



Trafalgar Newsletter

Special Events:

Spring Term 2026
January 2026

5th Spring Term begins

February

16th-20th Half Term break

23rd INSET Day. School closed to the children.

24th Return to school

March

5th World Book Day

10th Horsham Museum to visit Y1

20th Red Nose Day for Comic Relief

30th-10th Apr Easter holidays

Summer Term 2026

April 2026

13th First day Summer Term 2026

May 2026

15th JP Photographic - Class

Group photographs
25-29th Half Term break

June 2026

1st Return to school

July 2026

20th Last Day of Term

21st INSET Day. School closed to the children.

22nd INSET Day. School closed to the children.

Healthy Snacks/No Nuts



Please can we remind parents/carers to provide their child with a healthy fruit or vegetable snack to bring to school eat day e.g. an apple, banana, carrots, cucumber, tomato, bread sticks, rice cakes. The NHS also provide a fresh piece of fruit or vegetable for each child daily, which they will get at another point in the day.

Chocolate biscuits, bars, cakes, and crisps are not an acceptable healthy snack and should not be brought into school as a snack.

Please remember that products containing nuts are a risk to other children in school with a nut allergy, so please avoid giving your child anything containing nuts to eat in their snack or lunchbox. Thank you.



Miss Hickie
Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead

Staff Car Park



A friendly reminder that the staff car park is only to be used by parents/carers for drop off/collection in exceptional circumstances, and **only if agreed in advance by the Headteacher, Miss Hickie**. It is really important that we have spaces available for our staff and visitors to the school, hence please only park in there if you have permission and **please do not park in the Disabled Bays unless you have a valid Blue Badge**, which should be on display.

Please may we also ask that the staff car park entrance is kept clear at all times as it is in constant use as staff arrive and leave, and supervise your child crossing the car park entrance carefully. We do need to keep the car park barrier up to allow access for people who are coming to use or donate to our community Foodbank. Thank you for your co-operation.

16th January 2026

Assembly Theme

The assembly theme for next week will be:

Moving around our School



Attendance Update

Highest Class

Attendance for this week goes to:

Rabbit Class – 99.29%

Whole School Attendance is 95.35%

(National Expectation is 96% or better)

The attendance rate (proportion of possible sessions attended) was 91.03% across all schools in the week commencing 15 December 2025. The absence rate was, therefore, 8.97% across all schools.

CoolMilk



If you have not yet placed this term's school milk order there is still time to do so by visiting www.coolmilk.com, logging into your online account and selecting 'make a payment'. If you have not yet registered your child but wish to do so, please visit www.coolmilk.com/register. For any questions related to our milk scheme, please contact Cool Milk directly at www.coolmilk.com/contact.

Safety on the Roads at Drop-off and Pick-up



We have been asked by members of Horsham Trafalgar Neighbourhood Council to inform you of concerns about the number of cars that are parked irresponsibly by adults collecting and dropping off children on the streets adjacent to our school. In addition to the fact that these cause safety worries for pedestrians (including children attending our school) and other drivers, there is the concern that some of these people also leave their car engines running.

Idling, instead of turning your engine off while stationary, increases the amount of exhaust emissions in the air. These emissions contain a number of harmful gasses including carbon dioxide, which is bad for the environment and contributes towards climate change, as well as a range of other harmful gasses including nitrogen dioxide, carbon monoxide and hydrocarbons which are linked to asthma and other lung diseases.

Please can we urge you all to turn your engines off whilst parked safely and considerately, at all times, not only to keep our community safe, but also to show courtesy to our neighbours. We appeal to you all to think seriously about the potential consequences of awkward or obstructive parking in the roads/on corners leading to the school and for our neighbouring houses.

Finally, please may we remind parents/carers to let children out of their cars onto the **pavement** when arriving at school each day. The roads outside school are incredibly busy at these times and children are at greater risk getting out of vehicles on to the busy road.

Whilst we appreciate that traffic, parking and dropping off and collecting from school can be a frustrating affair your co-operation and consideration is greatly appreciated. Dangerous parking or driving can be reported at www.operationcrackdown.org or by calling the Crackdown hotline on ☎ 01403 642222.

Lip Balm



A number of children have started bringing lip balm into school. Unfortunately, due to potential allergies we would ask that these are not flavoured or shared between children, due to the spreading of germs.

We would be grateful if you could remind your child that if they have a lip balm for chapped or sore lips they must be the **only** person to use it at school. Thank you for your co-operation.

Advance Notice: Summer Trips



A reminder that each year group tends to do one school trip in the summer term linked to the topic, which costs in the region of £25 per child. We feel it's useful to give families warning about this additional cost well in advance, particularly if you have siblings also in our school. Trip letters will start to go home later this term.

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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ND Navigation Roadshow



Are you a parent of a child or young person waiting on an assessment for ADHD or Autism? Are you struggling to find information or access support?

Come and meet our ND Support Workers for information, advice and signposting at one of the following locations:

10am - 12pm
23rd January

The Child Development Centre
Crawley Hospital, West Green

10am-12pm
4th February

Chichester Family Hub
St James Road

10am - 12pm
18th March

Umbrellas - Horsham
Horsham Family Hub

Bookable time slots available

For further information and to book a slot please email:
nd-admin@reachingfamilies.org.uk



Did you know....?

“Steven Spielberg (the American film director, producer, and screenwriter) said: “Only a generation of readers will spawn a generation of writers.”

What do you think?

Challenge(s) of the week...

- **Sit down as a family and each write down/draw a story that you love**, and then do a ‘show and tell’ with each other about why they chose that story.
- **Play ‘word bingo’!** Work with your child to help them to write down a handful of words they think they might come across in the story. Write your own list of the same amount of words. Share a story together. If/when you come across those words, cross them out on your piece of paper. Who can ‘catch’ all their words the quickest?