



Trafalgar Newsletter

Special Events:

Autumn Term 2025

December

8th 6pm Year 2 Carol Service at Holy Trinity Church
 9th Year 1 Performance to Parents/Carers - Otter Class
 6pm Year 2 Carol Service at Holy Trinity Church
 10th Year 1 Performance to Parents/Carers - Mouse Class
 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

Christmas Celebrations



A reminder that on **Wednesday, 17th December** EasyLunch will be serving a Christmas Lunch to all those children who have a hot meal each day. If your child brings their own packed lunch to school, you may wish to give them something a little festive in their lunchbox on this day. Please remember our 'No Nuts' policy though.

Please also remember that on **Friday, 13th December** and **Tuesday, 16th December** the children who have signed up for a Universal Infant Free School Meal (UIFSM) each day will be provided with a lunchbox rather than a hot meal due to the Hall being out of use for the Children's Christmas Market and the touring pantomime 'Sleeping Beauty' respectively. Thank you to the FTS for both these much anticipated events.

We will also be having a celebration assembly where end of term certificates will be given out during the last week of term. In addition, we believe that if each class behaves really well they will receive a class present from Santa's grotto.

Miss Hickie

Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead

Staff News



We are sad to be saying goodbye to two staff members at the end of term.

Mrs Senneck, who has worked here for 11 years as a Learning Assistant, is moving on to a new role at Muntham House School and Ms Valentine-Bauldry, who has been with us for 6 years as both a Learning Assistant and latterly in the School Office has accepted a new role at Collyers College.

Both Mrs Senneck and Ms Valentine-Bauldry have supported many children (teachers and parents/carers too!) during their years at Trafalgar, both academically, and through the nurture and care they have offered them. They have always been enthusiastic and helpful and will be hugely missed!

They are both valued members of our Trafalgar community and we are sure you will join us in wishing them all the very best for the future and their new challenges.

5th December 2025

Assembly Theme

The assembly theme for next week will be:

Thinking of others



Attendance Update

Highest Class
Attendance for this week
goes to:

Rabbit Class – 98.81%

Whole School Attendance is
95.98%

(National Expectation is 96% or better)

The attendance rate (proportion of possible sessions attended) was 93.91% across all schools in the **week commencing 03 November 2025**. The absence rate was, therefore, 6.09% across all schools.

Group Interventions : 'Guinea Pig Petting'

Thanks to one of our wonderfully caring and generous Trafalgar families Mrs Bolton was able to welcome two new guinea pigs into school last week.

Betsy and Snickers spent a day being cuddled, groomed and fed by children from all three year groups on what was a very nurturing Friday.

Betsy, who's believed to be an English crested, practised her beautiful quiet sitting alongside her human role models before inquisitively exploring her surroundings.

Snickers, who is of the Teddy breed, enjoyed a little chitter chatter and made lots of eye contact with the children whose company she enjoyed.

Everyone agreed that caring for these adorable animals was a big and very important responsibility and one that brought with it some of the biggest smiles of the day.



Year 2 Carol Services at Holy Trinity Church Monday, 8th and Tuesday, 9th December – 6pm



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We are looking forward to our annual carol service at Holy Trinity Church next week. Staff will be ready to open the church up at 5:45pm for a 6pm start.

Please make sure someone is there to be responsible for your child for both services, this could be a friend, grandparent etc. We always do our carol service over two evenings as we know grandparents and other extended family often want to come too and we want to ensure everyone can fit in.

If you are unable to make either of the church services, please let the class teacher know if you have not already done so.

When the children arrive, we will ask you to keep their coats and they can come to the front to sing as part of our choir on the stage area. Their class teachers will be near the stage area to welcome them. If any children feel too nervous to do this, they are welcome to sit with you in the audience. We will give you a program when you arrive and encourage you to join in with the singing!

Year 2 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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Children's Christmas Market - Friday, 12th December



Please remember that 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.

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.

'A Christmas Recipe' – Year 1 Performance *Tuesday, 9th and Wednesday, 10th December – 9:30am*



Year 1 are very excited to be performing for up to a maximum of two parents/carers next week. **The Tuesday performance will be for Otter class and the Wednesday performance will be for Mouse class.** Both performances will start at 9:30am.

We look forward to welcoming our Year 1 families into school.

Year 1 Team



Did you know....?	Challenge(s) of the week...
"Making sure that children become engaged with reading <i>from the beginning</i> 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	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!