



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		
5 th		Spring Term begins

Courteous Communication



We are really proud of our community and the way parents, staff and children work together. We want you, as parents and carers, to always feel you can speak to us with any concerns or ideas. However, we ask that all adults treat each other with respect and kindness, just as we teach the children to do.

Please be aware that when dropping off in the morning, staff's priority is on welcoming the children. It can be very difficult for them to address any concerns with you at this point and it may inadvertently unsettle your own or others' children as they start their day. It is important that, as adults, we do not talk about concerns with our own or others' children in front of them.

The best way to share information with class teachers in the morning is to send an email or phone the School Office so that class teachers can get back to you at a time when they are not with the children.

Miss Hickie
Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead

Flu Vaccinations – Friday, 24th October

Please, please remember to complete the online consent form for your child's Flu vaccination, to say YES or NO for them to have these vaccines. This must be completed by a Parent or Carer with Parental Responsibility. Currently we have had 59.4% of required responses.

Follow the steps below, before the closing date and time, which is at 11am, 2 working days before the school session date above. If you miss the cut off time, the consent form will reopen one working day after the session, enabling you to submit a form for your child to be offered the vaccination within one of our catch-up clinics.

1. Click on the following link: <https://www.susseximmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu> or scan the QR code below.
2. Enter the following school code SX125835 and click 'Find School' - School codes are unique to each school and site.



Scan the QR code to go straight to the Flu vaccination consent form.

26th September 2025

Assembly Theme

The assembly theme for next week will be:

Sharing and Co-operation



Attendance Update

Highest Class
Attendance for this week goes to:

Otter Class – 100%

Whole School Attendance is 96.09%
(National Expectation is 96% or better)

Advance Notice: Summer Trips



Each year group tends to do one school trip in the summer term linked to the topic, which costs in the region of £25 per child. We feel it's useful to give families warning about this additional cost well in advance, particularly if you have siblings also in our school.

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/>

Parent Consultations will take place in your child's classroom. If you are visiting a classroom in the main building, please come through the main door and go straight to the relevant room. If you are going to Deer Class, you do not need to come into the main building. If you can avoid bringing children on this occasion, you will probably find the meeting more beneficial.

At our parent consultation meetings next half term, teachers will be trying hard to stick to the allocated times, and as a result, teachers may have an alarm in their room to indicate when it is getting to the end of the session. Please do not be offended if they draw the conversation to a close at this point in your meeting, but it is important that each parent/carer gets their fair allocation of time to discuss their child with their teacher. Of course, if you or your child's teacher needs more time to continue the consultation with you, then you will be able to liaise directly with them as usual to arrange a suitable time.

Your child's learning will be available for you to look through before or after your appointment, and please do write any comments about this, on the post it notes available, for your child to read and enjoy.

You may also see our governors around the school (wearing their ID lanyard), so please do speak to them about what you think the school is doing well at present, and to make any suggestions.

Do remember to make your appointment at <https://trafalgarschool.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

Recruitment : School Business Professional (Bursar)

Please look out for our School Business Professional (Bursar) job advert on the WSCC job vacancies website.

For your convenience, if you are interested, please click on the link below.

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/jobs/job-search/>

Labelling Uniform

Particularly in Reception, as the new children settle in, uniform items do have a habit of being misplaced.

Please, please make sure all your child's clothing is labelled for ease of return and also check that your child has brought their own clothing home each day.

Please return any items that may come home in error to your child's class teacher as soon as possible. Thank you.

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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Medication in School and Keeping Warm in the Winter Months



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 and of course wellies on 'Woodland Wednesday'!

'Welcome' Message from the Governing Body



Your School's Governing body would like to extend a warm welcome to you all, as we start the new school year. Whether another year at the school with us or first new term, the Autumn brings much change for us all (including temperature!). We hope that the coming months at Trafalgar are engaging and enriching for all.

Another change to share is that I will be taking over as the Chair of Governors, with our previous Chair, Sarah Brockhurst, remaining with us as a co-opted Governor. Sarah has been our Chair for the last three years, having been a Governor at the school since 2018. Sarah has been an outstanding Chair for us all - championing the school in the local community, working with school leadership on strategic matters, liaising with parents whilst also being a wonderful mentor and coach to new Governors over the last few years. It will be a hard act to follow for sure, but I'm delighted that after three years of being a Governor here that I now have the opportunity to take up the reins as Chair going forward. We are also pleased to welcome Tracy Swaffer who joins us as a new Governor this term too. More to follow in coming newsletters about the role of the Governing board, who we are and what we get involved in across the school too.

Sam Picknell, Chair of Governors



Did you know....?

"Audio books are a great way to build a child's understanding of stories and improve their listening."

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

Challenge(s) of the week...

Play an **audiobook** during car journeys, or instead of TV/computer time at home. You can listen to hundreds of these free through the Trafalgar Digital Library.