

# Trafalgar Newsletter

## Special Events:

Spring Term 2026  
February 2026

23<sup>rd</sup> INSET Day. School closed to the children.

24<sup>th</sup> Return to school

March

4<sup>th</sup> 9.15am Supporting Parents Workshop

5<sup>th</sup> World Book Day

10<sup>th</sup> Horsham Museum to visit Y1

19<sup>th</sup> 9am-12pm Let's Get Creative a.m.

3.20-4pm Open Afternoon

20<sup>th</sup> Red Nose Day

24<sup>th</sup> 2:30pm Reception Performance to Mole Class parents

25<sup>th</sup> 2:30pm Reception Performance to Rabbit Class parents

30<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> Apr Easter holidays

Summer Term 2026

April 2026

13<sup>th</sup> First day Summer Term

May 2026

15<sup>th</sup> JP Photographic - Class Group photographs

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

June 2026

1<sup>st</sup> Return to school

July 2026

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.

## Welcome Back to Spring Term 2026!



Welcome back to the second half of the Spring term 2026. We hope you all had a good half term break. It was nice to see the children return smiling and full of energy, ready for learning this week.



## Open Afternoon

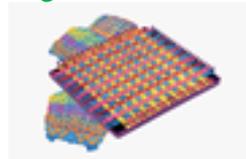
A reminder that on Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> March we will be having an Open Afternoon from 3.15-4.00pm.

We hope you will take this opportunity to come into school and have a look around your child's classroom at all the interesting learning that has been taking place during the Spring term.

Please feel free to visit other classrooms too.

Miss Hickie  
Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead

## Let's Get Creative – Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> March 2026



A reminder that if you are free on Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> March in the morning and feel you could come into school to help with any of the exciting activities on offer, then we would greatly welcome parent/carer/grandparent/governor helpers to assist with our creative Easter themed activities.

If you are able to come in and volunteer please contact the School Office at [office@trafalgarinfant.com](mailto:office@trafalgarinfant.com). We would love to see you in school however, I'm afraid we cannot guarantee that you will be working with your own child.

27<sup>th</sup> February 2026

## Assembly Theme

The assembly theme for next week will be:

*The Festival of Holi*



## Attendance Update

*Highest Class Attendance for this week goes to:*

*Rabbit Class – 99.01%*

*Whole School Attendance is 95.68%*

*(National Expectation is 96% or better)*

The attendance rate (proportion of possible sessions attended) was 93.37% across all schools in the week commencing 19 January 2026. The absence rate was, therefore, 6.63% across all schools.

## West Sussex Wraparound Childcare Parent Survey

The local authority has asked us to share the link below with parents. It will take you to a survey they are running about wraparound care. If you would like to complete the survey it remains open until Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> March.

[The survey link](#)

# CALLING ALL PARENTS AND CARERS!



## Helping Your Child with Anxiety Drop-in session

Would you like some information and ideas to help your child and understand more about ANXIETY?

**THE EVENT-** **FREE** Parents and Carers ANXIETY Drop In morning

**WHERE -** At Trafalgar Community Infant School

**WHEN -** Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> March 2026

**WHAT TIME -** 9.15am until 10.45am

**Come and have a cuppa and a chat**

Contact the School Office by phone or email to book a space

Tel. 01403 254925

[office@trafalgarinfant.com](mailto:office@trafalgarinfant.com)



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## Reception Year Performances – ‘Rhyming Rabbit’



Join us for a journey underground as our Reception children bring 'The Rhyming Rabbit' to life! Meet a very special rabbit who sees the world a little differently – through rhyme, rhythm and a big imagination. Tired of being ignored by the other rabbits, the Rhyming Rabbit hops off on an adventure, discovering new friends, new sounds and new inspiration along the way.

Please remember that our Reception children are looking forward to performing the Rhyming Rabbit's adventures for parents and carers of **Mole Class on Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> March** and **Rabbit Class** parents and carers on **Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> March** at **2:30pm**.

They hope you will enjoy their performance and look forward to seeing you there!

To help the school to continue to provide the best possible resources for the children, there will be collection buckets and a QR code available for donations into our school fund, no matter how small. Any contribution that you are able to make is really valuable to us.  
Many thanks for your support.

Trafalgar School Fund  
QR Code:



## Guinea Pig Petting

During last half term some of our children had the opportunity to join Mrs Bolton for guinea pig petting time thanks to another of the kind and caring families within our community.

Melon, who loves nothing more than nibbling on the fruit of the same name amongst others, gained lots of admirers during her time at school.

Not only is she very fluffy and friendly but she's also wonderful at playing hide and seek often burrowing under blankets and clothes to find the most secluded spots.

Everyone noticed how small, sweet and 'chatty' Melon was and observed her compact body shape and awareness of her surroundings as she moved back and forth exploring new areas of her habitat.

Many of her new found friends also benefitted from the stability and structure of considering all the things this little bundle of joy needed during her visits which supported their learning journeys in terms of responsibility, compassion and understanding.



## Red Nose Day – Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> March 2026



For your advance notice, on Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> March, children and staff are invited to wear an item of red clothing to complement their school uniform i.e. cardigan, skirt, sweatshirt for a donation to Comic Relief. If they would like to, they can also wear a red nose (homemade or purchased e.g. from a local supermarket). Please note however that we will **not** be selling red noses in school.

Donations should be brought into school on the day and passed to the class teacher or directly to the School Office or via the Just Giving link at:

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/trafalgar-community-infant-school-8>

Please help us to do our bit and raise money for this worthwhile cause!

## 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

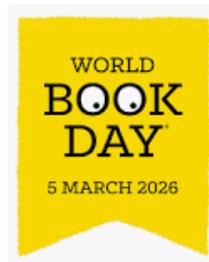
## INSET Days 2025/2026

- 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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Please remember that it's World Book Day on Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> March 2026 and we hope you will join us as we come together to encourage every child in the school to be a reader and love books.

To celebrate World Book Day, we are:

- Inviting the children to come into school on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2026, dressed up as their favourite book character for a £1.00 voluntary donation (which can be cash via the classroom or by card at the School Office). You can find lots of creative ideas at <https://www.worldbookday.com/resource-types/dressing-up/>.
- Inviting the children to bring in a (named) book from home to share with a friend/their class.
- Inviting families and caregivers to share a photograph of someone in the family reading a favourite story that we can display in our Library.

We look forward to celebrating World Book Day with you. Please remember to put Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> March in your diaries!



### Did you know....?

“Decoding refers to:

- reading unfamiliar words (words that have not been decoded before) by saying the sounds corresponding to the letters in the words and then blending the sounds together, either aloud or silently
- reading familiar words accurately and silently ‘at a glance’, that is, no longer saying the sounds consciously....

When they can read most words ‘at a glance’ and can *decode* unfamiliar words *easily*, they are free to think about the *meaning* of what they read.”

[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](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...

**Play the ‘word ladder’ game with your child this week!**

You/they write down a word, then you take it in turns to change one letter each time it's your turn. You decide if the word has to be a real word, or if it just has to be a word they can say (e.g. fap).

How many different words can you make, changing only one letter every time?

**E.g.**

cat, hat, ham, ram, rag, rug, mug, mum, hum  
line, fine, five, live, like, lake, tape, cape, cake