



Trafalgar Newsletter

Special Events:

Autumn Term 2025

November

19 th	4.00-7.00pm	Parent Consultations
25 th	3.30-5.00pm	Parent Consultations
26 th	3.30-5.00pm	Parent Consultations

December

8 th	6pm	Year 2 Carol Service at Holy Trinity Church
9 th		Year 1 Performance to Parents/Carers - Otter Class
	6pm	Year 2 Carol Service at Holy Trinity Church
10 th		Year 1 Performance to Parents/Carers - Mouse Class
12 th		FTS Christmas Market & Christmas Jumper Day
16 th		FTS Pantomime treat
18 th	9-11:45am	Let's Get Creative morning
	3:20-4pm	Open Afternoon
19 th		Last Day of Term
22 nd -2 nd Jan		Christmas break

Spring Term 2026

January 2026

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

Summer Term 2026

April 2026

13 th		First day Summer Term 2026
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May 2026

15 th		JP Photographic - Class Group photographs
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Medication in School & Keeping Warm in the Winter Months



Now the Winter months are upon us, germs can increase and illnesses spread. Please be vigilant with your child and encourage hand hygiene, wiping of noses with a tissue and coughing into their elbow.

If your child does need to take medication from the doctors we can administer this at school if the frequency is 4 times a day. If the medication is due 3 times a day we ask this is done before school, straight after school and before bed.

In the cold weather please make sure your children have a warm coat, hats and gloves available to them in school.

Miss Hickie
Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead

Fire Drill



We had a successful whole school fire drill this morning and all the children, staff and visitors in school vacated the building quickly and safely.

Parent Governor Nomination Deadline

A reminder that the deadline for submitting parent governor nominations is 10am on **Monday, 24th November**. If you would like further information about becoming a governor please contact, Sam Picknell, Chair of Governors, via the School Office, who would be happy to have a discussion with you (office@trafalgarinfant.com).

21st November 2025

Assembly Theme

The assembly theme for next week will be:

Happy the have a go hamster - having a go at something that might seem difficult to start with



Attendance Update

Highest Class Attendance for this week goes to:

Badger Class – 98.36%

Whole School Attendance is 95.71%

(National Expectation is 96% or better)

The attendance rate (proportion of possible sessions attended) was 92.64% across all schools in the **week commencing 20 October 2025**. The absence rate was,

Children in Need - Update



Thanks to the generosity of so many Trafalgar families, we can now share that we have raised a grand total of **£251.37** for Children in Need through your donations!



In Case of Snow!



In the event of snowfall, Trafalgar School will do everything it can to stay open. The school will only be closed if one or more of the following conditions apply:

1. Insufficient staff are able to come in to keep the school running safely.
2. Conditions on site are dangerous.
3. Conditions are considered to be or are anticipated to later become too hazardous for travel.

Advice for Parents/Carers -

- We will keep parents/carers up to date in the event of snow and if we need to close school early then we will inform you via email or text to your mobile phone. We will endeavour to inform you of a closure by 8.00am. If you hear no news from us, then school will be open as usual.
- Check website - we will update our Trafalgar website <https://trafalgar.eschools.co.uk/web>
- If we do open it may be with the minimum amount of staff and therefore will be a disrupted day. We will try to make a decision on the morning of our opening times but they may be between the hours of 10.00am and 2.00pm. This is to enable our school community to get into school and home safely. A significant number of our staff do not live in Horsham, and some of our children travel quite a distance to get to us, often on public transport. In more extreme circumstances, we may need to close some classes, if we have reduced staffing.
- If we are open on a snow day, please provide a packed lunch (even if your child has a Universal Free School Meal each day), drink and snack as there is unlikely to be a hot lunch, milk or fruit delivery.
- Your children do not need to wear school uniform but will need warm sensible clothes, including warm, sensible boots, as if safe to do so, they may still be going outside in the snow.
- If you are available to support in school, assisting with clearing snow etc. on a snow day please let the School Office know.
- If you do not feel that it is safe to travel to school on a snow day, then please contact the School Office.
- Please check your phones/emails regularly during a snow day, and ensure that we have your most up-to-date contact numbers/email address in the School Office.

Thank you for your understanding.

Reception Year Wonderful Wet and Windy Woodland Times

Reception are really enjoying doing Woodland Time every Friday this half term.

Here are some of the activities they have already got up to:

Making firework streamers and a giant pretend bonfire to celebrate Guy Fawkes;

Re-telling the story of the 3 bears and going on bear hunts;

Learning new games to practice their listening skills and find out more about different woodland animals;

Making music, digging, bug hunting, weather exploring and exploring the great outdoors!



Plea for Donations of Outdoor Clothing



Please could we ask for any waterproof trousers and wellies that are in good condition, but that your children have outgrown, for use in school. We are particularly looking for items that will fit 4-5year olds for our Reception Woodland Time sessions.

Many thanks!

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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Christmas Cards



If your child would like to give out Christmas cards to their friends, classmates or staff at school, please can they bring these into their classroom and hand these to their class teacher from **Monday, 2nd December** onwards.

Cards must be labelled with the child's name and class written clearly on the front. In order that teachers can pass on any cards for children in other classes easily, please provide them in bunches (one bunch per class, e.g. with an elastic band around them/in separate bags) so that they can simply be passed in a bundle to the neighbouring classrooms.

Many thanks for your support in making this run as smoothly as possible.

September 2026 New Entrant Tours



We are currently doing tours for September 2026 new entrants and the remaining tour dates are:

- Wednesday, 26th November 1.30pm
- Monday, 1st December 10.45am
- Thursday, 11th December 9.15am
- Wednesday, 7th January 9.15am

If you know anyone who is interested in joining the school, please let them know.



Did you know....?

"All talk is useful, especially when directed to the child specifically. For instance, children expand their language and vocabulary when they listen to or join in with a story or rhymes in a well-scripted children's television programme, but an adult talking about it with them adds benefits."

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...

Did you know, on **CBeebies**, there's a **bedtime story** read by a familiar face every night at 6.50pm? You can also watch these on iPlayer, YouTube, or on the CBeebies Storytime app. Can you incorporate these into your daily routine?

If your child loves a story which they've seen on screen make a note of the title and author and see if the school library, your local library, or your local bookshop has a copy.

The CBeebies Storytime app, also includes questions to build your child's comprehension skills, and tips for grown-ups to help you support your little one's reading development.