

Trafalgar Newsletter

Special Events:

Summer Term 2026

June 2026

- 23rd Deer Class transition visit to Greenway
- 24th Badger Class transition visit to Greenway
- 25th Fox Class transition visit to Greenway

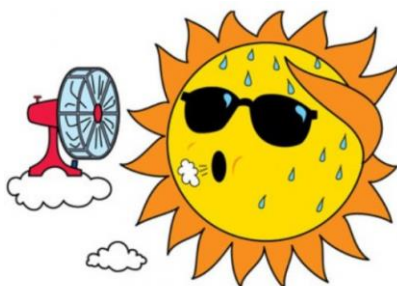
July 2026

- 1st Transition morning for Whole School
- 8th 9:30am Year 2 Performance to Parent/Carers of Badger Class (All) & Fox Class (A-L surnames)
- 9th 9:30am Year 2 Performance to Deer Class (All) & Fox Class (M-Z surnames)
- 11th 1-4pm Summer Fair
- 15th Y2 Leavers' Discos
- 13th 9:10am YR->Y1 Parent/Carer Transition Meeting
- 2:40pm Y1->Y2 Parent/Carer Transition Meeting
- 20th Last Day of Term
- 21st INSET Day. School closed to the children.
- 22nd INSET Day. School closed to the children.

Trafalgar School Fund
QR Code:



Heat Wave



Many thanks to our Trafalgar community; staff, parents and carers, for all your support in managing the heat wave. We have worked really hard to make school as comfortable for the children as possible, and also to ensure that you have been able to choose what is best for your individual child/ren, with the option to go home earlier on these exceptionally hot days.

While it has been trickier for the children to concentrate on their learning in this heat; it has also given us unexpected opportunities: to learn about the weather and climate; find out about sun safety; and have fun with woodland water play, foot 'spas' and time to 'chill' with friends.

Next week the temperatures look much more typical. However, please continue to bring in hats and water bottles every day.

Miss Hickie
Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead

26th June 2026

Assembly Theme

The assembly theme for next week will be:

Led by Pastor Jon White
Trafalgar Road Baptist Church



Attendance Update

Highest Class
Attendance for this week
goes to:

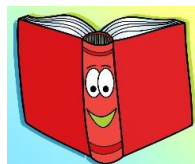
Mouse Class – 91.94%

Whole School Attendance is 95.70%

(National Expectation is 96% or better)

The attendance rate (proportion of possible sessions attended) was 93.23% across all schools in the week commencing 11 May 2026. The absence rate was, therefore, 6.77% across all schools.

Year 2 Farewell Books



Thank you to all the parents and carers who have already made a donation for their child to choose a Farewell Book. When pupils at Trafalgar borrow a library book in the future, they will be able to see who donated the book and all the lovely messages Year 2s have left about their time at Trafalgar.

The deadline for Farewell Book messages and donations to be handed in to the School Office is Friday, 3rd July.

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

Trafalgar CI School
Victory Road
Horsham
West Sussex
RH12 2JF

Phone:
01403 254925

E-Mail:
office@trafalgarinfant.com
[Facebook](#)

Year 2 Transition Visits to Greenway

Last week a small group of children were chosen to go to Greenway on a fact finding mission to support the SEMH provision of everyone across the year group and this week Year 2 have visited Greenway in their classes where they spent time with some of the current Year 3 classes. Working in pairs, they had to find people such as 'who had a wobbly tooth', 'who has a sibling at Greenway', 'whose favourite colour is green'.

In bigger groups we all listened to a story called 'Where I belong' and then the children coloured in their own snake to be part of a display at Greenway for next September.

Pupil Voice

"It was hot but I really enjoyed the activities and I saw my friends from last year."

"I liked colouring the snakes; I want to see what the display looks like."

"The story was really good and I liked seeing it on the big screen."



Did you know....?

"Phoneme" and "grapheme" are phonics terms which your child might learn at school and talk about at home. Graphemes are letters or groups of letters, and phonemes are the sounds they make...Children learn to sound out each grapheme in turn to read the word - e.g. 'r-ai-n, rain', or 'h-a-pp-y, happy'.

Children also learn that there are lots of different graphemes that can make the same phoneme - e.g. the long 'i' phoneme can look like 'igh' in 'night', 'y' in 'fly', 'i-e' in 'bike', 'ie' in 'pie', 'i' in 'mind' ... and so on! They will also learn that the same grapheme can often represent different phonemes - for instance, 'ou' sounds different in the words 'out', 'young', 'pour', 'route', etc."

(<https://www.penguin.co.uk/articles/children/2017/how-to-help-your-child-learn-to-read.html>)

Challenge(s) of the week...

Choose a sound (a 'phoneme') from a book you are reading, and spend the week 'hunting the phoneme' with your child.

Can they spot it in sentences? Can they spot it in stories? Can they spot it in the names of things around the house/at school etc.? How many ways can that phoneme be written/represented?

Make a list/poster all about your 'phoneme hunt'.