



# Trafalgar Newsletter

## Special Events:

### Spring Term 2026 March

- 10<sup>th</sup> Horsham Museum to visit Y1
- 19<sup>th</sup> 9am-12pm Let's Get Creative a.m.  
3.20-4pm Open Afternoon
- 20<sup>th</sup> Red Nose Day
- 24<sup>th</sup> 2:30pm Reception Performance to Mole Class parents
- 25<sup>th</sup> 2:30pm Reception Performance to Rabbit Class parents
- 30<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> Apr Easter holidays

### Summer Term 2026 April 2026

- 13<sup>th</sup> First day Summer Term
- May 2026
- 15<sup>th</sup> JP Photographic - Class Group photographs
- 25-29<sup>th</sup> Half Term break

### June 2026

- 1<sup>st</sup> Return to school

### July 2026

- 20<sup>th</sup> Last Day of Term
- 21<sup>st</sup> INSET Day. School closed to the children.
- 22<sup>nd</sup> INSET Day. School closed to the children.

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## Safety on the Roads outside School and Consideration for our Neighbours



Sadly, we have had a report of rude behaviour and consistent inconsiderate parking in the school environs this week. We appeal to you all to think seriously about the potential consequences of awkward or obstructive parking in the roads around school, on corners or causing an obstruction on pavements.

We are appealing to all drivers to approach the school with due care, to park considerately and legally, do not block the drives of our neighbours and to be aware at all times of your surroundings in order that we keep our children and school community safe. Similarly, please do not pull up outside the safety barrier by the main gate. May we remind you that you can report dangerous parking or driving at [www.operationcrackdown.org](http://www.operationcrackdown.org) or by calling the Crackdown hotline on ☎ 01403 642222.

Whilst we appreciate that traffic, parking and dropping off and collecting from school can be a frustrating affair your co-operation and consideration of each other and our neighbours is greatly appreciated.

Miss Hickie  
Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead



## Recruitment : Clerk to the Governing Body

Please look out for our Clerk to the Governing Body job advert on the WSCC job vacancies website.

For your convenience, if you are interested, please click on the link below.

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/jobs/job-search-details/?jobId=196359&jobTitle=Clerk%20to%20the%20Governing%20Body%20-%20Trafalgar%20Community%20Infant%20School>

6<sup>th</sup> March 2026

## Assembly Theme

The assembly theme for next week will be:

**British Science Week  
And core value – We are safe**



## Attendance Update

**Highest Class  
Attendance for this week  
goes to:**

**Mouse Class – 99.53%**

**Whole School Attendance is  
95.77%**

*(National Expectation is 96% or better)*

The attendance rate (proportion of possible sessions attended) was 93.15% across all schools in the week commencing 02 February 2026. The absence rate was, therefore, 6.85% across all schools.

## World Book Day 2026

World Book Day was celebrated in style yesterday. Children and staff entered into the spirit of things by dressing up as book characters for the day. Thank you to all parents/carers for your voluntary donations to the School Fund too. We raised a total of £70.40.



## *Year 1 – Visit from Horsham Museum*



Thanks to the generosity of a number of our Year 1 parent/carers who made inflated voluntary donations, we have now reached the 100% figure meaning the visit will definitely go ahead.

**This really will be a wonderful experience for our Year 1s!**

Year 1 Team

## *Horsham Football Club – School Tickets*



Horsham Football Club are happy to announce the return of their School tickets and have invited Trafalgar Community Infant School to participate for the match on Saturday, 14th March!

As part of this initiative, they will be sending Trafalgar school 50 family tickets. Each ticket entitles free entry for up to 2 adults and 4 children (Under 16).

If you would like to take part, HFC would like to welcome you on Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> March (kick off 3pm). Parking and travel details are available on the HFC website however, they encourage families to park safely at the Park & Ride, car share or to use public transport.

**If you would like to apply for a ticket a link will be ParentMailed home at 6pm this evening. Please complete and submit the Google Form the link will take you to. The free tickets will be allocated on a first come, first served basis and if you are successful the ticket will come home with your child.**

Please note that in order for us to facilitate this without too much additional administration, we will **not** be sending you an email to confirm your success - please just keep an eye out in your child's school bag next week.

## *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.

A reminder that products containing nuts could be 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.

## Term Dates 2025/2026

### Autumn Term:

3<sup>rd</sup> Sept - 19<sup>th</sup> Dec 2025

- Half Term 27<sup>th</sup> Oct - 31<sup>st</sup> Oct
- Christmas break 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec 2025 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan 2026

### Spring Term:

5<sup>th</sup> Jan - 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026

- Half Term 16<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> Feb
- Easter break 30<sup>th</sup> March - 10<sup>th</sup> April

### Summer Term:

13<sup>th</sup> April - 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2026

- Half Term 25<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> May

## INSET Days 2025/2026

- Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept 2025
- Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov 2025
- Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb 2026
- Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> July 2026
- Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2026

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## British Science Week: 6<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> March 2026



British Science Week is a ten-day celebration of science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) that will take place between 6-15 March 2026!

Children will be taking part in a range of activities during the week to develop their scientific skills and knowledge. The week is a celebration of all things science with the opportunity to apply maths and technology skills in cross curricular lessons.

Some of the particular skills focused on are being: observant, open minded, curious, creative, imaginative, resilient, a clear communicator, organised, collaborative, self- motivated.

The theme is "Curiosity: what's your question?". This theme celebrates the inquisitive nature of science, encouraging children and adults to explore questions about the world around them, inspired by innovators in STEM.

Each year group will be posting their ideas and how you can help at home during this week on their Parent Overview page on Google Classroom.

Ms Bowles  
Science Co-ordinator



### Did you know....?

"When children start learning to read, the number of words they can decode accurately is too limited to broaden their vocabulary. Their understanding of language should therefore be developed through their *listening and speaking*, while they are taught to decode through *phonics*." ([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](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 a new word and its meaning with your child, every day.**  
You could come up with your own list from your own reading; you could use this playlist of 'words of the day' <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL00w3RL4I8y1XDen2mjWlHllVSpVpcyEI>, or sign up to a 'word of the day' email/website, or download a vocabulary extending app (e.g. 'Vocab Ninja - Word of the Day').  
Try to use the new words regularly and praise your child when they use one of the new words themselves.  
Keep a list of the 'words of the day' of the week. Once a week, ask your child to make a poster of one of the words from that week, showing the word, and a picture to show it's meaning, and display it somewhere in your home.