

# Trafalgar Newsletter

## Special Events:

June 3 <sup>rd</sup>	INSET Day. School closed to the children
6 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 Summer Trip
13 <sup>th</sup>	6.30pm Sept. 2024 New Parent Intake Meeting
24 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am Reception Sports Morning
28 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am Year 1 Sports Morning & 1.30pm in the Rec
July 1 <sup>st</sup>	9.15am Year 2 Sports Morning & 1.30pm in the Rec
9 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am Year 2 Performance to Parent/Carers
10 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am Year 2 Performance to Parent/Carers
11 <sup>th</sup>	3.15-4.00pm Open Afternoon
13 <sup>th</sup>	1-3pm FTS Summer Fair
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Last Day of Term

## Welcome Back!



Welcome back to the final half term of this academic year. We hope that you all had a restful break.

Staff had a successful INSET on Monday, reviewing our current School Improvement Plan (SIP) and identifying our priorities for 2024/2025.

## Transition Meetings for Parents with Children Currently in Reception and Year 1



We are pleased to offer a transition meeting for the parent/carers of the children in current Reception and Year 1 to allow us to share key information about what to expect when your child moves into their next year group. The aim is to ensure a seamless transition and to meet the year group teams. These meetings will help you prepare your child for change.

If you are able to attend, then please can we ask that you email the school office to confirm your place. We do not need to know if you are not able to attend. We will be sharing information following these events, with all parent/carers, should you not be able to attend in person.

We will be advising you next week of your child's new class next year.

**Current Year R parents meeting with next year's Year 1 staff:  
Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> July : 9.10-9.40am**

**Current Year 1 parents meeting with next year's Year 2 teachers:  
Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> July : 9.10-9.40am**

Miss Hickie  
Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding

7<sup>th</sup> June 2024

## Assembly Theme

The assembly theme for next week will be:

*Why is our sun so amazing and how can we keep safe?*



## Attendance Update

*Highest Class Attendance for this week goes to:*

*Turquoise Blue – 99.07%*

**Whole School Attendance is 94.79%**  
(National Expectation is 96% or better)

The attendance rate (proportion of possible sessions attended) was 93.1% across all schools in the week commencing 13 May 2024. The absence rate was, therefore, 6.9% across all schools.



## Open Afternoon

On Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> July 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 Summer term. Please feel free to visit other classrooms too and take another opportunity to meet your child/ren's class teacher for next year.

## Year 1 Trip to British Wildlife Centre



On Monday our Year 1 children enjoyed their school trip to the British Wildlife Centre. After a very exciting coach journey they met up with their tour guide and went on to meet lots of wonderful animals that live in Britain. They learnt what different animals eat and all about their habitats. Their guides taught them about some of our endangered animals and what we can do to help. The children had the opportunity to ask lots of questions.

We are extremely proud of the children's behaviour during the trip. A huge thank you to all the parent/carer helpers who joined us. A quote from the day "but I don't want to leave. I'll have to come back here for my job".

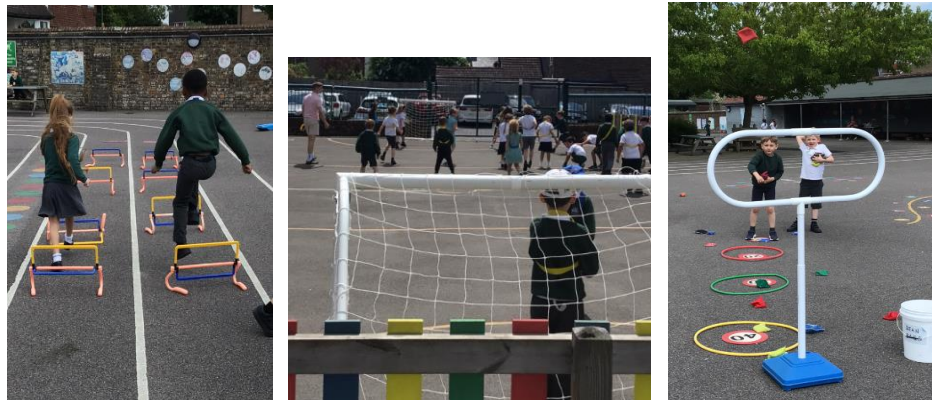
### Year 1 Team



## Playground Fun in the Sun!

Thank you to the three students who have been in school on work experience this week from Collyers and Tanbridge, working in various classrooms around the school and on the playground.

Below are some photos showing the children having fun in the sunshine at lunchtime and enjoying lots of different activities.



## Term Dates 2023/2024

### Autumn Term:

1 Sept - 15 Dec 2023

- Half Term 23 - 27 Oct
- Christmas break 18 Dec - 1 Jan 2024

### Spring Term:

2 Jan - 28 March 2024

- Half Term 12 - 16 Feb
- Easter break 29 March - 12 April

### Summer Term:

15 April - 23 July 2024

- Half Term 27 - 31 May

### INSET Days

- Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> Sept 2023
- Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> Sept 2023
- Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> Oct 2023
- Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> Feb 2024
- Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024

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## Summer Reading Challenge 2024



The summer holidays will be here before we know it and that can only mean one thing - the Horsham Library [Summer Reading Challenge](#) is on its way! The West Sussex Library Service are busy organising **school assemblies** to help promote the challenge and are due to be coming into Trafalgar School on Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> June to share more information with the children. The theme for this year's Summer Reading Challenge: **Marvellous Makers!**

### What is the Summer Reading Challenge?

The Summer Reading Challenge is a FREE event that encourages children to keep reading during the school summer holidays and collect rewards for their reading.

### How can my child take part?

**In the Library.** Visit your local library and sign up. Your child will:

- Set a reading goal for the summer and borrow and read books, eBooks and audiobooks. Your child can choose anything they like to read!
- Receive a Challenge folder and collect special stickers and rewards for reading.

**OR**

**Online.**

- Sign up at <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>
- Set a reading goal and get tips for accessing books for free at home.
- Unlock digital badges and online rewards, including a printable certificate.

**In September, why not email the School Office ([office@trafalgarinfant.com](mailto:office@trafalgarinfant.com)) with a photo of your child/ren with their stickers/rewards/certificate and let us know their favourite book? We will display these photos in the School Library, to celebrate their reading adventures over the holidays!**



Did you know....?

Challenge(s) of the week...

“The secret to engaging your child with books is to choose those that *support their interests*, are *interactive* and *fun* and allow them to develop at their own pace. If your child likes tractors or crocodiles, then chose books with tractors or crocodiles in them...If your child really isn't enjoying the book, leave it - you don't have to finish it, just find one that they do enjoy.”

(<https://www.bbc.co.uk/blogs/cbeebiesgrownups/entries/c9586462-b2c7-3a75-ae43-fafee243512b>)

- Consider how you could use your local outside areas to get your child hooked into text e.g. storytelling in an outside area, or using nature as props to help children to pretend they are in that setting.
- Have a look at these **websites for reviews of children's books**: 'Books for Keeps', 'Carousel', [loveyourbooks.co.uk](http://loveyourbooks.co.uk), [lovereading4kids.co.uk](http://lovereading4kids.co.uk), 'thereadingrealm.co.uk'. Use them to start a list of books that you think that your child might enjoy, and ask about those books in your local library/at school.