



Trafalgar Schools' Federation



Sarah Keefe, Headteacher

Golden Newsletter

Summer 2, 2026



Sophie Riley, Chair of Governors

HEAD TEACHER'S MESSAGE

As another successful year comes to a close, I would like to thank our entire school community for making it such a special one.

A fond farewell to our Year 6 pupils as they move on to secondary school. We are incredibly proud of all you have achieved and wish you every success for the future.

Thank you to our wonderful PTA for their generosity and support, which has enriched so many opportunities for our children and helped strengthen our school community. Thank you also to our amazing team of staff for their hard work, commitment and for looking after our children throughout the year.

Most importantly, well done to all our incredible children. You have grown in confidence, knowledge and independence, and we are proud of everything you have achieved.

We wish all our families a happy and relaxing summer break and look forward to welcoming everyone back in September, refreshed and ready for another exciting year ahead.

As we say farewell to **Sophie Riley**, our Chair of Governors, we would like to express our gratitude for her outstanding leadership and commitment to Trafalgar Schools over several years.

Sophie has been instrumental in supporting the school through a period of significant change. Her dedication, wisdom and strong leadership have helped guide the school forward and ensured that the governing body has remained focused on achieving the very best for our children, staff and wider community.

While we are sorry to see Sophie step down from her role, we are incredibly grateful for all she has done. She leaves behind a strong and committed team of governors, as well as robust processes and foundations that will continue to support the school's future success.

On behalf of the entire Trafalgar community, we thank Sophie for her invaluable contribution and wish her every happiness and success for the future.

Reminder -
Children return to school on Monday 7th September

Parents and Community

Summer 2, 2026

Visit Richmond- Holiday events

[Click here to see the events on offer in Richmond this summer holiday.](#)



Free summer activities for young people aged 9-18 (FUEL/HAF)

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This year we are running from July 27 - August 28. That's 5 weeks of freeness for you to enjoy. There are customary weekly trips for attendees to check out and snacks and drinks are included too. It's ram packed with things to do so pop down, make some new friends and have some fun!

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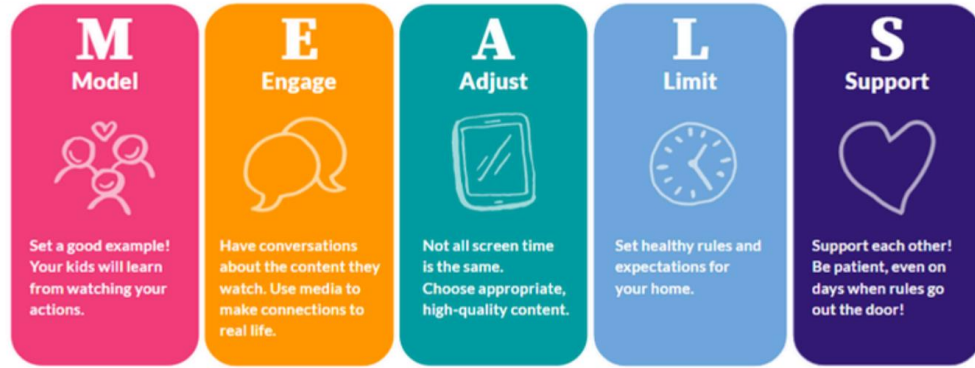
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Digital Wellbeing Workshop



Unplug the headphones



Here are just a few of the topics we discussed. The full presentation can be found on our website:
https://trafalgarfederation.org.uk/docs/Online_Safety/Strategies_for_a_digitally_balanced_lifestyle_Trafalgar_Schools.pdf

Thank you to James Haworth from Dukes Education for this great workshop!

Be the administrator



Software solutions for family devices

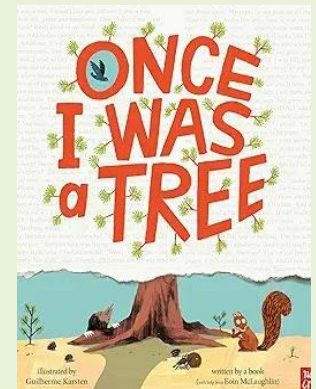
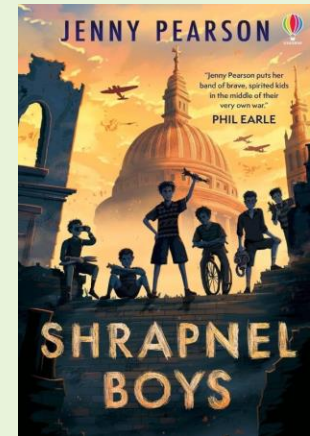




Thank you PTA - for organising the hugely successful Trafalgar Summer Fair and for all that you have done to support the children at Trafalgar this year!



Spark Award Winners 2025- 2026



On Tuesday, Evie, a local librarian visited us and gave assemblies to Reception, KS1 and KS2 about the Summer Reading Challenge. To find out more visit your local library or click here...

<https://www.richmond.gov.uk/services/libraries/library-services-for-children-and-teens/summer-reading-challenge>

Book donations

If you would like to buy a book for the KS1 or KS2 library we would love to have more books, especially non-fiction in KS1. Also, we are building up our stock of SPARK books so these would also be a good choice. All donated books will have a 'donated by...' sticker placed inside the front cover.

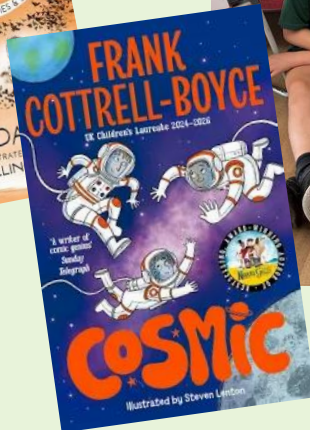
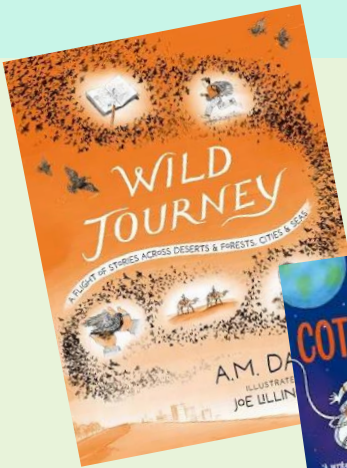
Battle of the Books!



On 26th June, eight Year 4 children attended Richmond's Battle of the Books competition at St. James's school. In preparation, the children had to read **six** books and do lots of tasks to help them know the books really well. Our team did us proud!

Round 1: The Quiz

We had to go up one at a time to answer a question about one of the books we had read.



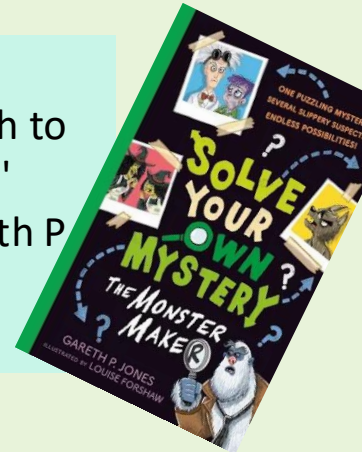
Round 2: Art

The children were given an illustration from a book and had to use it to inspire a piece of art.



Author Presentation

We were lucky enough to take part in a 'musical' based on one of Gareth P Jones – he was really funny!





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Thank you to all the parents who attended the various sports days this year. They were a great success and good fun was had by all!



Reception

This term we have enjoyed learning about the Ocean and Pirates. We also performed our assembly to our parents!



Keeping cool in our 'rock pools'!



We loved the mobile farm coming to visit us. We enjoyed feeding and stroking the animals. We then had a special farm picnic for lunch!

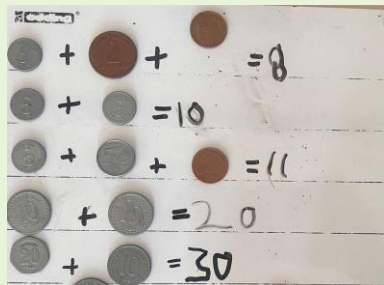


Year 1

In English we have been writing our own stories inspired by the storm whale! Our stories had a beginning, middle and end as well as lots of amazing adjectives. We made sure that every sentence was a golden sentence, ask us what a golden sentence needs!



In year 1 we have been learning all about seaside holidays in the past and present. We were so lucky that Freshwater Theatre company visited us and took us on a time travelling adventure all the way back to 1910!



In Maths we have been learning all about money, as well as how to tell the time to the hour, and half past the hour. Keep testing us at home so we can remember!

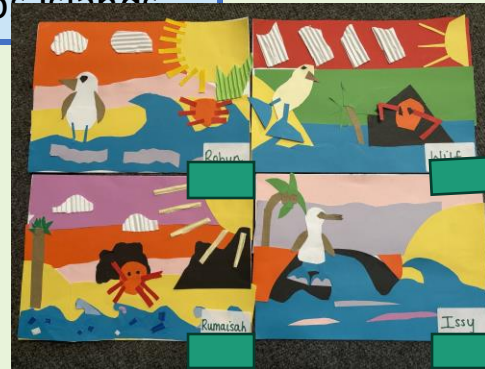
As part of the year 1 curriculum this year we have been learning to classify animals in Science. To consolidate this learning, we went on a trip to London Zoo! We got to see all kind of reptiles and birds, but our favorite bit was getting to see the sloth who was sleeping just above our head. Did you know bats are mammals?

Our art topic has been based around seaside landscape images. We experimented with a variety of mediums and took time to discuss which we preferred and why.

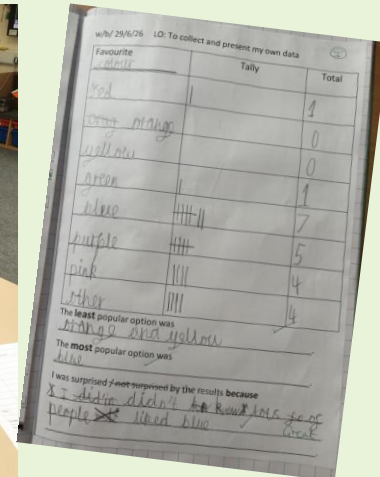
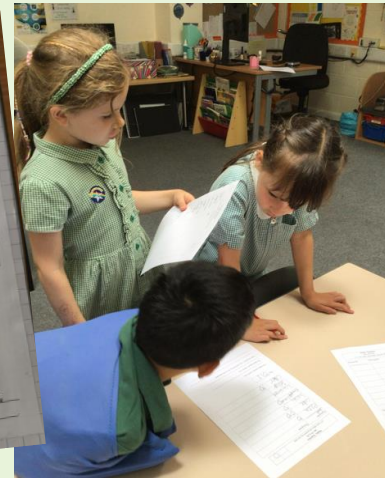
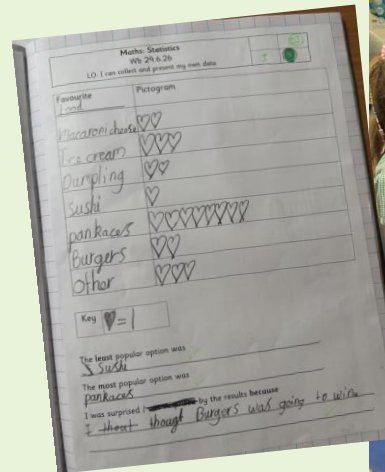
Year 2

We have planned and written our brochures about the wonderful Galapagos islands. In Art we created a collage of the many different animals that live on the islands. The children have thoroughly enjoyed demonstrating their writing skills and using persuasion techniques to entice the reader to visit the Galapagos Islands.

In Science, we have been learning to identify and classify invertebrates. We have used our research skills to present our findings in a fact book all about invertebrates. We visited the stockyards in Bushy park to go meadow sweeping, pond dipping and log rolling.



In maths lessons we collected our own data and presented it in different ways such as pictograms, tally charts, tables and block diagrams.



KS1 & Reception Music

We have been learning lots of songs this year and Y2 really enjoyed performing 1666 our song about The Great Fire of London to Munira Wilson.



Y1 performed their African Drumming piece in their Summer assembly this year, showing their fantastic rhythm skills and their vocal call and response.

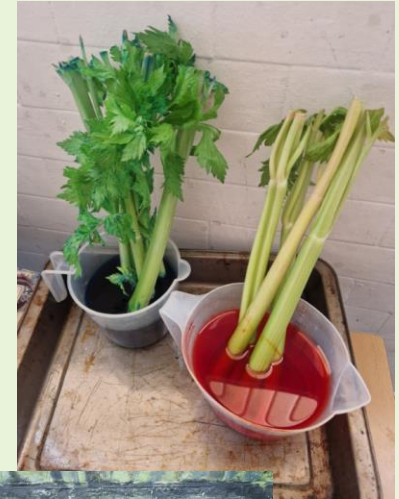


Our Reception and KS1 choir gave a fabulous performance at the Summer Fair

Year 3

Wow! What a fun-filled final half term Year 3 have had! We have shown off our creative projects, performed our class assembly and published our stories! We have loved taking part in everything we have achieved in Year 3 and are excited about starting Year 4 in the Autumn Term!

Inspired by **Antony Gormley** and **Clarice Cliff**, Year 3 pupils explored sculpture and pottery using clay. They developed skills in shaping, texturing, and joining clay using the **score and slip** technique. Children thoroughly enjoyed creating their own sculptures and decorative pots, showing creativity, resilience, and pride in their finished artwork.



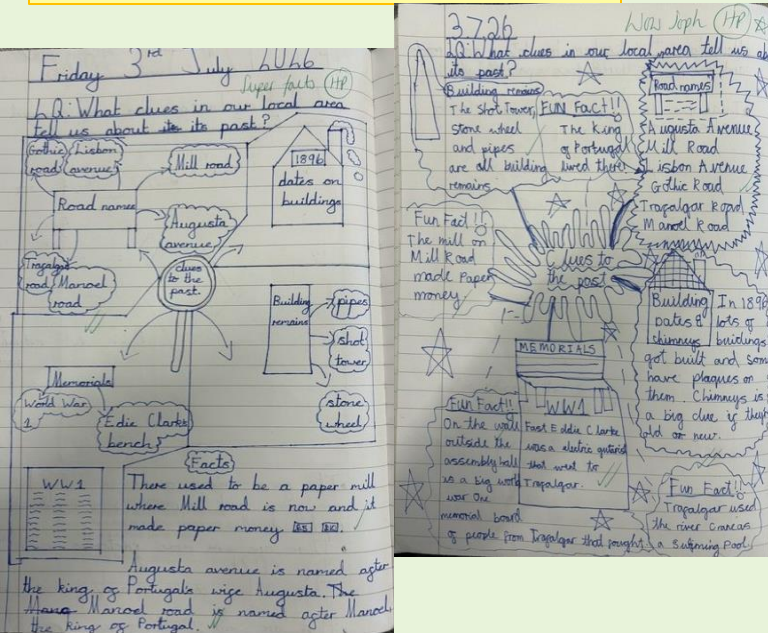
In Year 3, children explored the Plants topic by learning about the different parts of a plant and their functions. They investigated what plants need to grow and survive, observed life cycles, and identified ways seeds disperse. Children also planted sunflowers, caring for them regularly and observing their growth over time.

Year 4

We can't believe we've reached the end of the year! Here's a snapshot of what our Summer 2 has looked like:

In DT this term we have been developing our sewing schools and we each designed and made our own pouch using running stitch or over stitch – some of used both!

In History we have been learning about the history of our local area. We've looked at old maps and compared them with what Twickenham looks like today. We also went on a History walk with Mr Smith who helped us find different clues around the area that tell us about the past.



We also went on a trip to the Barnes Wetlands Centre for our Science unit on Living Things and Habitats. Despite the heat and train delays, we had a wonderful time pond dipping and enjoying the beautiful wetlands.



This half term has been all about the trips!

Year 5

We visited Hounslow Mosque where the Imam told us about the building, and how it is used. He also told us about some Muslim beliefs and highlighted some of the similarities with Christianity and Judaism.



Our trip to the Twickenham apiary helped us understand the lifecycle of bees and how important they are for all living things. We even got to hold a drone (a male bee with no stinger).



We also made our moving toys after the cams finally arrived.



Year 5 had a wonderful trip to Marble Hill House and Park, where we found out about Henrietta Howard - the remarkable woman who built Marble Hill House in the 18th century.



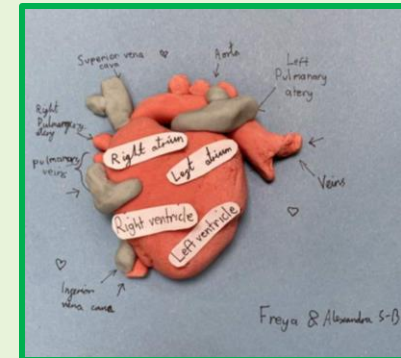
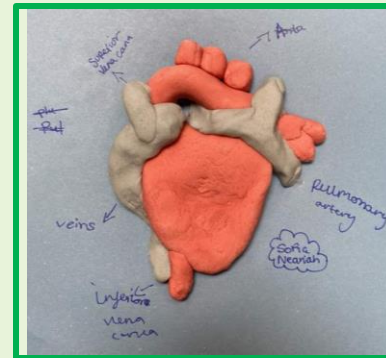
Year 6

It has been such a busy final half-term! We went to the Orange Tree Theatre to see *Comedy of Errors* and chose our PTA books from The Alligator's Mouth Bookshop. We also had our Mini medics workshop, our residential trip to Kingswood and our leavers' show: Shakespeare Rocks. Look out for loads more in our Y6 2026 Yearbook..!



As part of our **Science** topic on *Healthy Living*, we explored how the *circulatory system* works; made salt dough models of the *heart* and researched what our bodies need to stay *healthy*.

In Maths, we have all enjoyed making (and playing!) our own board games.



GOOD LUCK

Good luck, everyone – have a fabulous summer and a great start at your secondary schools. We will miss you!



Year 6 residential

Year 6 had an incredible time at Kingswood; the weather was great, the food was tasty and the children were amazing at attempting all the activities.

What a fantastic way to end the year!



Year 5: La cafetería: how to order food and drinks: **QUISIERA un bocadillo de jamón. QUISIERA un agua con gas. Our favourite Spanish menu**



El menú de día

- Primer plato
- Uñas
- Segundo plato
- Un bocadillo de jamón
- POSTRE
- Vinos chicos
- Una crema catalana
- La bebida
- Una coronada
- Un té
- Un dulce caliente
- Zumo de naranja
- Zumo de manzana

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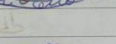
ada mixta — 

paella — 

uta de chocolate — 

crema catalana — 

as gambas — 

as croquetas — 

as patatas bravas — 

Year 3: My birthday is on.../ **Mi cumpleaños es el.... de....**

Marques dos de junio

¿Cuándo es tu cumpleaños? ✓

Mi cumpleaños es el 2 de agosto ✓

Pastel cumpleaños






lunes martes miércoles jueves

LOS DÍAS DE LA SEMANA

viernes sábado domingo

Year 4: how to order ice creams: **QUISIERA un helado de menta/ Un cucurucho de vainilla/ Una tarrina de chocolate.**

Nombre Soph, HNB

Instructions: Which 3 flavours of ice-cream would you like? Draw in the flavours then write in Spanish what you would like.



Quisiera una tarrina por favor.

Una bola ... de menta con un flake

una bola de limón

y una bola de fresa con un flake

WORD BANK

de vainilla	de fresa	de plátano
de pistacho	de menta	de chocolate
de caramelo	de mora	de café



quisiera un cucurucho por favor.

Una bola de café

una bola de menta con un flake

Al tres bolas de caramelo

y dos bolas de chocolate con un flake.

Year 6: What time is it? ¿Qué hora es?: We made our Spanish watches



SEE YOU LATER!

This is what learning Spanish is all about. These photos were taken when the children were in Year 6, and now they are able to make friends in Spanish.

Seeing the Trafalgar students so engaged and focused as they read the letters they have received from their pen pals is a truly special moment and a goal achieved. They have all written beautiful letters in Spanish and created wonderful drawings to accompany them.

Es la guinda del pastel — the icing on the cake.

I am incredibly proud of them. As I return home to my country for good, I do so, knowing that, in a place called Twickenham, there is a wonderful school where children learn Spanish with such enthusiasm, curiosity, and joy.

I will miss you all very much

It has been an honour to be part of your lives. ❤️ **Señorita Sam**

