



# Trafalgar Newsletter

## Special Events:

### Summer Term 2026

#### July 2026

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

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## Transition Day – Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> July 2026

Our Transition Day this week was a great success!

The new Reception children joined us throughout the morning and settled wonderfully, immersing themselves in their new environment. Lots of confident, happy smiles were seen around the school as all of our current children met their new teacher and learning assistant, and had time to explore their new classroom.

Our Year 2 children transitioning to Greenway Junior School visited there for the morning and I hope they were full of exciting news and had a good time. I hope our leavers are now feeling confident about taking this step in September when they become Year 3s!

Miss Hickie  
Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead

## West Sussex Family Grapevine magazine

Please find below a link to the digital-only version of the West Sussex Family Grapevine magazine. A paper copy is no longer produced.

<https://thefamilygrapevine.co.uk/west-sussex/magazine/summer-2026/>

## Transition Meetings for Parents with Children Currently in Reception and Year 1



Please remember to book your place:

Current YR parents meeting with a member of next year's Y1 staff:

**Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> July: 9.10-9.40am**

Current Y1 parents meeting with a member of next year's Y2 staff:

**Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> July: 2.40-3.10pm**

These meetings will help you prepare your child for change. If you are able to attend, then please can we ask that you email the school office to confirm your place. We do not need to know if you are not able to attend. We will be sharing information following these events, with all parent/carers, should you not be able to attend in person.

3<sup>rd</sup> July 2026

## Assembly Theme

The assembly theme for next week will be:

**We make friends**



## Attendance Update

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

**Otter Class – 98.71%**

**Whole School Attendance is 95.72%**

**(National Expectation is 96% or better)**

The attendance rate across the **2025/26 academic year to date** was 93.26%. The absence rate was, therefore, 6.74% across all schools.

### *Reminder: Help Us Restock the Foodbanks!*

Please remember that right now in our community, families are at risk of going without. Horsham Matters, which runs 15 foodbanks across the district, are seeing supplies drop to critical levels. With demand rising, they urgently need our support.

Summer is always a particularly challenging time for many of the families they support. With children no longer in school, access to free school meals is lost, and families are expected to be especially impacted due to the withdrawal of holiday voucher provision. As a result, demand on foodbank services is likely to rise significantly.

We have decided to run a food drive to help them maintain consistent stock levels, ensuring families have access to food. Therefore, much like on Harvest Festival assembly day, if you are able and would like to bring in an item of food to be donated to one of the Horsham Matters foodbanks on Monday, 6th July this would be much appreciated.

Every donation, no matter how small, will make meaningful difference to local families in crisis. They are in particular need of:

***Custard, Rice Pudding, Coffee, Long Life Milk / Fruit Juice, Ketchup / Mayo, Biscuits, Crisps, Tinned Meat, Tinned Veggie Meals, Tinned Fruit, Tinned Vegetables, Soup, Rice, Baked Beans and Tinned Fish***



***Please bring your food donation to the School Library at drop-off on Monday, 6th July!***

### *Reception – Butterfly Release*

The reception children released their class butterflies last week. We waved goodbye to Ronaldo, Colin, Flower, Pear and Frankie!

We all loved watching the caterpillars grow bigger and bigger and observing them in their chrysalis'.



## Term Dates 2025/2026

### Autumn Term:

3<sup>rd</sup> Sept - 19<sup>th</sup> Dec 2025

- Half Term 27<sup>th</sup> Oct - 31<sup>st</sup> Oct
- Christmas break 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec 2025 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan 2026

### Spring Term:

5<sup>th</sup> Jan - 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026

- Half Term 16<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> Feb
- Easter break 30<sup>th</sup> March - 10<sup>th</sup> April

### Summer Term:

13<sup>th</sup> April - 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2026

- Half Term 25<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> May

## INSET Days 2025/2026

- Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept 2025
- Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov 2025
- Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb 2026
- Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> July 2026
- Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2026

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## Year 2 - Gardening

With the support of Mrs Urpeth, some of our Year 2s have been working very hard for a few months on our vegetable patch; digging, planting and watering and here are some of the results! The children are quite rightly very proud of themselves, and so are we!



## Year 2 - Farewell Books 2026

Thank you to all those Year 2 families who have already donated money towards a 'farewell book' for their child. These are a few of the books the children will be able to choose from. **Children will start choosing their books next week, however it's not too late to hand Farewell Book messages and donations to the School Office on Monday.**

We have received some wonderful messages so far to be stuck in with the children's bookplate, for which we are really grateful. Pupils will enjoy reading these messages, along with the new books for years to come.



### Did you know....?

"You don't have to know much about the English language to realise that not every word follows the phonic code! *There are lots of very common words that can't be sounded out using basic phonics* - including many of the most useful words in English, such as 'the', 'was', 'one', 'were', 'their', etc. These words just *have to be learnt by sight*. Fortunately, because they're so familiar, children get lots of practice with them!"  
(<https://www.penguin.co.uk/articles/children/2017/how-to-help-your-child-learn-to-read.html>)

### Challenge(s) of the week...

**Spend the week 'hunting the tricky words' with your child.**

Tricky words are words which are not written phonetically. You can't sound them out!

Can they spot tricky words in sentences?  
Can they spot tricky words in stories?

Make a list/poster all about your 'tricky word hunt'.

You could share it on the Trafalgar Digital Library or take a photo and send it into the office to share with your child's class teacher.