



Trafalgar Newsletter

Special Events:

Autumn Term 2024

December

13th FTS Christmas Market & Christmas Jumper Day

17th FTS Pantomime treat

18th EasyLunch Christmas Lunch

20th Last Day of Term

23rd-3rd Jan Christmas break

Spring Term 2025

January 2025

6th Spring Term begins

February

17th-21st Half Term break

24th INSET Day (school closed to the children)

March

April

7th-21st Easter holidays

22nd Summer term begins

Trafalgar School Fund
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Festive Treats



Last Friday, our Year 1 and 2 children were invited to Greenway Junior School to hear the Greenway choir sing. We were so proud of their behaviour as we walked across the Recreation Ground together. The children were very excited to see Greenway (some of them for the first time) and loved listening to a great range of festive songs.

On Monday afternoon, our Year 2s were back at Greenway to enjoy the Year 4 Christmas performance. It was a great opportunity for them to see how the older children staged a show: with children fulfilling back stage roles such as sound and props as well as acting and singing. Many thanks to the parent/carer volunteers who came with us to Greenway.

Next Monday morning, our Reception Year children are going to watch a performance of the Holy Trinity Playgroup Nativity. This is a great way for our children to visit a church and learn more about the Christmas story. It will also allow all of them to remember their own varied pre-school experiences and to practice being a supportive audience. Thank you in advance to those parent/carers who are coming with us.

Miss Hickie
Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead

13th December 2024

Assembly Theme

The assembly theme for next week is:

'Good News'

and will be led by

**Rev'd Sam Maginnis,
Holy Trinity Church**



Attendance Update

Highest Class

Attendance for this week goes to:

Mouse Class - 100%

Whole School Attendance is 96.07%
(National Expectation is 96% or better)

The attendance rate (proportion of possible sessions attended) was 93.0% across all schools in the week commencing 18th November 2024. The absence rate was, therefore, 7.0% across all schools.

'A Christmas Recipe' – Year 1 Performance



The Year 1 children delighted parents and school friends this week with their wonderful performance of 'A Christmas Recipe'. The children were absolutely amazing and we are so proud of you all and it was wonderful to see so many parents/carers coming to support the children.

A huge thank you to Miss Barrass for directing the performance and the entire Year 1 team for supporting the children. Well done everyone!

Year 2 Carol Services



The children are to be congratulated for their Carol singing and Readings in Holy Trinity Church this week. We have had many compliments about the way the children conducted themselves. Thank you to all those families who were able to join us. The children very much enjoyed singing for you.

Year 2 Team
Miss Power, Mr Hallett and Mrs Wallace

Reception Year – Woodland Time

Reception had lots of winter fun in Woodland Time. Inspired by the Julia Donaldson story, children made their own 'Stickmen'. They used their fine motor skills to fix sticks together and learnt how to use a peeler safely to remove the bark so they could draw the faces on. They also used their imaginations throughout the woodland area: cooking up dishes in the mud kitchen, creating winter stories with small world figures and even becoming Santa and his reindeers in a sleigh they constructed from loose parts.

A big thank you to Lynn Roberts for volunteering her time to support our Woodland sessions this half term and we look forward to welcoming her back in the New Year.

"My one's called 'Super Stickman' because he can fly."

"We made a sleigh, I was Blitzen."

"We used pipe cleaners to tie the sticks up" - "and carved the eyes and mouth with the potato peeler."



Please Remember...

Christmas Pantomime – Tuesday, 17th December



On Tuesday, 17th December, The Rainbow Theatre Company will be coming into school to give the children a seasonal treat by performing their classic fairy tale production of 'Cinderella'. A big thank you to the Friends of Trafalgar for funding this very special event again.

Due to the Pantomime being in the School Hall we will be unable to serve hot lunches. If your child usually has a Universal Infant Free School Meal please don't worry as a free lunch box will be provided instead and the children will 'picnic' in their classrooms.

Christmas Lunch – Wednesday, 18th December



EasyLunch will be providing the children with a special Christmas Lunch on Wednesday, 18th December. If your child usually brings a packed lunch to school and you would like them to have a hot Christmas meal instead on Wednesday, 18th December, please let the School Office know by 9.00am on Monday, 9th December at the latest. Thank you.



Please, please can we ask that you do not allow your child/ren to run around on the grass areas within school each morning, as it is resulting in lots of mud being traipsed directly into the classrooms.

Thank you. Your assistance and co-operation would be greatly appreciated.

What types of wrapping paper can be recycled?



Have you tried the scrunch test yet?

The good news is there's a handy test for this - [the scrunch test](#). If your wrapping paper stays scrunched up you can recycle it, if it pops back then it can't (you usually find this with foil paper).

Also, for anyone who likes to give their Christmas a bit of sparkle with glittery wrapping paper, this can also be put in your recycling bin (as long as it passes the scrunch test too).

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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FTS Christmas Market

A very big **thank you** to the FTS for organising another wonderful Children's Christmas Market today. The Hall looked absolutely magical this morning! It is always a much anticipated event for children and adults alike.



Did you know....?

“Making sure that children become *engaged* with reading *from the beginning* is one of the most important ways to make a difference to their life chances, whatever their socio-economic background. For this to happen, however, children need to learn to read as fluently as possible and be motivated to continue reading.”
(https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1050849/Reading_framework_Teaching_the_foundations_of_literacy_-_July_2021_Jan_22_update.pdf)

Challenge(s) of the week...

Help your child to retell a favourite story through drama!

There are so many ways to make stories come alive this way.

You might pretend to be the characters. They could draw the characters, attach the drawings to sticks/strips of card, and do a 'puppet theatre' performance of the story! You could chat with your child about why certain characters might have made the choices they did (e.g. the 'baddies' in traditional tales), and then they could pretend to be that character and tell their own story. You could pretend to do a news interview with a character. You could use drawings or playdough models to recreate the story through photos, and put the photos together to make a 'stop motion' video!