

# Trafalgar Newsletter

13<sup>th</sup> September 2024

## Special Events:

### Autumn Term 2024

October		
3 <sup>rd</sup>	9.10-9.40am	English/Phonics Workshop - School Hall
8 <sup>th</sup>	9.10-9.40am	Maths Workshop - School Hall
11 <sup>th</sup>		Individual school photos being taken in school-JP Photographic 'Trafalgar Day' celebrations in school
25 <sup>th</sup>		
28 <sup>th</sup> -1 <sup>st</sup> Nov		Half term break
November		
6 <sup>th</sup>	4-7pm	Parent Consultations
12 <sup>th</sup>		Influenza Vaccination Day
	3.30-5pm	Parent Consultations
13 <sup>th</sup>	3.30-5pm	Parent Consultations
15 <sup>th</sup>		Children in Need
December		
10 <sup>th</sup>		Y1 Performance to Parents/Carers
11 <sup>th</sup>		Y1 Performance to Parents/Carers
13 <sup>th</sup>		FTS Christmas Market & Christmas Jumper Day
17 <sup>th</sup>		FTS Pantomime treat
20 <sup>th</sup>		Last Day of Term
23 <sup>rd</sup> - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jan		Christmas break

### Spring Term 2025

January 2025  
6<sup>th</sup> Spring Term begins

## Trafalgar School Core Values



As usual at the start of the academic year, the children are learning about our Core Values. These are displayed on the sails of our Trafalgar ship.

Children are being praised when we spot them demonstrating one of the values e.g. 'we are kind' or 'we are healthy and active'. Please do emphasise these at home too, and remind your child that it is important to e.g. be kind, and if someone is unkind to them, to say 'no, please stop' and tell an adult straight away.

We also talk to the children about how 'we learn everywhere' so please do ensure that you talk to your child about how we come to school to learn, and it is important that they listen carefully, share their great ideas, and try their best.

Thank you for your continued support with this.

Miss Hickie  
Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead

## Assembly Theme

The assembly theme for this week is:

### Co-operation and Teamwork



## Attendance Update

### Highest Class

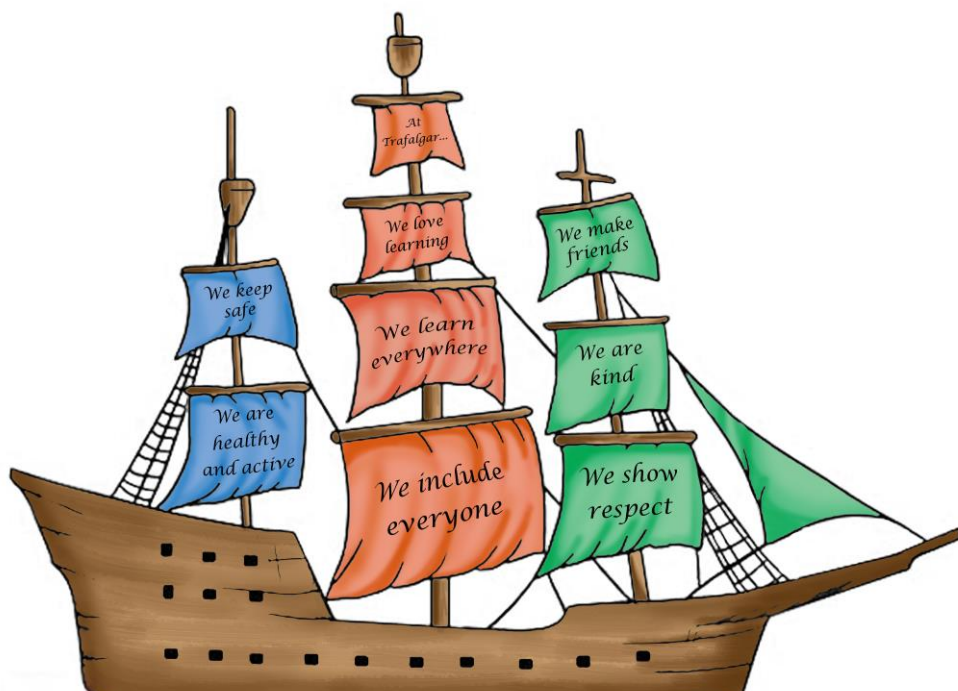
Attendance for this week goes to:

**Otter Class – 99.11%**

**Whole School Attendance is 97.00%**

(National Expectation is 96% or better)

## Our Core Values



## Trafalgar Day – Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> October



As a longstanding school tradition, we will be celebrating Trafalgar Day on Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> October.

All the year groups will be engaging in a range of fun, educational, hands-on activities in their classrooms throughout Trafalgar Day. We also invite all the children (and staff) to dress up on Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> October and come to school as Horatio Nelson, a sailor, a cabin boy, Lady Hamilton or another historical character of the time.

We would also very much welcome a voluntary donation, to be brought in on the day, of £1.00 for the Trafalgar School Fund to enable us to continue to purchase additional resources for the children at Trafalgar Community Infant School.

## Easy Lunch Tasting Lunch Special – Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> October



On Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> October, The Easy Lunch Company will be celebrating 15 years of cooking and delivering hot school meals by providing a Tasting Lunch Special for the children at Trafalgar. Each child will be able to try both pizza and pasta. If your child does **not** currently have a hot lunch in school (UIFSM) but would like a hot lunch on this day, **please inform the School Office by the morning of Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> September at the latest in order that they are added to our lunch order for the following week.**

### Menu

Cheese and tomato pizza slice  
and  
Cheesy tomato pasta  
with  
Mixed salad

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Orange Polenta Cake

Special dietary requirements who are registered with Easy Lunch will be catered for accordingly. However, please advise Easy Lunch if your child has a special diet but does not usually take up the option of a Universal Free School Meal ([emma@theeasy lunchcompany.co.uk](mailto:emma@theeasy lunchcompany.co.uk)).

**If your child usually has a hot school lunch you need do nothing.**

## School Lunch Support



Now the majority of children are full-time and eating school lunches each day, please can we ask for your help at home to practice with your child using a knife and fork effectively. Many children in all three year groups are needing support to cut up their own food at lunch, so your support with this would be much appreciated.

Many thanks in advance.

## Thank you to our Summer Holiday Volunteers!



A huge thank you to all the volunteers from energy network SGN, who spent a day with us in the summer holidays revitalising our outdoor learning and playing spaces. They have given a new lease of life to the fun theatre, as well as weeding flower beds and refreshing the Reception garden; including creating our very own bike track!

The volunteers did this as part of their Community Action Programme (CAP). The CAP scheme gives a day of company time each year to volunteer to help an organisation or charity of their choice. Thank you to Rich King for suggesting us to SGN. If your company has a similar scheme or you might have some time or specific skills, you could volunteer - please consider helping us. We have lots of jobs that need doing to keep our school looking tip-top. Please let Miss Hickie, Mrs Cotton or the School Office know if you think you might be able to help.



### Pupil Voice

"They painted the fun theatre - green's my favourite colour."

"It's been colour-coded. It looks like an alien's invaded!"

"I like the race track because it is fun!"

## New Reception Intake – Academic Year 2025-2026

We now have tour dates for 2025-2026 intake scheduled as below. Please share this information with your family/friends/community.

**Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> September - 2pm**

**Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> October - 9.15am**

**Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> October - 9.15am**

**Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> October - 9.15am**

**Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> November - 2pm**

**Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> November - 9.15am**

**Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> November - 9.15am**

**Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> November - 2pm**

**Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> December - 9.15am**

**Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> December - 9.15am**

**Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> January - 9.15am**

If you would like to book a tour of our school please email or call the School Office. Spaces are limited, 2 adults per child. Tour will last approximately 45 mins.



It is not too late to register your Reception new starter with CoolMilk.

Please go to <https://coolmilk.com/>

Milk is delivered daily FREE for children under the age of five and subsidised for all other children in primary education.

 [office@trafalgarinfant.com](mailto:office@trafalgarinfant.com)

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## Term Dates 2024/2025

### Autumn Term:

2<sup>nd</sup> Sept - 20<sup>th</sup> Dec 2024

- Half Term 28<sup>th</sup> Oct - 1<sup>st</sup> Nov
- Christmas break 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec 2024 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan 2025

### Spring Term:

6<sup>th</sup> Jan - 4<sup>th</sup> April 2025

- Half Term 17<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> Feb
- Easter break 7<sup>th</sup> April - 21<sup>st</sup> April

### Summer Term:

22<sup>nd</sup> April - 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2025

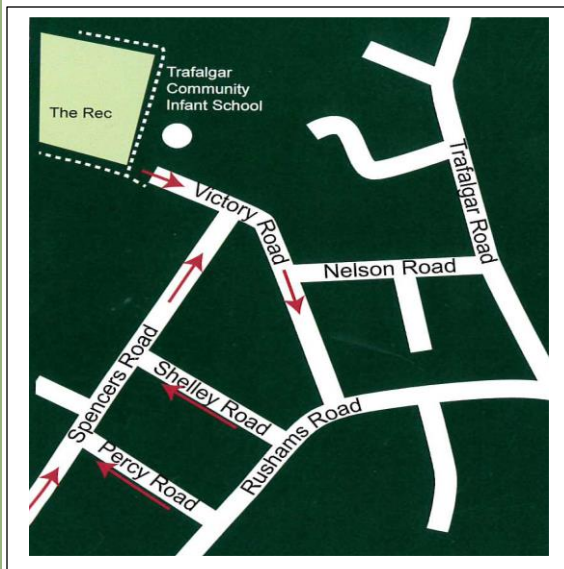
- Half Term 26<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> May

- Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept 2024
- Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept 2024
- Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> Feb 2025
- Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2025
- Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2025

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## Voluntary One Way System

The school is grateful to all parents/carers who are prepared to use the voluntary 'one way' system. For the safety of the children as well as for the convenience of all, we hope everyone will comply. As a reminder, when travelling to the school by car, leave Rushams Road by way of Percy Road, Shelley Road or Greenway and approach the school along Spencers Road; and when leaving the school rejoin Rushams Road by way of Victory Road. This is a considerable help in easing the congestion in the roads surrounding the school at peak times, and helps to improve safety, when parents/carers are delivering and collecting their children.

## Medication in School and Keeping Warm as Winter Approaches



Now the Winter months are fast approaching, 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.



### Did you know....?

“Children who see adults reading, and enjoying it, are much more likely to want to read themselves”

<https://www.pearson.com/uk/learners/primary-parents/learn-at-home/help-your-child-to-enjoy-reading/why-is-reading-so-important.html>

### Challenge(s) of the week...

Set aside some time this week to **visit the library** with your child/children.

If you/they don't have a library card (or it has expired), re-join!

It's completely free and means you can access books in any library in West Sussex!

Ask a member of staff if they can show you and your children around, and tell you all about how it is organised, how they can find/reserve/borrow/return books, and what the rules are. Borrow a book and set aside some time to spend reading it!