

Trafalgar Newsletter

Special Events:

Autumn Term 2024

December

- 10th Y1 Performance to Parents/Carers
- 11th Y1 Performance to Parents/Carers
- 13th FTS Christmas Market & Christmas Jumper Day
- 17th FTS Pantomime treat
- 20th Last Day of Term
- 23rd - 3rd Jan Christmas break

Spring Term 2025

January 2025

- 6th Spring Term begins

February

- 17th-21st Half Term break
- 24th INSET Day (school closed to the children)

March

April

- 7th-21st Easter holidays
- 22nd Summer term begins

Trafalgar School Fund
QR Code:



Medication in School & Keeping Warm in the Winter Months



Now the Winter months are upon us, germs can increase and illnesses spread. Please be vigilant with your child and encourage hand hygiene, wiping of noses with a tissue and coughing into their elbow.

If your child does need to take medication from the doctors we can administer this at school if the frequency is 4 times a day. If the medication is due 3 times a day we ask this is done before school, straight after school and before bed.

In the cold weather please make sure your children have a warm coat, hats and gloves available to them in school.

Miss Hickie
Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead

New Entrant Tours



We are currently doing tours for September 2025 new entrants and the remaining tour dates are:

- Wednesday, 27th November 2pm
- Wednesday, 4th December 9.15am
- Friday, 6th December 9.15am
- Wednesday, 8th January 9.15am

If you know anyone who is interested in joining the school, please let them know.

Parent Governor Nomination Deadline

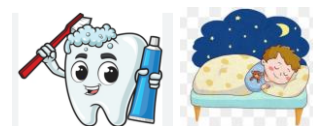
A reminder that the deadline for submitting parent governor nominations is 10am on **Monday, 25th November**. If you would like further information about becoming a governor please contact, Sarah Brockhurst, Chair of Governors, via the School Office, who would be happy to have a discussion with you (office@trafalgarinfant.com).

22nd November 2024

Assembly Theme

The assembly theme for next week is:

How we keep healthy - examples such as teeth brushing and getting sleep will be discussed



Attendance Update

Highest Class

Attendance for this week goes to:

Mouse Class – 98.22%

Whole School Attendance is 96.17%

(National Expectation is 96% or better)

The attendance rate (proportion of possible sessions attended) was 93.9% across all schools in the week commencing **04 November 2024**. The absence rate was, therefore, 6.1% across all schools.

Children in Need - Update



Thanks to the generosity of so many Trafalgar families, we can now share that we have raised a grand total of **£373.00** for Children in Need through your donations!

Christmas Cards



If your child would like to give out Christmas cards to their friends, classmates or staff at school, please can they bring these into their classroom and hand these to their class teacher **from Monday, 2nd December onwards**.

Cards must be labelled with the child's name and class written clearly on the front. In order that teachers can pass on any cards for children in other classes easily, please provide them in bunches (one bunch per class, e.g. with an elastic band around them/in separate bags) so that they can simply be passed in a bundle to the neighbouring classrooms. Many thanks for your support in making this run as smoothly as possible.

In Case of Snow!



In the event of snowfall, Trafalgar School will do everything it can to stay open. The school will only be closed if one or more of the following conditions apply:

1. Insufficient staff are able to come in to keep the school running safely.
2. Conditions on site are dangerous.
3. Conditions are considered to be or are anticipated to later become too hazardous for travel.

Advice for Parents/Carers -

- We will keep parents/carers up to date in the event of snow and if we need to close school early then we will inform you via email or text to your mobile phone We will endeavour to inform you of a closure by 8.00am. If you hear no news from us, then school will be open as usual.
- Check website - we will update our Trafalgar website <https://trafalgar.eschools.co.uk/web>
- If we do open it may be with the minimum amount of staff and therefore will be a disrupted day. We will try to make a decision on the morning of our opening times but they may be between the hours of 10.00am and 2.00pm. This is to enable our school community to get into school and home safely. A significant number of our staff do not live in Horsham, and some of our children travel quite a distance to get to us, often on public transport. In more extreme circumstances, we may need to close some classes, if we have reduced staffing.
- If we are open on a snow day, please provide a packed lunch (even if your child has a Universal Free School Meal each day), drink and snack as there is unlikely to be a hot lunch, milk or fruit delivery.
- Your children do not need to wear school uniform but will need warm sensible clothes, including warm, sensible boots, as if safe to do so, they may still be going outside in the snow.
- If you are available to support in school, assisting with clearing snow etc. on a snow day please let the School Office know.
- If you do not feel that it is safe to travel to school on a snow day, then please contact the School Office.
- **Please check your phones/emails regularly during a snow day, and ensure that we have your most up-to-date contact numbers/email address in the School Office.**

Thank you for your understanding.

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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Group Interventions – ‘Lego World’

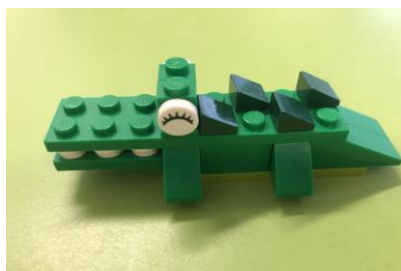
Everything is awesome here at Trafalgar when our Lego World groups are in full swing.

This term's aspiring Emmets and Wyldstyles can be found exploring the world of colourful bricks every Tuesday as they create a range of exciting models while upskilling their everyday functional language.

At the start of each session Mrs Bolton asks the children to predict what they may be making based upon their observations of colour, shape and quantity of each Lego block. The possibilities are endless and this term's already produced a rotating robot, a sparkly unicorn and a mysterious wizard.

The power of using a familiar and well loved resource such as Lego to improve children's ability to listen, talk to and learn from one another through play is awe inspiring and turn taking's key as the roles of foreman, engineer, supplier and builder are up for grabs each week.

And drawing inspiration from the famous film, as Mrs Bolton knows only too well, these children are capable of amazing things because they're special.



Did you know....?

“All talk is useful, especially when directed to the child specifically. For instance, children expand their language and vocabulary when they listen to or join in with a story or rhymes in a well-scripted children’s television programme, but an adult talking about it with them adds benefits.”

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...

Did you know, on **CBeebies**, there’s a **bedtime story** read by a familiar face every night at 6.50pm? You can also watch these on iPlayer, YouTube, or on the CBeebies Storytime app. Can you incorporate these into your daily routine?

If your child loves a story which they’ve seen on screen make a note of the title and author and see if the school library, your local library, or your local bookshop has a copy.

The CBeebies Storytime app, also includes questions to build your child’s comprehension skills, and tips for grown-ups to help you support your little one’s reading development.