

# Trafalgar Newsletter

17<sup>th</sup> April 2026

## Assembly Theme

The assembly theme for next week will be:

**'We make friends'**

**Introducing the new Jigsaw theme - Relationships**

## Attendance Update

**Highest Class**

**Attendance for this week goes to:**

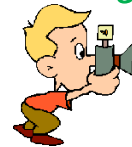
**Mouse Class – 99.56%**

**Whole School Attendance is 96.06%**

*(National Expectation is 96% or better)*

The attendance rate (proportion of possible sessions attended) was 92.60% across all schools in the week commencing 23 March 2026. The absence rate was, therefore, 7.40% across all schools.

## Class Photographs



On **Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> May** in the morning the photographer will be taking class photos as a memento of your child's class setting and their teacher.

Please let us know by Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> May if you **do not** wish your child to be photographed.

Should you decide that your child is not to be photographed, please also ensure your child knows of your decision. Thank you.



Welcome to the Summer term 2026 and we hope you enjoyed the Easter break.

This half term lasts for six weeks and the children are now in their final term of their year group. We look forward to seeing the children flourish during this term, benefitting from the effort made in the Autumn and Spring terms. The development of new knowledge and skills are apparent as new learning seems to 'slot into place'. It is an excellent time to see each child growing in confidence and increasing their ability and talent.

Just to remind you that **Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> May** is a **Bank Holiday** and school will be closed that day.

The children **break up on Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May** for half term and the return to school on **Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> June**.

Miss Hickie  
Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead

## Preparing for all Weathers!



With such changeable weather, please can you ensure your child has a coat in school but also a sunhat on sunny days as our Reception children particularly spend a lot of time outside, not just on the playground but in the courtyard garden too.

If it is very sunny please can we also ask that you put sun cream on your child before they come into school, however no sunglasses please. Your assistance would be appreciated.

### Special Events:

#### Summer Term 2026

##### April 2026

- 13<sup>th</sup> First day Summer Term
- 27<sup>th</sup> Reception Year Summer Trip
- 30<sup>th</sup> Year 2 Summer Trip
- 29<sup>th</sup> Y2 Parent/Carer Coffee & Chat with Ms Hickie and Mrs Williamson @ Trafalgar School

##### May 2026

- 12<sup>th</sup> Year 2 Summer Trip
- 15<sup>th</sup> JP Photographic - Class Group photographs
- 18<sup>th</sup> 9:10am- Y1 Sports morning
- 19<sup>th</sup> Y2 to visit Greenway for Y3 performance
- 20<sup>th</sup> 9:10am Reception Sports morning
- 25-29<sup>th</sup> Half Term break

##### June 2026

- 1<sup>st</sup> Return to school
- 5<sup>th</sup> 9:10am Y2 Sports morning
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Deer Class transition visit to Greenway
- 24<sup>th</sup> Badger Class transition visit to Greenway
- 25<sup>th</sup> Fox Class transition visit to Greenway

##### July 2026

- 1<sup>st</sup> Transition morning for Whole School
- 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.

## *Book Fair – After School 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> May*



From Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> May 2026 the Book Fair will be in school!

This is a great opportunity for you and your child to browse a good selection of new books and hopefully find something to buy.

The Book Fair will be open between 3.20-4.00pm on:

- Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> May
- Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> May
- Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> May

We look forward to seeing you there!

## *Well-being Week & Outdoor Classroom Day - Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> May 2026*

As part of our Sport and Wellbeing week, on Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> May we will be celebrating 'Outdoor Classroom Day' along with schools across the world! Outdoor Classroom Day is a global movement to make time outdoors part of every child's day. You can find out more here [Get children outdoors to play and learn, on Outdoor Classroom Day and all year round!](#) and also have a look at a map of all the other schools who will be participating.

All classes will be doing some of their learning outside on this day and using our woodland area. Please make sure your child/ren have a sun hat (and suncream applied before school as needed) and please bring a raincoat in, even if it looks dry, as we will be out whatever the weather.

As part of other works, we were lucky enough to have sails erected in the Reception Year garden and the Woodland area over the Easter holidays so we even have a covered area now!

Thank you to the FTS for covering the cost of the Woodland Area sail and the Reception Year sail has been paid for by parent donations into our school fund. Thank you to all those who have contributed. The three shade sails that we now have in our school grounds will mean children can carry on learning outside in all weathers.



## *Calling all Parents! week commencing Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> May*

We would love you to be involved in our Sports & Wellbeing Week. Do you do a job that relates to Sports or Well-being? Do you play a sport in your free time, or do yoga, paint, run, meditate or something else for your own well-being? If so, we would love for you to be involved in our Sport and Well-being Week. This could be to talk or play with a small group, a class or maybe even to do an assembly.

Please email the School Office if you would like to find out more, or speak to Mrs Cotton on the gate.

## *Visit of the Reptiles to Trafalgar School!*

At the end of last term Mrs Bolton was very excited to welcome Oliver, a reptile enthusiast and sibling of a current pupil, to Trafalgar. He'd kindly offered to showcase his leopard gecko and corn snake to some of our children to allow them to explore these fascinating species.

Leo the leopard gecko has a fragile tail and this was respected by everyone as they observed his movements and imagined him wandering on dry, rocky grassland. Although he wasn't particularly hungry during his visit it was fascinating to learn about his diet and see a cricket being available to him as a food source to demonstrate a life cycle of predator and prey.

Noodle the corn snake felt warm and soft to handle and sat on laps before coiling himself around welcoming arms. Lots of interesting information about his skin shedding was forthcoming and it was great to see him slither along the ground as part of his movement activity.

The children attending these sessions were focussed throughout and super excited both before and afterwards sharing their visible joy with staff and their peers. The reptiles' presence was comforting and offered several moments of connection as both creatures make little audible noise, thrive in an indoor environment and are wholly reassuring and practical companions which was very beneficial.

An enormous thank you to Oliver and his family for making this fabulous hands-on experience available to children across all three year groups. His enthusiasm as an owner and handler wowed Mrs Bolton and the children who were fortunate enough to be part of this special morning.



## 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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## September 2026 Intake



Please can we request that if you have had confirmation that your child will be starting at Trafalgar CI School in September 2026, that you return the blue 'Initial Enrolment Form' to the School Office as soon as possible along with a copy of your 2026/2027 Council Tax Bill, your child's Birth Certificate and the completed 'Schools Acceptance Form'. Thank you in advance.

## Year 2 Transition to Greenway Junior School



For those of you with children transitioning to Greenway Junior School this September, please look out for information from Greenway about transition events that will be coming up this term. The relevant dates are also listed in our 'special events' column on this Newsletter as a reminder.

## CoolMilk – Over 5s – Please Register for Milk



A reminder that once your child turns 5 years old, they will no longer be eligible for the free milk for under-5s scheme. However, if you would like your child to continue having milk delivered to school daily, once they have turned 5 years old, for a subsidised cost, you can register your child with CoolMilk direct via their website [www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com) or by telephone to 0800 321 3248.

Once you have registered your child, CoolMilk will let us know and their name will be added to the classroom list. Please note this does take a few days to process so the sooner you register them, the sooner they will start having milk again.



### Did you know....?

“Literature is probably the most powerful medium through which children have a chance to inhabit the lives of those who are like them. All children need to *imagine themselves as the main protagonist* in a story: celebrating a birthday, going shopping, being ill, having a tantrum, having their hair cut, worrying about a new sibling, being the superhero, going camping, visiting the seaside and having adventures”

[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...

Get together as a family and **each orally retell a story about something that you did/saw this week**. Try to make the story as enthralling and gripping to your 'audience' as you can. Model excellent listening strategies and praise your child when they show good listening behaviours themselves. Discuss the 'rules' first: Can you interrupt to ask questions or comment, or will there be time for that at the end? Can you use props to retell the story or does it have to be words only?