



## Newsletter

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**9 January 2026**  
**Spring Term Week 14**

### **This week**

#### **Children born between 1.9.2021 and 31.8.2022**

If your child was born between 1.9.2021 and 31.8.2022 you need to apply for a place in Reception starting in September 2026. Go to [www.richmond.gov.uk](http://www.richmond.gov.uk) and click on School Admissions. **Closing date 15 January 2026.**

#### **Y2 children**

If your child is in Y2 you need to apply to join the Junior School in September 2026. Go to [www.richmond.gov.uk](http://www.richmond.gov.uk) and click on School Admissions. **Closing date 15 January 2026.**

#### **Exciting News: Voice 21 Oracy Project at Trafalgar School**

We're delighted to announce that Trafalgar Infant School is embarking on an exciting whole-school oracy project with Voice 21, designed to support 'talk for learning' across our school community.

#### **What is Oracy and Why Does it Matter?**

Oracy is the use of verbal interaction (dialogue) to develop pupils' skills in using spoken language, their understanding and use of vocabulary, and pupils' ability to communicate effectively with others. Developing strong oracy skills can help pupils increase self-confidence, deepen their self-awareness, improve resilience, boost their wellbeing, and increase their academic achievement and employability. Research shows that oracy interventions can have a significant impact on children's learning and development. For our young learners at Trafalgar, strong oracy skills provide the foundation for all future learning. When children can express themselves clearly, listen carefully to others, and engage in meaningful conversations, they develop the language and thinking skills essential for reading, writing, and understanding across all subjects.

#### **How You Can Support at Home**

Each week in our Trafalgar newsletter, we'll be sharing a 'Talk Topic' – a conversation starter designed to spark meaningful discussions at home. These topics will:

- Encourage your child to express their ideas and opinions
- Help develop their vocabulary and language skills
- Build confidence in speaking and listening
- Create opportunities for quality family time
- Strengthen the home-school connection

We warmly encourage all families to engage with these weekly topics

The conversations don't need to be long or formal – even a few minutes of focused discussion at mealtimes, during car journeys, or at bedtime can make a real difference. Every conversation helps build your child's communication skills and confidence.

By participating in this project, you're helping your child develop skills that will benefit them throughout their lives – not just in school, but in their future careers and relationships. Strong communication skills open doors and create opportunities.

We're excited to embark on this journey together and look forward to hearing about the wonderful conversations happening in your homes!

Talk Topic (chosen by Noah, Henry and Callum - Y6)

**What do you think is the most important thing our government should spend money on and why?**

### **Payments**

From Monday 12 January the office will not be accepting any cash payments. All items will need to be bought through Parentmail.

Please look in Payments - shop for the item you need and make your payment. You can then collect what you have bought from the school office. Thank you.

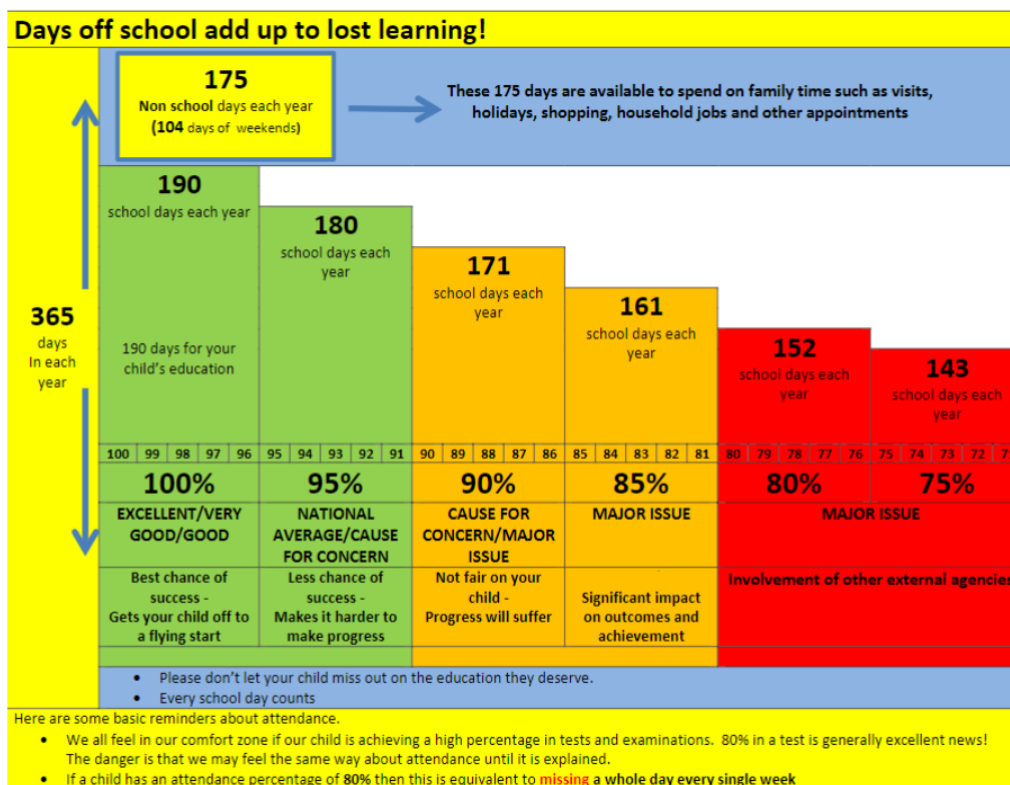
### **Reminders**

#### **Attendance Matters: Every Day Counts**

We wanted to remind you just how important regular school attendance is for your child's learning and development. Research shows that children who are frequently absent from school face significant barriers to their learning, behaviour, and overall wellbeing. Missing school, particularly repeatedly or for prolonged periods, can leave children educationally disadvantaged and vulnerable to falling behind their peers.

**The impact is real:** Even small amounts of missed learning can add up over time, affecting your child's ability to keep up with their classmates and reach their full potential. We understand that sometimes absence is unavoidable due to illness or other genuine reasons. However, we want to work together with you to ensure your child attends school every day they possibly can. If your child is experiencing difficulties with attendance, please don't hesitate to contact us. We're here to support you and your family.

Thank you for your continued support in making sure every child at Trafalgar Infant School has the best possible start in their education.



## Uniform

Please remember the children should not be wearing jewellery in school. If your child has pierced ears, remember studs only. KS2 children are allowed to wear watches (no smart watches please), however, we do ask that KS1 and EY do not wear watches in school. Thank you.

## Lost Property

There are several items of lost property in school. Anything not claimed by 16 January will go to the PTA uniform sale.

## Library Books

Please return library books, or speak to the office.

## DATES

| FORTHCOMING FEDERATION EVENTS                    |            |                                                      |  |
|--------------------------------------------------|------------|------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Please note these dates may be subject to change |            |                                                      |                                                                                     |
| DATE                                             | YEAR GROUP | EVENT                                                |                                                                                     |
| Fri 6 Feb                                        | All        | PTA Quiz and Curry Night                             |                                                                                     |
| 16 – 22 Feb                                      | All        | Half term                                            |                                                                                     |
| Fri 6 March                                      | All        | Class Reps Meeting                                   |                                                                                     |
| 30 March – 12 April                              | All        | Easter Break                                         |                                                                                     |
| Sun 26 April                                     | All        | Earth Day at Meadway                                 |                                                                                     |
| Fri 1 May                                        | All        | Class Reps meeting                                   |                                                                                     |
| Fri 22 May                                       | All        | Staff training day – school closed to children       |                                                                                     |
| 25 – 29 May                                      | All        | Half term                                            |                                                                                     |
| Fri 12 June                                      | All        | Non school uniform day – jars for the summer fair    |                                                                                     |
| Fri 19 June                                      | All        | Class Reps meeting                                   |                                                                                     |
| Fri 26 June                                      | All        | Non school uniform day – bottles for the summer fair |                                                                                     |
| Sun 28 June                                      | All        | Summer Fair                                          |                                                                                     |
| EYFS and KS1 DATES                               |            |                                                      |                                                                                     |
| Tues 24 Feb                                      | Y2         | Visit to Strawberry Hill House                       |                                                                                     |
| KS2 DATES                                        |            |                                                      |                                                                                     |
| Wed 11 Feb                                       | Y4         | Visit to the Gudwara                                 |                                                                                     |
| Thurs 12 Feb                                     | Y4         | Visit to the Gudwara                                 |                                                                                     |
| Fri 15 May – Sun 17 May                          | Y5         | Residential to Juniper Hall                          |                                                                                     |
| Fri 19 June                                      | Y6         | Residential to Kingswood trip                        |                                                                                     |

## **COMMUNITY**

### **Monday Football**

The Monday Football Club will have its first session on Monday 26th January 2026. For all the details to join please email Martyn Spong, club organiser on [m.spong07@btinternet.com](mailto:m.spong07@btinternet.com)

### **The Wizard of Oz**

See attached flyer.

### **Boundless Dance**

Please see attached flyer regarding adults classes.