



Trafalgar Newsletter

Special Events:

Autumn Term 2024

October 3 rd	9.10-9.40am	English/Phonics Workshop - School Hall
8 th	9.10-9.40am	Maths Workshop - School Hall
11 th		Individual school photos being taken in school-JP Photographic 'Trafalgar Day' celebrations in school *Date Change*
28 th -1 st Nov	Half term break	
November 6 th	4-7pm	Parent Consultations
12 th		Influenza Vaccination Day
	3.30-5pm	Parent Consultations
13 th	3.30-5pm	Parent Consultations
15 th		Children in Need
December 10 th		Y1 Performance to Parents/Carers
11 th		Y1 Performance to Parents/Carers
13 th		FTS Christmas Market & Christmas Jumper Day
17 th		FTS Pantomime treat
20 th		Last Day of Term
23 rd - 3 rd		Jan Christmas break
Spring Term 2025		
January 2025		
6 th		Spring Term begins

Safeguarding : Gate Release Button



Please **do not** allow your children to press the gate-release button on the way out of the school if you are leaving the site during the school day (and the gate is shut) as we do not want the children to get into the habit of opening the gate themselves. Whilst your child may understand the dangers of leaving the school site, other children may not and may be watching.

Please can we also remind you not to let anyone in through the school gate when you exit, as all visitors need to speak to the School Office before entering the grounds. We would welcome your co-operation and assistance.

Miss Hickie
Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead

Trafalgar Day – Date Change

Please note Trafalgar Day will now take place on **Friday, 18th October**, not 25th as previously advertised.

Safety around School and the Staff Car Park



For those of you who have a dog, please do not tie them to the school gates or railings, even in the car park. May we respectfully remind you that dogs, including those being carried in arms, are not to be brought onto the school site. Whilst we can see this is a dilemma, we all know that some dogs are not always predictable and the procedure at Trafalgar is that it is better to be safe than sorry.

Please also remember that the school car park is for the use of **staff only**. Only parent/carers with permission from the Headteacher should be parking in the staff car park, and this would be due to exceptional circumstances and they will be provided with a car park pass. Any cars parked in the staff car park without a permit are at risk of further action being taken. When crossing the car park entrance with your child/children as a pedestrian, please keep them near to you, as cars are coming in and out of our car park at different times.

Your co-operation would be appreciated.

27th September 2024

Assembly Theme

The assembly theme for this week is:

National Poetry Day



Attendance Update

Highest Class Attendance for this week goes to:

Mole Class – 100%

Whole School Attendance is 97.04%

(National Expectation is 96% or better)

The attendance rate (proportion of possible sessions attended) was 95.2% across all schools in the week commencing 09 September 2024. The absence rate was, therefore, 4.8%.

Group Interventions – ‘Bucket Time’



I've got something in my bucket,
in my bucket, in my bucket.
I've got something in my bucket.
I wonder what it is!

Bucket Time's one of the many enriching group interventions offered here at Trafalgar and is a fabulous fun-filled way for our whole school community to upskill its attention and communication skills.

On Tuesdays and Thursdays Mrs Bolton offers an irresistible invitation to learn through play as she knows just how important this is for all children to develop their communication and social skills. Her red bucket is filled with visually stimulating and highly motivational toys and objects of interest: think the most exciting giant party bag ever and you won't be too far away!

Children move through four stages of the programme practising waiting and turn taking through thrilling activities such as an exploding lemonade fountain, bubble snake blowing and a spinning chair!

Shared enjoyment based upon children's natural sense of curiosity is a joy to behold. And when they build a wealth and depth of vocabulary alongside these spontaneous interactions, the magic moments happen.

Each term, children across all three year groups are invited to attend Bucket Time and hopefully go on to share this experience with their peers, friends and family. Please do let Mrs Bolton know if you'd like to lift the lid to find out more!



Advance Notice: Summer Trips



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.

Pupil Premium Funding



A reminder that even if you aren't sure whether or not your family are eligible for Pupil Premium Funding, you can apply on-line and in confidence. Please remember, it costs nothing to apply however, if you are eligible, our school will receive a [pupil premium grant](#) to support your child's education and your child will qualify for a number of additional benefits here at Trafalgar.

To apply, please go to

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/schools-and-colleges/free-school-meals/#how-to-apply>

Harvest Festival – Monday, 21st October 2024



On Monday, 21st October, the Trafalgar staff and children will be having our annual Harvest Festival celebration in school. We ask that your child bring a harvest 'gift' to school on Monday, 21st October in the morning and take it with them to their classroom.

This year our harvest gifts are going to the Horsham District Foodbank. Current most needed items include Long Life Milk, Tinned/Packet Custard, Tinned Macaroni Cheese, Hot Chocolate and Long Life Fruit Juices. Tinned goods and non-perishable dried food are always preferable to fresh food. Toiletries are also useful. For further information about the items most needed as donations please click here <https://horshamdistrict.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>

Alternatively, if parents would prefer, you can make a financial donation on the Horsham Matters' Just Giving Page [Fill a plate and stop hunger - JustGiving](#) All donations will make a huge difference and will help support the most vulnerable in our community.

Other local foodbanks can be found at <https://horshamdistrict.foodbank.org.uk/get-help/> Thank you in advance for your support.

Reminder: Parent/Carer Workshops



Please remember that on Thursday, 3rd October we would like to invite our parents/carers to attend an English Workshop on at 9.10am which will be led by Miss Power our English Co-ordinator and a Maths Workshop on Tuesday, 8th October which will be led by Mr Hallett our Maths Co-ordinator.

Please let the School Office know if you are intending to come along to either workshop so we can ensure we have the right number of seats. Please email office@trafalgarinfant.com or call the School Office (tel: 01403 254925) to confirm your attendance.

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

- Monday, 2nd Sept 2024
- Tuesday, 3rd Sept 2024
- Monday, 24th Feb 2025
- Monday, 2nd June 2025
- Tuesday, 22nd July 2025

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Parent Consultations – November 2024



From **08.00am on Saturday, 12th October** you will be able to sign up for an appointment to meet with your child's class teacher on either Wednesday, 6th November, Wednesday, 12th November or Thursday, 13th November via the on-line booking system at <https://trafalgarschool.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

Parent Consultations will take place in your child's classroom. If you are visiting a classroom in the main building, please come through the main door and go straight to the relevant room. If you are going to the huts, you do not need to come into the main building. If you can avoid bringing children on this occasion, you will probably find the meeting more beneficial.

At our parent consultation meetings next half term, teachers will be trying hard to stick to the allocated times, and as a result, teachers may have an alarm in their room to indicate when it is getting to the end of the session. Please do not be offended if they draw the conversation to a close at this point in your meeting, but it is important that each parent/carer gets their fair allocation of time to discuss their child with their teacher. Of course, if you or your child's teacher needs more time to continue the consultation with you, then you will be able to liaise directly with them as usual to arrange a suitable time.

Your child's learning will be available for you to look through before or after your appointment, and please do write any comments about this, on the post it notes available, for your child to read and enjoy.

Can we remind you that our SENCO, Mrs Edgal, will also be available. Should you wish to discuss anything regarding your child with her, please send us an email in advance.

You may also see our governors around the school (wearing their ID lanyard), so please do speak to them about what you think the school is doing well at present, and to make any suggestions.

Do remember to make your appointment at <https://trafalgarschool.schoolcloud.co.uk/>



Did you know....?

“Audio books are a great way to build a child's understanding of stories and improve their listening.”

<https://www.inthebook.com/en-gb/blog/benefits-of-reading-to-children/>

Challenge(s) of the week...

- Join the **Trafalgar Digital Library** on Google classroom to access hundreds of free stories, audiobooks, non-fiction resources, and much more! Log on to Google Classroom using your child's school email. The class code is kzhw7rg.
- Play an **audiobook** during car journeys, or instead of TV/computer time at home. You can listen to hundreds of these free through the Trafalgar Digital Library.