



Trafalgar Newsletter

Special Events:

Autumn Term 2025

November

- 14th Children in Need 2025
- 19th 4.00-7.00pm Parent Consultations
- 25th 3.30-5.00pm Parent Consultations
- 26th 3.30-5.00pm Parent Consultations

December

- 8th 6pm Year 2 Carol Service at Holy Trinity Church
- 9th Year 1 Performance to Parents/Carers
6pm Year 2 Carol Service at Holy Trinity Church
- 10th Year 1 Performance to Parents/Carers
- 12th FTS Christmas Market & Christmas Jumper Day
- 16th FTS Pantomime treat
- 18th 9-11:45am Let's Get Creative morning
3:20-4pm Open Afternoon
- 19th Last Day of Term
- 22nd-2nd Jan Christmas break

Spring Term 2026

- January 2026
- 5th Spring Term begins
- 16th-20th Half Term break
- 23rd INSET Day. School closed to the children.
- 30th-10th Apr Easter holidays

Summer Term 2026

- April 2026
- 13th First day Summer Term 2026

May 2026

- 15th JP Photographic - Class Group photographs

Year 2 Carol Services at Holy Trinity Church



Our Year 2 children will be holding a Carol Service at Holy Trinity Church, Horsham for family and friends on **Monday, 8th December** and **Tuesday, 9th December** at 6pm.

You are welcome to join us at either service but ideally we will be requiring your Year 2 child at both services (however we do know there is a clash with a Greenway Year 4 show on the Tuesday, so this may not be possible).

On each evening you will need to bring your child to the church at 5.45pm, no later than 5.50pm please. They should be wearing school uniform and do not need anything else. The service should finish at 6.45pm and the children will be released to you one class at a time. Please be patient at this time as the safety of your child is priority.

Miss Hickie
Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead



Donations to help us fund the cost of additional lighting and heating at the Church can be made via cash or card at the School Office. Alternatively, payment can be made directly to the School Fund account via the QR code with the description 'Church'.

14th November 2025

Assembly Theme

The assembly theme for next week will be:

ROAD SAFETY WEEK

16th - 22nd November 2025

Crossing the road, scooters and bikes



Attendance Update

Highest Class

Attendance for this week goes to:

Otter Class – 97.70%

Whole School Attendance is 95.87%

(National Expectation is 96% or better)

The attendance rate (proportion of possible sessions attended) was 92.64% across all schools in the **week commencing 20 October 2025**. The absence rate was, therefore, 7.36% across all schools.

Open Afternoon – Thursday, 18th December



On Thursday, 18th December we will be having an Open Afternoon from 3.20-4.00pm. 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 Autumn term. Please feel free to visit other classrooms too.

Children's Christmas Market - Friday, 12th December



On Children's Christmas Market day all children, staff and volunteers at Trafalgar are invited to wear their Christmas jumpers to give it an extra special Christmassy feel.

As with the Pantomime, due to the Christmas Market being set up in the Hall on Friday, 12th December, we will be unable to serve hot lunches.

However, 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. If your child usually brings a packed lunch to school, you need do nothing different but you may wish to give the contents a festive feel on this particular day.

Special Christmas Treat!



On Tuesday, 16th 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 'Sleeping Beauty'.

A big thank you to The Friends of Trafalgar for funding this very special event once again.

Christmas Pantomime - Tuesday, 16th December Lunch



Due to the Christmas Pantomime being set up in the Hall on Tuesday, 16th December, we will be unable to serve hot lunches.

However, as with previous years, 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.

If your child usually brings a packed lunch to school, you need do nothing different but you may wish to give the contents a festive feel on this particular day.

Christmas Lunch – Wednesday, 17th December



EasyLunch will be providing the children with a special Christmas Lunch on Wednesday, 17th 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, 17th December, please let the School Office know by 9.00am on Tuesday, 9th December at the latest.

Many thanks.

Menu

Roast Turkey/Quorn Roast
Roast Potatoes
Vegetables, Sage and Onion
Stuffing, Gravy
Cranberry Sauce
Christmas chocolate brownie

Children in Need 2025



Children in Need



Thank you for supporting Children in Need today. We have raised a grand total of **£189.05** through your donations and saw some amazing outfits!

Donations can still be made via our fundraising page at:

https://www.justgiving.com/page/trafalgar-community-infant-school-7?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL

Visit of Dental Nurse to Reception Classes



Reception were lucky to have a special visitor on Thursday morning. Lucie the dental nurse from a local Practice came to talk to the children about how to keep our teeth clean and healthy. We met 'Crocodile' and practised cleaning his teeth and our own for 2 minutes.

We enjoyed a story about an imaginary mouse who made our teeth squeak when super clean. We talked about and held the special instruments that dentists use to look at our teeth and talked about how important regular visits to the dentist are.

Finally, we talked about foods that are good for our teeth and those that we need to be careful about not having too much of.

Reception Team
Miss Carne, Miss Risby and Mrs Cotton



'A Christmas Recipe' – Year 1 Performance



A reminder that rehearsals have started and our Year 1 children will be performing for up to a maximum of two parents/carers at 9.30am on the mornings of Tuesday, 9th December and Wednesday, 10th December. **The Tuesday performance will be for Otter class and the Wednesday performance will be for Mouse class.**

We look forward to welcoming you into school.

Year 1 Team

Term Dates 2025/2026

Autumn Term:

3rd Sept - 19th Dec 2025

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

Spring Term:

5th Jan - 27th March 2026

- Half Term 16th - 20th Feb
- Easter break 30th March - 10th April

Summer Term:

13th April - 22nd July 2026

- Half Term 25th - 29th May

INSET Days 2025/2026

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

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2nd Horsham Squirrel Scouts is Growing!

2nd Horsham is your local Scout Group, in Swindon Road. The new Squirrel Scouts, for ages 4 and 5 years, has been such a BIG success, we are exploring the idea of a second Squirrel Scout Drey at 2nd Horsham. We are looking for adults to be part of it - do you love the outdoors, love fun and adventures and have a bit of time on a Tuesday early evening?

Get in touch to find out more! Priority places will be available to the children of our new Squirrel Team volunteers. Thank you. Contact Caroline at gsl@2ndhorsham.org.uk



Did you know....?	Challenge(s) of the week...
<p>The key aspects of early phonics learning are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “grapheme/phoneme (letter/sound) correspondences (the alphabetic principle) in a clearly defined incremental sequence • to apply the highly important skill of blending (synthesising) phonemes in order, all through a word, to read it • to apply the skills of segmenting words into their constituent phonemes to spell • that blending and segmenting are reversible processes.” <p>(https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/379093/Reading_20_by_20six.pdf)</p>	<p>Think about when you read to your child(ren) and when you listen to them read to you.</p> <p>It sounds obvious, but it’s worth keeping reading sessions for times when your child isn’t too hungry, tired or distracted to focus. Everyone’s different, and you’ll know the times that work best for your child.</p> <p>Watch your child before and after school, when are they relaxed, focused, engaged? When might be the best <i>reading time</i> for them? How can you make that into a new reading habit?</p>