

Trafalgar Newsletter

Special Events:

Autumn Term 2025

October
21st 'Trafalgar Day' celebrations in school
24th Influenza Vaccination Day - Whole School
27th-31st Half term break

November
3rd INSET Day. School closed to the children.
14th Children in Need 2025
19th 4.00-7.00pm Parent Consultations
25th 3.30-5.00pm Parent Consultations
26th 3.30-5.00pm Parent Consultations

December
9th Year 1 Performance to Parents/Carers
10th Year 1 Performance to Parents/Carers
12th FTS Christmas Market & Christmas Jumper Day
16th FTS Pantomime treat
18th 9-11:45am Let's Get Creative morning
3:20-4pm Open Afternoon
19th Last Day of Term
22nd-2nd Jan Christmas break

Spring Term 2026 January 2026

5th Spring Term begins

Happy Half Term



On behalf of the Trafalgar community, we wish you all a very happy and healthy half term break with the chance to enjoy the change of routine.

From the staff perspective, the children have settled well and are established in their new classes. If you have not yet signed up for a Parent Consultation with your child's class teacher after half term please remember to do so before 14th November via the on-line booking system at <https://trafalgarschool.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

Following 14th November, you will need to contact the School Office to book an appointment.

Please remember that **Monday, 3rd November is an INSET day** and school will be closed for the children.

We will look forward to seeing the children back in school on **Tuesday, 4th November**.

Miss Hickie
Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead

Scooters/Bikes & Lost Property



Please ensure that all bikes and scooters are taken home today. Please also come and look in the blue lost property 'bin' if your child has mislaid anything as all unnamed items may be recycled.

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

24th October 2025

Assembly Theme

The assembly theme for our first week back will be:

Our Growth Garden Characters

Star the Unicorn

Using our imagination and being creative.



Attendance Update

Highest Class Attendance for this week goes to:

Otter Class – 98.53%

Whole School Attendance is 95.95%

(National Expectation is 96% or better)

The attendance rate (proportion of possible sessions attended) was 93.98% across all schools in the **week commencing 22nd September 2025**. The absence rate was, therefore, 6.02% across all schools.

Individual Photo Orders

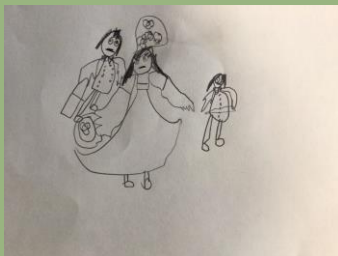
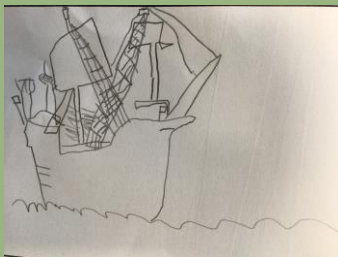


Please remember that for **FREE DELIVERY** to Trafalgar School, all orders need to be placed on-line before midnight on:

Monday, 27th October by going to www.photoprinting.co.uk

You can still order for 3 months after this date but will incur the late handling / P&P charge.

Trafalgar Day



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Thank you to those families that sent in a contribution for Trafalgar Day. We have raised a total of **£85.45** with your current donations and this money will be used to purchase additional resources for the children at Trafalgar Community Infant School. We saw some amazing costumes on the day and we thank you for your support.



Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal



Poppies, along with a variety of other Poppy fundraising merchandise (wristbands, rulers, stick on Poppies etc. as pictured above), will be available in School, for a donation, after half term. Please encourage your children to support this charity to provide financial, social and emotional support to millions of people who have served or are currently serving in the Armed Forces and their dependants.

If anyone is keen to know more about the work of the British Legion, they can be contacted on **0808 802 8080** or visit www.britishlegion.org.uk.

Get 'Spotty' on Friday, 14th November for Children in Need

On Friday, 14th November we would like to invite the Trafalgar children (and staff) to come to school wearing something 'spotty'. This can be something to complement their school uniform or an entirely spotty outfit for a donation to 'Children in Need'.

Get SPOTacular and help us raise funds to support children and young people across the UK by fundraising for BBC Children in Need!

Please make donations via our fundraising page at:

https://www.justgiving.com/page/trafalgar-community-infant-school-?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL

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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Message from Sarah Brockhurst, Governor



As we reach the end of the first half term of the academic year, I just wanted to share what the governors have been doing. We have had a full governing body meeting and the two committees (Assets & Resources and Pupil, Progress and Curriculum) have also met. In addition, we have been in school and had the opportunity to see first hand how well all the children have settled.

Part of our role as governors is to review the school's priorities for 2025/2026 and how the governors can support these and we have also been reviewing our various actions in the last academic year and the impact these have had. A summary can be found here [Governor Impact Statement](#). Please do have a read of this statement, which also provides insight into the governing body constitution, role of governors and our plans for 2025/2026. A copy will also be displayed on the governor noticeboard by the school office.

We will be looking for new governors after half term and I would encourage you to consider joining the Governing Board. I became a governor when my son was in Reception and now he is at secondary school! During my time as a governor there have been numerous rewarding opportunities to work with the school and I also had the opportunity to lead the Governing Board as Chair of Governors for 3 years. However, one of the best parts is always coming in and spending time with the children, who are always so enthusiastic to share their learning with us. If you would like to know more about being a governor, do speak to the school office.



Did you know....?

"Reading *for pleasure* can benefit a child's education, social and cognitive development, their wellbeing, and their mental health."

(<https://www.hightspeedtraining.co.uk/hub/why-is-reading-important-for-children/>)

Challenge(s) of the week...

Talk with your child **about the differences between fiction, non-fiction, chapter books, picture books, and poetry**. Are they ever more than one thing? Can they find an example of each? **What else might you read** (e.g. adverts, leaflets, top trump cards, cereal boxes)? What do they like reading most? Why?

Can they make a poster (or posters!) for the school library to explain to others about the many different types of things that you can read?