



Trafalgar Newsletter

Special Events:

Summer Term 2025

April	
22 nd	Summer term begins
May	
5 th	Bank Holiday
6-9 th	Book Fair After School
6-10 th	Storytelling Week
13 th	Year 1 Summer Trip
16 th	JP Photographic Class Photos
19 th -23 rd	Walk to School Week
21 st	Reception Summer Trip
26 th -30 th	Half Term Break
June	
2 nd	INSET Day. School closed to the children
13 th	Year 2 Summer Trip
27 th	Year 2 Sports Day
30 th	Reception Sports Day
July	
4 th	Year 1 Sports Day
11 th	Reserve Sports Day
21 st	Last Day of Summer Term
22 nd	INSET Day. School closed for the children

Trafalgar School Fund
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Welcome to the Summer term 2025 and we hope you enjoyed the Easter break.

This half term lasts for five weeks and the children are now in their final term of their year group. We look forward to seeing the children flourish during this term, benefitting from the effort made in the Autumn and Spring terms. The development of new knowledge and skills are apparent as new learning seems to 'slot into place'. It is an excellent time to see each child growing in confidence and increasing their ability and talent.

Just to remind you that **Monday, 5th May** is a **Bank Holiday** and school will be closed that day.

The children **break up** on **Friday, 23rd May** for half term and the staff have an **INSET day** on **Monday, 2nd June**. Therefore, the children **return** to school on **Tuesday, 3rd June**.

Miss Hickie
Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead

Preparing for all Weathers!



With such changeable weather, please can you ensure your child has a coat in school but also a sunhat on sunny days as our Reception children particularly spend a lot of time outside, not just on the playground but in the courtyard garden too.

If it is very sunny please can we also ask that you put sun cream on your child before they come into school, however no sunglasses please. Your assistance would be appreciated.

25th April 2025

Assembly Theme



The Assembly Theme next week will be:

'Relationships'

Introducing our new theme for PSHE lessons this half term. The theme is 'Relationships' which covers elements such as how we are good friends, how we solve friendship problems and how we show respect to others.

Attendance Update

Highest Class

Attendance for this week goes to:

Otter Class – 98.94%

Whole School Attendance is 96.18%

(National Expectation is 96% or better)

The attendance rate (proportion of possible sessions attended) was 92.4% across all schools in the week commencing 10 February 2025. The absence rate was, therefore, 7.6% across all schools.

Class Photographs



On **Friday, 16th May** in the morning the photographer will be taking class photos as a memento of your child's class setting and their teacher.

Please let us know by Tuesday, 13th May if you **do not** wish your child to be photographed. Should you decide that your child is not to be photographed, please also ensure your child knows of your decision. Thank you.

Book Fair – After School 6th-8th May



From Tuesday, 6th May 2025 the Book Fair will be in school!

This is a great opportunity for you and your child to browse a good selection of new books and hopefully find something to buy.

The Book Fair will be open between 3.20-4.00pm on:

- Tuesday, 6th May
- Wednesday, 7th May
- Thursday, 8th May

We look forward to seeing you there!

Trafalgar Storytelling Week (w/c 5th May 2025)



We are inviting parents/carers to come and read/tell your favourite story/poem to a small group of children or the whole class in your child's class (you don't have to read to the whole class, unless you want to!).

Tuesday, 6th May - Friday, 9th May 9am to 9.15am

Please contact the School Office (office@trafalgarinfant.com) or speak to your child's class teacher to let us know if you would like to be part of this and help to share the magic of stories and storytelling during Trafalgar Storytelling Week.

CoolMilk – Over 5s – Please Register for Milk



A reminder that once your child turns 5 years old, they will no longer be eligible for the free milk for under-5s scheme.

However, if you would like your child to continue having milk delivered to school daily, once they have turned 5 years old, for a subsidised cost, you can register your child with CoolMilk direct via their website www.coolmilk.com or by telephone to 0800 321 3248.

Once you have registered your child, CoolMilk will let us know and their name will be added to the classroom list. Please note this does take a few days to process so the sooner you register them, the sooner they will start having milk again.

Gingerbread
Single parents, equal families

If you are a single parent, you may want to take a look at this nationwide resource which is available to you offering information, advice and support.

<https://www.gingerbread.org.uk/>

HeLS in the Playground



Please remember that the school does not take responsibility for children on the climbing apparatus at the beginning or end of the school day, so we would be grateful if parents/carers would please vacate the playground as soon as possible after pick-up. We are also required to secure the site promptly due to after school clubs taking place and would be grateful for your co-operation.

Horsham District Council - Reaching Higher Project arts and sports programmes

The Reaching Higher Project provides sports and arts courses for children and young people with additional needs and their siblings using Short Breaks funding from West Sussex County Council.

- A range of different sports and activity options are available.
- Suitable for children and young people ages 5-25.
- Children with additional needs and their siblings can attend together.
- First session free with a Taster Session Ticket. Contact [Paul Taylor](#) for more information.

All staff and volunteers undertake disability awareness training and safeguarding before they work on the Reaching Higher Project. Lead sports coaches and arts practitioners have specific qualifications relevant to the activity they are delivering. Some leaders have been running these sessions for more than 10 years so have a vast amount of experience.

For further information click here <https://www.horsham.gov.uk/sport-and-leisure/accessible-and-inclusive-activities/reaching-higher-project>

Outdoor Classroom Day - Thursday, 8th May 2025



On Thursday, 8th May we will be celebrating 'Outdoor Classroom Day' along with schools across the world! Outdoor Classroom Day is a global movement to make time outdoors part of every child's day. You can find out more here [Get children outdoors to play and learn, on Outdoor Classroom Day and all year round!](#) and also have a look at a map of all the other schools who will be participating.

All classes will be doing some of their learning outside on this day and using our woodland area. Please make sure your child/ren have a sun hat (and sunscreen applied before school as needed) and please bring a raincoat in, even if it looks dry, as we will be out whatever the weather.

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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Celebrate Earth Day at the Plant to Plate Festival Saturday 26 April, 10am to 4pm, Horsham

Looking for a fun and free family day out this spring? Head to the Plant to Plate Festival in Horsham for a celebration of food, nature and community action, with something for all ages.

Taking place in honour of Earth Day, the festival is all about small steps we can take to live more lightly and joyfully on the planet.

Here's a taste of what's on offer:

- Music, magic and hands-on fun throughout the day
- Trails for children to complete—with prizes to win
 - Live cooking demos and food tastings
 - Creative crafts, play dough and free family activities
- 15 expert-led talks for grown-ups to enjoy while the kids get stuck into something fun
 - [Plus](#) the Horsham Repair Café will be open too



Drop in any time between 10am and 4pm across venues near the bus station. All activities are free and designed to inspire all ages.

- [Download the full programme and trail map](#)
- [Reserve your priority seat at one of the talks](#)
- [Find out more](#)

We cannot wait to see you there!

Carrie
Sussex Green Living



Did you know....?

“Sharing books with young children is not about ‘teaching them to read’ - it’s about *helping them to discover that books are exciting and fun.*

It feeds their imagination (and interests) ... In this way, we can help our children to learn to read because they want to, not because they have to.”

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

Challenge(s) of the week...

Spend time with your child discussing what they like to read and why, and what they like to read *about* and why. Share your own reading preferences and habits.

Visit the library (or the Trafalgar Digital Library, from home) to find more resources which match their reading interests and preferences.