



Trafalgar Newsletter

Special Events:

Autumn Term 2025

October 8 th	2.15pm	Reception Year	'6-week-in'
10 th		Parent/Carer meeting	Individual school photos being taken in school - JP Photographic
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

'Growth Garden'



Last week the children learnt about some of our 'Growth Garden' characters. We talked in our assemblies about Curly the co-operative ladybird. I have spotted lots of children this week co-operating with each other both inside and outside the classrooms. Our other characters can be seen on the wall in our school hall.

Safeguarding :

Parking

Thank you to those parents who continue to park safely when dropping off children at our school. Please continue to park in a safe and respectful way, not blocking another car or a neighbour's driveway and not on any yellow lines or zigzags. The yellow lines are there to ensure there are safe crossing points for our children and their families.

Please remember that the car park is for staff only - unless you have a parking permit on display which you will only have if you have discussed it with the Headteacher.

Gate Release Button



Please **do not** allow your children to press the gate-release button on the way out of the school if you are leaving the site during the school day (and the gate is shut) as we do not want the children to get into the habit of opening the gate themselves. Whilst your child may understand the dangers of leaving the school site, other children may not and may be watching.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Miss Hickie

Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead

19th September 2025

Assembly Theme

The assembly theme for next week will be:

How do we keep ourselves safe in school?

Attendance Update

Highest Class

Attendance for this week goes to:

Badger – 97.91%

Whole School Attendance is 95.89%
(National Expectation is 96% or better)

Individual School Photos – Friday, 10th October



The school photographer will be available to take individual school photos of every child in each class on Friday, 10th October.

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. Siblings in school will automatically have their photographs taken together during the school day.

Unless you have completed relevant paperwork to say you do not wish your child to be photographed, we will assume that you are happy to have your child photographed.

Please let the School Office know by Tuesday, 8th October if this is **NOT** the case.

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



A reminder that we would like to invite Reception Year parent/carers to our '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.

2.15-2.45pm Mrs Cotton will talk about the Early Years Foundation Stage and how we teach different areas of learning, including phonics and maths. There will be a chance to ask any questions.

2.45-3.00pm An opportunity to watch your child during a whole class session.

3.00-3.15pm Time for your child to show you around the classroom.

3.15-3.30pm You are welcome to leave, but the classroom will remain open if you would like to spend longer

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. We will share information on Seesaw and there will be future Open Afternoons as well as our Parent Consultations where you will be able to visit classes.

Easy Lunch Tasting Lunch Special – Thursday, 2nd October



On Thursday, 2nd October, The Easy Lunch Company will be providing a Tasting Lunch Special for the children at Trafalgar.

Each child will be able to try both pizza and pasta. If your child does **not** currently have a hot lunch in school (UIFSM) but would like a hot lunch on this day, **please inform the School Office by the morning of Tuesday, 23rd September at the latest in order that they are added to the lunch order for the following week.**

Menu

Cheesy Tomato Pasta
and
Cheese and Tomato Pizza squares
with
Mixed salad

Orange Polenta Cake

Special dietary requirements who are registered with Easy Lunch will be catered for accordingly. However, please advise Easy Lunch if your child has a special diet but does not usually take up the option of a Universal Free School Meal (emma@theeasy lunchcompany.co.uk).

Website Translator



A reminder that our website can be translated at the touch of a button to another language... by clicking on the 'select language' menu at the top of the home page.

School Gates



Please be aware that while we will always try to open both gates for drop off and pick up, there may not always be a school adult on both gates and one of the gates may need to be closed early. Please always supervise your children while you wait for them to go into class and at the end of the day.

A reminder also that the Pirate Ship and Trim Trail should **not** be used at these times.

Playtimes and 'Woodland Wednesdays'!



In response to the children's feedback, we have updated our lunch playtimes this year. This includes having more opportunities to use the 'Sports Area' for structured games; alongside construction, role play activities and time on the pirate ship. We have also introduced "Woodland Wednesdays".

Every Wednesday the children will have the opportunity to use the woodland area (by the huts) as part of playtime. This gives them a great opportunity to explore nature through the changing seasons and enjoy bug hunting, mud kitchen and gardening activities. We will try to use the area throughout the year.

However, when it is muddy, we will only be able to allow children to use it if they have wellies in school; so, if you would like your child to have the opportunity, **please bring Wellies in a named bag on Wednesdays.**

We will not use the area on very wet or windy days so no all-in-one waterproofs are needed.

Food Standards Agency (FSA) - Ice Slush warning

The [Food Standards Agency \(FSA\)](https://www.food.gov.uk/food-standards-agency) issued a warning earlier this summer about the dangers of ice slush drinks ('slushies') containing glycerol.

The FSA advises that children under the age of 7 should not drink ice slush drinks containing glycerol at all, and that children aged 7-10 should drink no more than one 350ml slush drink with glycerol a day.

Social Post 1	
<p>Did you know that some slush ice drinks or 'slushies' can be dangerous for young children?</p> <p>Slush ice drinks may contain glycerol, an ingredient used in place of sugar.</p> <p>If young children consume large quantities of glycerol it can cause sickness and headaches, hypoglycaemia (low blood sugar), shock and loss of consciousness.</p> <p>We advise that slush ice drinks containing glycerol shouldn't be consumed by children under 7. Children under 10 should only have one 350ml drink - that's about the size of a fizzy drink can.</p> <p>Check with the seller about the drink's glycerol content – don't buy if in doubt.</p> <p>For more information about our guidance on iced slush drinks visit : https://www.food.gov.uk/glycerol</p> <p>#glycerol #slushiedrinks #slushie #summerdrinks #foodsafety</p>	

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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Pupil Premium Funding



You may be aware that the Government allocates additional funding to schools in the form of the 'Pupil Premium Grant'. In order to be eligible for the Pupil Premium Grant a parent or carer must be receiving one of the following benefits:

- Income Support.
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance.
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance.
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The Guaranteed Element of Pension Credit.
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190).
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for 4 weeks after you **stop qualifying** for Working Tax Credit).
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get).

If you qualify for this allowance your child will be eligible for the following additional benefits here at Trafalgar -

- No charge for school trips and visitors to school.
- No charge for before or after school club (one a term).
- No charge for a complete set of school uniform to include a sweatshirt or cardigan; PE kit (including t-shirt, shorts and gym bag) and a book bag.

We also use the Pupil Premium Grant to fund a wide range of additional support in school. This may involve either small group work or one-to-one tuition and is one aspect of our drive to continually raise standards. The Pupil Premium Grant can be used to support children regardless of their ability. If you claim this funding, then we can allocate Pupil Premium Funding to provide additional opportunities and challenges for your child with the aim of enriching their educational experience at school in ways that best meet their individual needs.

To apply, please complete a Registration Form which can be obtained from the School Office in confidence. Alternatively go to

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/schools-and-colleges/free-school-meals/#how-to-apply>.



Did you know....?

"Routine reading at bedtime or allocated reading time teaches your child self-discipline and provides stability through achievable routines. Longer attention spans and better memory retention are key benefits of reading to your child, just before or during bedtime, allowing for a cosy and concrete sleeping pattern."

(<https://www.inthebook.com/en-gb/blog/benefits-of-reading-to-children/>)

Challenge(s) of the week...

Keep actively **making** and **taking opportunities to read**.

"It doesn't matter what it is - pick up a newspaper or magazine, look at a cookery book, read a computer manual, enjoy some poetry or dive into a romance or detective novel. And get your children to join in - if you're cooking, could they read the recipe? If you're watching TV, can they read out the listings?"

(<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/tips-and-advice/reading-tips/>)