

Trafalgar Newsletter

Special Events:

Summer Term 2025

May
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

Governor Survey

Please remember to complete and submit the Governor survey ... with the chance of winning a £20 Amazon voucher if you enter the draw!

Closing date is 22nd May!

[CLICK HERE TO TAKE THE SURVEY](#)

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 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.

Miss Hickie
Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead

Storytelling Week



Thank you so much to all the parents/carers that came in to read in classrooms this week. The children really enjoyed hearing your stories.



Thank you to all the families who supported our book fair this week too. We will let you know how much was raised to spend on new books in a future newsletter. Many thanks again for all your support.

9th May 2025

Assembly Theme

The Assembly Theme next week will be:

Our Core Value of 'We Learn Everywhere'

Mrs Cotton will revisit and share with the children some of the learning from Outdoor Classroom day.

Attendance Update

Highest Class

Attendance for this week goes to:

Otter Class – 100%

Whole School Attendance is 96.13%
(National Expectation is 96% or better)

The attendance rate (proportion of possible sessions attended) was 93.0% across all schools for the **spring term 2024/25**. The absence rate was, therefore, 7.0% across all schools. Absence was lower than [spring term 2023/24](#) where it was 7.3%.

Class Photographs



Please remember that next **Friday, 16th May** the photographer will be taking class photos as a memento of your child's class setting and their teacher. Please let us know by Tuesday, 13th May if you **do not** wish your child to be photographed. Should you decide that your child is not to be photographed, please also ensure your child knows of your decision. Thank you.

Year 2 Summer Performance – 'Eddie the Penguin Saves the World!'



Trafalgar School Fund
QR Code:



It won't be long before our Year 2 children will start rehearsing for their Summer show 'Eddie the Penguin'. When Eddie notices his iceberg is melting he decides to move up to the North Pole in search of more ice, however he soon realises that it is fast disappearing there too. On a mission to stop the ice melting any further, Eddie travels the globe to tell all the humans just how they can help.

We are looking forward to performing for parents and carers! Performances will be held at 9.30am on the mornings of Wednesday, 9th July and Thursday, 10th July. The Wednesday performance will be for Badger class (all) and Fox class A-I surnames and the Thursday performance will be for Deer class (all) and Fox class J-Z surnames. Up to two parent/carers per family are invited to attend.

We hope you enjoy our performance and we look forward to seeing our Year 2 parents/carers there.

Year 2 Team

To help cover the printing cost of the Show programmes, costumes and resources there will be collection buckets at the end of each performance or you can make a donation via the Trafalgar School Fund QR code. If you are able to make a monetary contribution, no matter how small, it will be really valuable to us. Many thanks for your support.

Outdoor Classroom Day



We had an amazing day yesterday celebrating learning outside.

All the children had time around the camp fire. We told the story of 'Grandmother Spider and Fire'. Ask your child if they can remember what happened to the fox, the possum and the buzzard in the story. It was a great way to introduce fire and fire safety to the children and tied in perfectly with our story-telling week.

All year groups also spent extra time outside covering their curriculum including P.E; exploring plants in Science and role-playing knights and drawing chalk castles for history. We ended the day with a whole school assembly outside on the grass.

Important -
Please remember...



No footballs kicked or scooters/bikes to be ridden on the playground before or after school please.

We need to keep everybody safe.



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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Local Events of Interest



Wise man and the foolish man



Holy Trinity Church and Hall,
Rushams Road, Horsham

Please join us on

TUESDAY 27th May for FUN, FOOD, &
FELLOWSHIP. Starts at 10.30am till 1.00pm &
includes lunch.

Booking via Holy Trinity Website

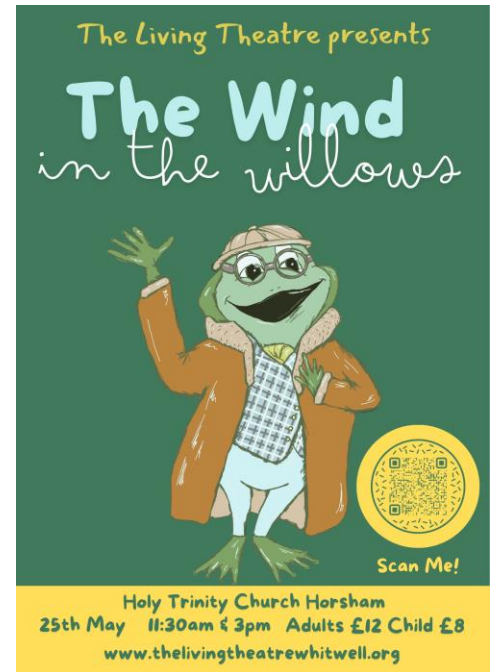
Donations welcome

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What is Messy Church? Find out more at www.messychurch.org.uk



Did you know....?

Poetry can be a valuable tool in helping your child develop their reading:

"The predictability of rhymes in poems and songs also helps children to memorise and re-use newly acquired words and phrases.

Learning poetry and songs using 'call and response' allows children to join in gradually. Each repetition strengthens their vocabulary, embedding new words...

The cadence of the lines helps to convey the meaning and the mood. Children pick up the rhythm and, by speaking more slowly, gain awareness and control of their voices...it can also heighten children's awareness of the individual sounds within words through alliteration, assonance and rhyme."

(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...

Share some favourite poems with your child, and together, **select a poem that you will both try to learn by heart this week.**

Work together to learn the poem.

You could: repeat sections over and over, add actions, use picture prompts, chant it together on the way to school, or turn the poem into a song (you could make up your own or use a well-known tune (e.g. a nursery rhyme tune) and fit the words to that tune).

At the end of the week, perform the poem together!

Your child could even ask their teacher if they could perform it in school to their class.