



# Trafalgar Newsletter

## Special Events:

### Spring Term 2025

#### January 2025

23<sup>rd</sup> Squirrel - Woodland Time

29<sup>th</sup> Mouse - Woodland Time

#### February

3<sup>rd</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> Children's Mental Health Week 2025

5<sup>th</sup> Mole - Woodland Time

11<sup>th</sup> Safer Internet Day 2025

12<sup>th</sup> Rabbit - Woodland Time

17<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> Half Term break

27<sup>th</sup> Fox - Woodland Time

24<sup>th</sup> INSET Day (school closed to the children)

#### March

5<sup>th</sup> Deer - Woodland Time

6<sup>th</sup> World Book Day

13<sup>th</sup> Badger - Woodland Time

19<sup>th</sup> Mole - Woodland Time

26<sup>th</sup> Rabbit - Woodland Time

#### April

7<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> Easter holidays

22<sup>nd</sup> Summer term begins

## 'People Who Help Us'



The Reception children were very lucky to have two police officers visit us on Wednesday, as part of our 'People Who Help Us' topic.

The children asked lots of questions to find out what the police do to help us, why they wear a police uniform, what vehicles (or horses!) they drive and what equipment they use.

They also found out that police dogs love a cheeseburger!

Thank you very much to the police officers who visited us.

Some Pupil Voice quotes from the day are:

"The dogs can sniff out blood".

"If you get lost you can ask the police".

"You phone 999".

"The uniform keeps them safe".

"They told us their hats protect their heads".

You will also be able to read about the fire fighters that visited Reception Year later in the Newsletter.

Miss Hickie  
Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead

## Please Keep Off The Grass



Please can we ask that in this cold and wet weather parents/carers and children keep to the paths and do not run across the grass, even when arriving late.

Soggy feet and socks don't make for a comfortable day and the effect of very muddy shoes is not an attractive addition to the school carpets! Heavy pedestrian traffic across the grass also damages it. We would greatly appreciate your co-operation.

17<sup>th</sup> January 2025

## Assembly Theme

The assembly theme for next week is:

### Playtimes

We will explore how we show our school values at playtime. We will talk about the values on our Trafalgar ship's sails.



## Attendance Update

### Highest Class

Attendance for this week goes

to:

**Rabbit Class – 100%**

**Whole School Attendance is 95.91%**

**(National Expectation is 96% or better)**

The attendance rate (proportion of possible sessions attended) was 90.5% across all schools in the week commencing 16 December 2024. The absence rate was, therefore, 9.5% across all schools.

## Staff News



We are sad to be saying goodbye to Mrs Gal-Bukolyi on Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> January. She is leaving us to take on a full-time position in another school.

She has supported many children during her 5 years at Trafalgar, both as a Learning Assistant and a HLTA and we would like to thank her for all her hard work. We will miss her!

## WSCC Fire and Rescue Service



Our Reception children were excited to have a visit on Monday from the West Sussex Fire & Rescue Service. Four serving fire fighters gave each class a session where they were walked around the vehicle and taught about all the equipment and role of the Fire Service.

The children asked lots of great questions. During the session Pete, the fire fighter, reminded us to check that we all have working smoke detectors in our homes. We hope lots of your children came home this week and asked you this very question! Please do check your smoke detectors, they really do save lives.



Please see below some Pupil Voice quotes from the day:

"The hose sprays water."

***"If I saw a match I would leave it and tell Mummy."***

"He was wearing a helmet because they keep you safe from the fire."

***"The fire gloves protect their hands from the fire and keep their hands warm."***

"The firefighters help people, kids, animals, floods and fire."

***"I liked going in the fire truck, it was black with black chairs."***

"I liked seeing the big grabby tools."

***"The special camera for smoke helped them find people in the smoke."***

Reception Year team

## Term Dates 2024/2025

### Autumn Term:

2<sup>nd</sup> Sept - 20<sup>th</sup> Dec 2024

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

### Spring Term:

6<sup>th</sup> Jan - 4<sup>th</sup> April 2025

- Half Term 17<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> Feb
- Easter break 7<sup>th</sup> April - 21<sup>st</sup> April

### Summer Term:

22<sup>nd</sup> April - 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2025

- Half Term 26<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> May

### Inset Days

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

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## Join the Friends of Trafalgar School (FTS) team

The FTS are looking for parent volunteers to join the team. With experienced members moving on at the end of the school year, it's important that we welcome new Reception and Year 1 parents this term, to share knowledge and keep the FTS fully functioning.

We know the life balancing act is real, so our aim is always to make what we do manageable and fun! If you've got a skill to offer, we need you. Designing, writing, organising, digital skills, fundraising, behind the scenes support - everything helps and many hands make light work.

Email [friendsoftrafalgar@gmail.com](mailto:friendsoftrafalgar@gmail.com) to find out more about joining the FTS team. We'll share details of our Spring kick off meeting, so you can meet the team and have a drink with us!



CoolMilk



If you have not yet placed this term's school milk order there is still time to do so by visiting [www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com), logging into your online account and selecting 'make a payment'.

If you have not yet registered your child but wish to do so, please visit [www.coolmilk.com/register](http://www.coolmilk.com/register). For any questions related to our milk scheme, please contact Cool Milk directly at [www.coolmilk.com/contact](http://www.coolmilk.com/contact).



### Did you know...?

Steven Spielberg (the American film director, producer, and screenwriter) said: "Only a generation of readers will spawn a generation of writers."

What do you think?

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

- Sit down as a family and each write down/draw a story that you love, and then do a 'show and tell' with each other about why they chose that story.
- Play 'word bingo'! Work with your child to help them to write down a handful of words they think they might come across in the story. Write your own list of the same amount of words. Share a story together. If/when you come across those words, cross them out on your piece of paper. Who can 'catch' all their words the quickest?