor Jon
Trafalgar Road Baptist Church



Attendance Update

Highest Class

Attendance for this week goes to:

Badger – 98.29%

Whole School Attendance is 97.06%

(National Expectation is 96% or better)

The attendance rate (proportion of possible sessions attended) was 94% across all schools in the week commencing 23 September 2024. The absence rate was, therefore, 6% across all schools.

Parent/Carer Workshops

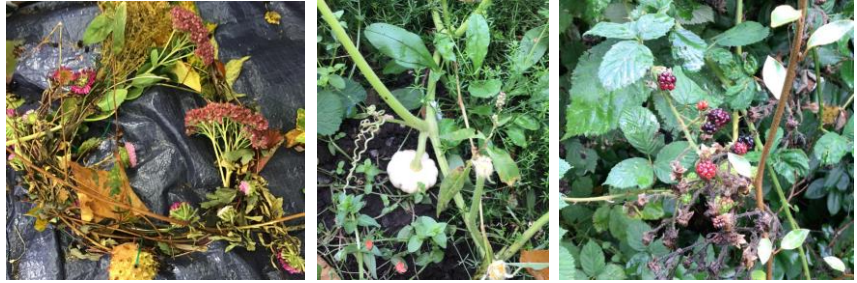


It was good to see those parents/carers who were able to join Mr Hallett at the Maths Workshop on Tuesday morning. If you were not able to attend, the materials have been emailed out to parents/carers for their information and convenience.



For Reception Parents/Carers, it's still not too late to book on the **6-Week-In Meeting** next **Thursday, 17th October** at 6pm. Please just contact the School Office to let us know you are intending to come along.

Year 1 Woodland Time



Year 1 have had a brilliant time in Woodland Time over the last few weeks. We have found out all about Autumn...

"We made squirrel and bird and mouse feeders" using extra careful threading skills.

"We made a tunnel for all the conkers" exploring using guttering and blocks to create different angles and changing the speed the conkers travelled.

"I was making a hole in the conker" learning how to use tools like mushroom clamps and gimmels safely.

We also made drums out of logs; pretended we were camping sitting under the tarps; made beautiful autumn wreaths to bring back to our classrooms and learnt a brand new listening game called "Good Afternoon Your Majesty".



Reception Year Woodland Time

Over the next 2 weeks it will be Reception's turn for Woodland Time.

We will be taking the children on an Autumn walk around Trafalgar Recreation Ground. This is next door to the school and a great way for the children to observe the changing seasons and become familiar with our local area. Permission for this trip is included in the 'Local Visits' form you completed before your child started. We have lots of school staff coming so no parent helpers will be needed.

Mole class will be going on Wednesday, 16th October and Rabbit class will be going on Wednesday, 23rd October. We will only be out for approximately 1 hour so will try to time our trip when the weather is at its best. However, **please make sure your child has wellies and waterproofs in school on this day.**

Mrs Cotton
Deputy Headteacher and EYFS Lead

Term Dates 2024/2025

Autumn Term:

2nd Sept - 20th Dec 2024

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

Spring Term:

6th Jan - 4th April 2025

- Half Term 17th - 21st Feb
- Easter break 7th April - 21st April

Summer Term:

22nd April - 22nd July 2025

- Half Term 26th - 30th May

Inset Days

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

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Flu Vaccinations Consent – Tuesday, 12th November



Please can we ask that you submit either your consent or no consent as soon as possible for the 2024-2025 School Flu Nasal Spray Vaccination Programme, if you have not already done so. Simply go to:

www.susseximmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu

Your prompt response would be greatly appreciated.

Parent Consultations – November 2024



A reminder that from **08.00am on Saturday, 12th October** you will be able to sign up for an appointment to meet with your child's class teacher on either Wednesday, 6th November, Tuesday, 12th November or Wednesday, 13th November via the on-line booking system at <https://trafalgarschool.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

Parent Governor Recruitment

Our Governing Body are currently seeking to recruit two parent governors for our school. This is a really exciting opportunity for a parent/carer to make a difference to our school, so please do carefully consider if you would like to apply.

In addition to this Newsletter you will also have received today a Parent Governor recruitment letter and nomination form for more information. If you would like a copy of the letter and/or nomination form printed please do let the School Office know and this can be arranged.

The deadline for the return of the nominations to the Headteacher (via the School Office) is **Friday, 25th October, 10am.**

If you are aware of anyone from the community who is not a parent, who might be interested in becoming a co-opted governor, we would also love to hear from them.

We thank you for your continued support of our school.



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?