



# Trafalgar Newsletter

## Special Events:

### Autumn Term 2025 December

12<sup>th</sup> FTS Christmas Market & Christmas Jumper Day  
16<sup>th</sup> FTS Pantomime treat  
17<sup>th</sup> EasyLunch Christmas Lunch  
18<sup>th</sup> 9-11:45am Let's Get Creative morning  
3:20-4pm Open Afternoon  
19<sup>th</sup> Last Day of Term  
22<sup>nd</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> Jan Christmas break

### Spring Term 2026 January 2026

5<sup>th</sup> Spring Term begins  
16<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> Half Term break  
23<sup>rd</sup> INSET Day. School closed to the children.  
30<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> Apr Easter holidays

### Summer Term 2026 April 2026

13<sup>th</sup> First day Summer Term 2026

### May 2026

15<sup>th</sup> JP Photographic - Class Group photographs

Trafalgar School Fund  
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## Year 1 Performances



The Year 1 children delighted parents and school friends this week with their wonderful performance of 'A Christmas Recipe'. The children were absolutely amazing and we are so proud of you all and it was wonderful to see so many parents/carers coming to support the children.

A huge thank you to the entire Year 1 team for supporting the children. Well done everyone!

## Year 2 Carol Services



The children are to be congratulated for their Carol singing in Holy Trinity Church this week... despite some technical problems on Monday night!

Thank you to all those families who were able to join us. The children very much enjoyed singing for you.

Miss Hickie  
Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead

12<sup>th</sup> December 2025

## Assembly Theme

The assembly theme for next week will be:

**Christmas around the world  
- looking at different traditions**



## Attendance Update

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

**Badger Class – 100%**

**Whole School Attendance is 96.07%**

(National Expectation is 96% or better)

The attendance rate (proportion of possible sessions attended) was 93.17% across all schools in the week commencing 17 November 2025. The absence rate was, therefore, 6.83% across all schools.

## Scooters/Bikes & Lost Property

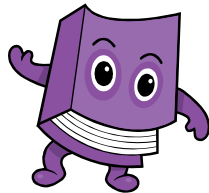


Please ensure that all bikes and scooters are taken home next Friday afternoon, as any left in school may be recycled. Please also look in the lost property 'bin' over the coming week if your child has mislaid anything as all unnamed items will be recycled.

There are often very good quality items in lost property and we do urge you to seek out your lost goods. The habit will also help the children begin to learn the value of taking care of possessions and not always replenishing old with new! The 'bin' is always available outside the School Office should you want to come and reclaim your property.

**Please can we also reiterate how important it is that bikes, scooters and helmets are named, along with all items of clothing.**

## Trafalgar School Books



Please, please remember to look for any Trafalgar School books you may have lurking under beds, in drawers or down beside sofa cushions and return them to school before the end of term ... no questions asked!

Thank you very much.

## The Trinity 125 Christmas Tree Festival

Holy Trinity Church, Rushams

Our Christmas Tree is now in pride of place at Holy Trinity Church as part of their Christmas Tree Festival. The Reception children created it during their Woodland Time sessions, using their great fine and gross motor skills to: find and select the logs; thread oranges; decorate pine cones and wood slices; and lash the star together.

Do go and visit it, if you get the chance, along with lots of other beautiful trees decorated by our local community.



**125 CELEBRATIONS WEEKEND**  
celebrating 125 years of Holy Trinity Church

**HORSHAM BOROUGH BAND CHRISTMAS CONCERT**  
FRIDAY 12TH DECEMBER 7.30PM  
(DOORS OPEN AT 6.45PM)  
WINE BAR - RAFFLE  
TICKETS £15 (children under 12 are free)

**CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL**  
Saturday 13th December  
10am until 3pm  
During the day there are intervals of music, activities for children. Refreshments will be served throughout the day in the hall. This is a non-ticket event. All donations are most welcome.  
FOLLOWED BY...

**FIREPIT CAROLS**  
Includes the Re-Dedication of the Holy Trinity Bell Tower  
5PM UNTIL 7PM  
Mulled wine, hot soup, hot dogs & mince pies

**10AM**  
**125 THANKSGIVING SERVICE**  
Sunday 14th December  
Community Thanksgiving followed by a Bring & Share lunch.  
Details nearer the time.


## FTS Christmas Market

A very big **thank you** to the FTS for organising another wonderful Children's Christmas Market today. The Hall looked absolutely magical this morning! It is always a much anticipated event for children and adults alike. Thank you to all the staff and parent helpers for all their hardwork too.





## 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

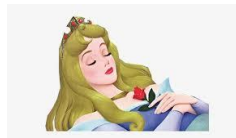
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## *Please Remember...*

### *Christmas Pantomime – Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> December*



On Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> December, The Rainbow Theatre Company will be coming into school to give the children a seasonal treat by performing their classic fairy tale production of 'Sleeping Beauty'. A big thank you to the Friends of Trafalgar for funding this very special event again.

Due to the Pantomime being in the School Hall we will be unable to serve hot lunches. If your child usually has a Universal Infant Free School Meal please don't worry as a free lunch box will be provided instead and the children will 'picnic' in their classrooms.

### *EasyLunch Christmas Lunch – Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> December*



EasyLunch will be providing the children with a special Christmas Lunch on Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> December.

If your child usually brings a packed lunch to school, you may wish to give the contents a festive feel on this particular day but please remember 'No Nuts'.

### *Open Afternoon – Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> December*



On Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> December we will be having an Open Afternoon from 3.20-4.00pm. We hope you will take this opportunity to come into school and have a look around your child's classroom at all the interesting learning that has been taking place during the Autumn term.

Please feel free to visit other classrooms.



#### **Did you know....?**

"Children who are good at reading do more of it: they learn more, about all sorts of things, and their expanded vocabulary, gained from their reading, increases their ease of access to more reading.

Conversely, those for whom reading is difficult fall behind, not just in their reading but in all subjects and a vicious circle develops.

This is why the national curriculum says, *'It is essential that, by the end of their primary education, all pupils are able to read fluently, and with confidence, in any subject.'*"

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#### **Challenge(s) of the week...**

**Use modern technology to make story time even more magical!**

If your family/family friends outside of your household have video calling software (Skype/Whatsapp/Microsoft Teams/Zoom etc.), why not use this as a tool to help everyone join in at story time?!

Could someone in your family 'call' to read a story to your child? Is there a story you all know and love, that you could take turns reading chapters of?

This can help build a 'culture of reading' around your child, as well as showing them different ways of storytelling.