



Trafalgar Newsletter

19th June 2026

Special Events:

Summer Term 2026

June 2026

- 23rd Deer Class transition visit to Greenway
- 24th Badger Class transition visit to Greenway
- 25th Fox Class transition visit to Greenway

July 2026

- 1st Transition morning for Whole School
- 8th 9:30am Year 2 Performance to Parent/Carers of Badger Class (All) & Fox Class (A-L surnames)
- 9th 9:30am Year 2 Performance to Deer Class (All) & Fox Class (M-Z surnames)
- 11th 1-4pm Summer Fair
- 15th Y2 Leavers' Discos
- 13th 9:10am YR->Y1 Parent/Carer Transition Meeting
- 2:40pm Y1->Y2 Parent/Carer Transition Meeting
- 20th Last Day of Term
- 21st INSET Day. School closed to the children.
- 22nd INSET Day. School closed to the children.

Trafalgar School Fund
QR Code:



Year 2 Class Visits to Greenway w/c 22nd June 2026

Next week, each Year 2 class has been invited to Greenway for a visit as part of our transition programme. Each class will be given a tour and carry out a fun activity.

Trafalgar staff will accompany them on this visit. Please see below which day your child will be going to Greenway.

Tuesday, 23rd June Deer Class

Wednesday, 24th June Badger Class

Thursday, 25th June Fox Class

Please ensure your child arrives at school in good time for registration on their allocated day as they will be walking to Greenway straight after registration. If they do not arrive on time, they are likely to miss this transition opportunity with their class.

A big thank you to those parents who have volunteered to walk the children over and back with us.

Miss Hickie
Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead

Staff News



Miss Chatfield will be leaving us at the end of term to work in a school in Washington. This will allow Miss Chatfield to continue her early career (ECT) course and in a school closer to where she lives. She has been a wonderful addition to our school this year and we wish her every success with her career in the future.

Next year we will only have six classes in our school as we will have two classes of new Reception children joining us and three classes of Year 2s moving on.

Assembly Theme

The assembly theme for next week will be:

We are Healthy and Active



Attendance Update

**Highest Class
Attendance for this week
goes to:**

Mole Class – 98.24%

Whole School Attendance is 95.93%

(National Expectation is 96% or better)

The attendance rate (proportion of possible sessions attended) was 93.23% across all schools in the week commencing 11 May 2026. The absence rate was, therefore, 6.77% across all schools.

Reminder: Governors Parent Survey

(and have a chance to win a £20 amazon voucher!)

Today is your last opportunity to complete and submit the Governor survey if you haven't already. It will close early Monday

CLICK this link to take the survey:

<https://forms.gle/BgLQRrD7oKfm943k6>

Staffing and Classes for September 2026

From September, Miss Hickie will be working 4 days a week to spend more time with her family. Mrs Cotton will be Headteacher on Mondays (continuing her role as Deputy Headteacher on her other working days). Mrs Cotton has recently completed her Headship qualification and also has experience as an Acting Headteacher at her previous school.

All children will have an opportunity to visit their teachers and new classrooms on Wednesday, 1st July 2026. Our new entrants for September 2026 will also be joining us on that morning. As well as this morning, teachers will be spending time throughout the next few weeks making short informal visits to their new classes e.g. reading a story, visiting during lessons, seeing them on the playground etc.

Below is a table of the staffing and year groups for September 2026.

Reception EYFS Lead - Mrs Cotton	
Mole Class Miss Risby (Monday-Thursday) & Mrs Clipston (Friday)	Rabbit Class Mrs Clipston (Monday-Tuesday) & Mrs Lung (Wednesday-Friday)
Year 1	
Mouse Class (receiving Rabbit) Ms Bowles (Monday-Wednesday) and Miss Power (Thursday-Friday)	Otter Class (receiving Mole) Miss Carne
Year 2	
Badger (receiving Otter) Mrs Wallace	Fox (receiving Mouse) Mrs Lucas

All classes will have additional support from our team of Learning Assistants.

In addition, Mrs Knapp our Higher Level Teaching Assistant will provide cover for teachers, for example during their planning and preparation time.

Learning Assistant Team:

Mrs Aniceto, Miss Bolton, Mrs Bonaccorsi, Mrs Chalmers, Mrs Doherty, Mrs Phelan, Miss Wood, Miss Kilgour, Mrs Harrison, Mrs Urpeth, and Mr Oldfield

Emotional Literacy Support Assistant: Mrs Bolton

Leadership Team:

Miss Hickie - Headteacher (Tuesday-Friday),
Mrs Cotton - Headteacher (Monday) and Deputy (Tuesday, Thursday & Friday)
Miss Power - SENDCo and Mouse Class Teacher

Office Team:

Mrs Tilley (Secretary), Mrs Bueno-Penn (School Business Manager) &
Mr West (Premises)

Midday Meal Supervisors:

Mrs Potter & Ms Novotna

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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Long Hair, Nail Varnish and Sunglasses



Please remember that long hair should be tied back in school, and children should not be wearing nail varnish. Sun glasses are not to be worn by the children as they can get knocked and cause injury when on the playground etc.

If your GP has advised that your child needs to wear them for a medical reason, please share evidence of this from your GP with the School Office for our records.

Trafalgar School Books



Please, please remember to look for any Trafalgar School books you may have lurking under beds, in drawers or down beside sofa cushions and return them to school before the end of term ... no questions asked! We need to do a stock check over the Summer so your assistance would be much appreciated.

Universal Infant Free School Meals from September 2026



Thank you to the 23% of current Reception and Year 1 families who have already completed the questionnaire link below about whether you will require Easy Lunch to provide your child with a hot lunch when they are in school from September 2026. Your prompt response would be greatly appreciated.

Current Reception and Current Year 1 parent/carers

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdBzFhyWckpYnGN5BDsG5XVbbBMupj7uwGj4xLJDAPAUNQAg/viewform>



Did you know....?

“The secret to engaging your child with books is to choose those that *support their interests*, are *interactive* and *fun* and allow them to develop at their own pace. If your child likes tractors or crocodiles, then chose books with tractors or crocodiles in them...If your child really isn't enjoying the book, leave it - you don't have to finish it, just find one that they do enjoy.”

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/blogs/cbeebiesgrow/nups/entries/c9586462-b2c7-3a75-ae43-fafee243512b>

Challenge(s) of the week...

- Consider how you could use your local outside areas to get your child hooked into text e.g. storytelling in an outside area, or using nature as props to help children to pretend they are in that setting.
- Have a look at these websites for reviews of children's books: 'Books for Keeps', 'Carousel', 'lovelybooks.co.uk', 'lovereadng4kids.co.uk', 'thereadingrealm.co.uk', 'letterboxlibrary.com'.

Use them to start a list of books that you think that your child might enjoy, and ask about those books in your local library/at school.