



Trafalgar Newsletter

Special Events:

Spring Term 2025

March

- 24th Whole School 'Samba Drumming' workshops
27th 'Let's Get Creative' morning

Summer Term 2025

April

- 7th-21st Easter holidays
22nd Summer term begins

May

- 5th Bank Holiday
6-9th Book Fair After School
6-10th Storytelling Week
13th Year 1 Summer Trip
16th JP Photographic Class Photos
19th-23rd Walk to School Week
21st Reception Summer Trip
26th-30th Half Term Break

June

- 2nd INSET Day. School closed to the children
13th Year 2 Summer Trip
27th Year 2 Sports Day
30th Reception Sports Day

July

- 4th Year 1 Sports Day
11th Reserve Sports Day
21st Last Day of Summer Term
22nd INSET Day. School closed for the children

Happy Easter



This will be the last Trafalgar Newsletter for the Spring term and the children's last day in school will be **Friday, 4th April**.

During the last week of term, the children will be able to enjoy the FTS Easter Egg Hunt and Break the Rules Day.

On behalf of the Trafalgar School community, we wish you all a very happy and healthy Easter break and

We will look forward to welcoming the children back to school on **Tuesday, 22nd April**.

Miss Hickie

Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead

Arriving at School on Time



It is so important that children arrive to school on time, so that they have a smooth and calm start to their day and currently we have a large number of children regularly arriving late, without prior arrangement with the Headteacher, which is very disruptive for the class.

The school day starts at 8.50am with activities starting from this moment on, even before the register has been taken. It is also important that the children do not miss these vital learning opportunities! If your child is even 5 minutes late, this equates to 25 minutes learning time being missed each week, which has a huge impact on your child's progress and attainment. The children get to work first thing, so please do ensure that they arrive on time, and come to school each day!

Please help the children maximise their learning by getting them into school on time.

28th March 2025

Assembly Theme

The Assembly Theme next will be:

Easter

**to led by Jon White, Pastor
Trafalgar Road Baptist Church**



Attendance Update

Highest Class

Attendance for this week goes to:

**Squirrel and Fox Classes –
100%**

Whole School Attendance is 96.04%

(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.

**Trafalgar School Fund
QR Code:**



Group Interventions – Physical Literacy

Our brilliant sports specialist, Tessa Walder leads our Physical Literacy session twice a week for small groups of Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children. The children love the opportunity to have a go at all sorts of fun games from dodging the lava as they tip-toe across the rope ladder; to using real hockey sticks, weaving in and out of cones. Each session focuses on developing children's locomotion and manipulation skills, giving focussed, individualised support to help children gain fluency, strength and control. Locomotion activities include running, hopping and jumping; while manipulation activities enable children to develop their ball skills through throwing and catching, football and hockey.

We love seeing how this group helps children with much more than just their P.E lessons: giving them great teamwork skills; supporting their listening and attention; improving their core strength which in turn helps their handwriting and developing their tracking skills which helps with their reading.



Samba Drumming Workshops

Each class enjoyed a Samba drumming workshop on Monday, led by our visitor Mr Gilmore from Sussex Music workshops. He taught us that Samba is a style of music and dance from Brazil. He brought along lots of different instruments for us to use: apito (a special whistle to control the band), ukulele, tambourine, surdos and caixa.

We played a steady beat, copied a rhythm and we made our own Samba band by dressing up in Hawaiian shirts and a colourful curly wig!

Mr Gilmore was very impressed with how well the children listened, joined in and respected the instruments. Lots of fun was had by all. A big thank you to the FTS for funding such a wonderful experience.

"My favourite part was when we did the drumming."

"We got to drum drum drum drum drum, because I liked the music."

"We're making different sounds on the drums."



Message from Sarah Brockhurst, Chair of Governors



It has been another busy term for governors and there have been some recent changes to the Governing Body, which I would like to share. Mr Neil Murray, a parent governor, has decided to step down from the Governing Body. I'd like to thank Neil for his contributions and time invested in the School - we are grateful for everything he has done. We will be looking to appoint new parent governors in due course.

I am also pleased to confirm that Mrs Sue Ware has been successfully appointed to the Governing Body as a co-opted governor. We look forward to welcoming Sue to governor meetings from next term and working alongside Sue as we continue to support the School.

Further information about the governors can be found on the School website or on the governor noticeboard near reception. The governors can always be contacted via the School office.

Sarah Brockhurst
Chair of Governors

Let's Get Creative Morning

The children and staff had a wonderful Spring Let's Get Creative morning this week. So much fun was had making sock bunnies, Easter cards, little chicks, painting, drawing and much more! A big thank you to those parents/carers who came into school and volunteered their time to work with the children - we hope you had fun too!



Pupil Voice:

"We made sock bunnies, I cuddle mine in bed."

"I made a chick out of cardboard, the glue was sticky but I wrapped the yellow wool round."

"I like Let's Get Creative because it feels like we are not doing learning."

"It was so much fun, I had paint all over my hands!"



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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Horsham Sports Services

Easter Sport, Art and Play Camp

At The Bridge leisure centre, Horsham

Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) FREE places
7th to 10th (incl) April 2025 - for 5-12 years

Sessions run
8.30am-1pm
and 1-5.30pm

Loads of activities and fun

HAF FREE places available for children eligible for free school meals - to book search 'HAF' at westsussex.gov.uk



READATHON AROUND THE WORLD

5th-22nd April 2025
Easter Break

This Easter break we are inviting the children to read their way around the world. For each minute spent reading, or being read to, the children are awarded 10 miles.

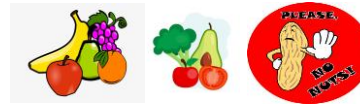
There will be prizes, per year group, for the class who 'travels' the furthest and for the individual who collects the most miles.

There is no cost to participate but the children are encouraged to seek sponsorship from family and friends.

All money raised will go towards new resources for the school library.

Reading Passports and sponsorship forms will come home in school bags before the end of term.

Healthy Snacks/No Nuts



Please can we remind parents/carers to provide their child with a healthy fruit or vegetable snack to bring to school eat day e.g. an apple, banana, carrots, cucumber, tomato, bread sticks, rice cakes. The NHS also provide a fresh piece of fruit or vegetable for each child daily, which they will get at another point in the day.

Chocolate biscuits, bars, cakes, and crisps are not an acceptable healthy snack and should not be brought into school as a snack.

A reminder that products containing nuts could be a risk to other children in school with a nut allergy, so please avoid giving your child anything containing nuts to eat in their snack or lunchbox. Thank you.



Did you know....?

"It's *never too early* to start *reading* to your child - even young babies enjoy being read to! Reading aloud prepares your baby's brain for language. It teaches them about words and sentence formation, and introduces them to concepts like stories, colours, letters and numbers."

(<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/grownups/making-time-for-books-at-home>)

Challenge(s) of the week...

Work with your child to create their own 'reading area'. This doesn't have to be a fixed area; it could be a bag/basket of resources which your child can get out for their 'moving reading area'. You could create posters together promoting reading, reading bunting, or perhaps even their own 'sound display' like they have at school. You could add a basket/bag of 'storytelling' toys/resources. You could even post a photo of your reading area on the Trafalgar Digital Library.