



Newsletter

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Spring Term Week 21

Trafalgar Golden Handwriting Week

We're excited to announce that we'll be celebrating **Trafalgar Golden Handwriting Week** from 16-20 March. Throughout the week, children will be focusing on developing their handwriting skills, exploring different styles, and taking pride in presenting their work beautifully.

Handwriting is an important skill that helps children express themselves clearly and builds their confidence in all areas of learning. During this special week, we'll be encouraging children to think carefully about letter formation, spacing, and presentation.

How you can support at home

Here are some fun activities you can try with your child during Trafalgar Golden Handwriting Week:

Daily practice activities:

- **Create a handwriting menu** – Ask your child to design and write out a menu for their dream restaurant, using their best handwriting
- **Write a letter to someone special** – Encourage your child to write a letter or postcard to a family member or friend, focusing on neat presentation
- **Make labels** – Help your child create handwritten labels for items around the house, or for their belongings

Creative handwriting challenges:

- **Word of the day** – Choose an interesting word each day and ask your child to write it in different styles (bubble letters, joined up, capital letters)
- **Copy favourite quotes** – Find a favourite line from a book or poem and ask your child to copy it out in their neatest handwriting
- **Handwriting treasure hunt** – Hide notes around the house with clues written in careful handwriting for your child to find

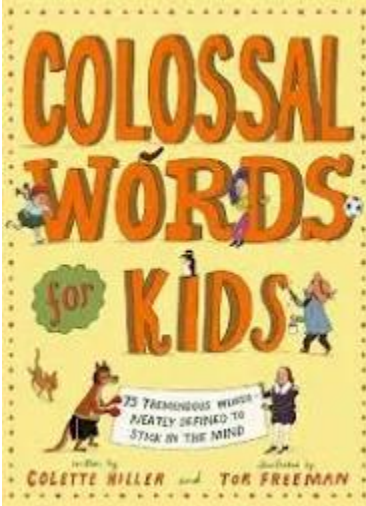
QUESTION OF THE WEEK - *What's one thing you're working on to improve your handwriting this week?*

Or - What makes you proud of your writing?"

We'd love to see examples of your child's handwriting practice at home – please feel free to send photos or bring your lovely writing to show your teacher.

A Colossal Visit!

We were delighted to welcome children's author **Collette Hiller** to Trafalgar Infant School on Monday 9 March for a truly inspiring assembly about her wonderful book ***Colossal Words***. Collette captivated the children with her interactive presentation, bringing words to life in the most engaging way. Following the assembly, many excited children had the opportunity to have their books signed. We hope your child has been sharing their favourite colossal word with you at home this week – we'd love to hear which words have sparked their imagination!



Collette Hiller -

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Comic Relief – Friday 20th March

Remember to add a little red to your school uniform.

Year 1 Phonics Workshop

We would like to invite Year 1 parents to a phonics workshop on Friday 20 March at 2.30pm. The focus of this workshop will be to look at how you can support your child with phonics, reading and the Phonics Screening Check that will take place in the summer term.

Scooters and bikes

Please ensure that you take your child's scooter or bike home at the end of the school day. It has been noted that several are often left on the premises overnight.

Caterlink

The school meals provider, Caterlink, would be very grateful if you could complete the survey. The link is given below.

Primary Pupil Survey Link - <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/R3RTFTV>

The closing date for these surveys is **Friday 27th March 2026**

DATES

FORTHCOMING FEDERATION EVENTS			
Please note these dates may be subject to change			
DATE	YEAR GROUP	EVENT	
16-20 March	All	Golden Handwriting Week	
Fri 20 March	All	Comic Relief – add a little red to your school uniform	
30 March – 12 April	All	Easter Break	
Fri 24 April	All	Earth Day at Meadway (3.00 - 6.00 pm)	
Fri 1 May	All	Class Reps meeting	
Wed 20 May	Choir	Rose Theatre Singing Festival	
Fri 22 May	All	Staff training day – school closed to children	
25 – 29 May	All	Half term	
Fri 12 June	All	Non-uniform day – jars for the summer fair	
Thurs 18 June	all	Whole school photos	
Fri 19 June	All	Class Reps meeting	
Fri 26 June	All	Non-uniform day – bottles for the summer fair	
Sun 28 June	All	Summer Fair	
EYFS and KS1 DATES			
Fri 20 March	Y1	Phonics and Reading workshop at 2.30 pm	
Week beg’ 8 June	Y1	Phonics Screening Check	
Thurs 11 June	Y2	Visit to The Stockyard as part of the curriculum	
Thurs 18 June	Y1	Visit to London Zoo as part of the curriculum	
Mon 29 June	Rec	Reception classes assembly TBC	
Wed 1 July	Y2 Scarlet	Class assembly TBC	
Thurs 2 July	Y1	Class assembly TBC	
Friday 3 July	Y2 Orange	Class assembly TBC	
KS2 DATES			
Wed 18 March	Y6	Instrumental Assembly 9.00 am	
Thurs 26 March	Y5 AJ	Class Assembly 9.05 am	
20 April -1 May	Y6	Cycle Training	
11 – 14 May	Y6	SATs week	

Fri 15 May – Sun 17 May	Y5	Residential to Juniper Hall 18 May - Juniper Hall Rest day (Y5 Not at school)
Week beg' 1 June	Y4	Multiplication Check
Fri 19 June Mon 22	Y6	Residential to Kingswood trip Tuesday 23 Kingswood Rest Day (Y6 Not at school)
Tues 7, Wed 8 July	Y6	Y6 production
Wed 8 July	Y4	Wetlands TBC

COMMUNITY

Boundless Dance

See attached flyer.

Halliford School

See attached flyer.

Barracudas

See attached flyers.

RBO Youth Opera Programme Applications (2026-2027)

The Royal Ballet and Opera have opened applications for places on our FREE Youth Opera programmes starting in September 2026. We invite applications from all enthusiastic young singers living in and around London, who will be aged 8 –11 on 1st September 2026 (currently in Years 3-5).

Young Voices Programme

Young singers who will be aged 8 on 1st September 2026 are invited to apply for our Young Voices programme – a FREE 6-month singing programme aimed at developing participants’ vocal skills and musical literacy.

Youth Opera Company

Young singers who will be aged 9-11 on 1st September 2026 are invited to apply for our Youth Opera Company programme – a FREE multi-year in-house chorus which offers all-round training in the performing arts and opportunities to audition for the children’s chorus in the Royal Opera Company’s productions.

All applicants should be able to demonstrate:

- A passion for and commitment to singing
- An interest in drama and performing skills
- An enthusiasm for teamwork and collaboration

We particularly welcome applications from those typically under-represented within youth singing programmes including those who are from global majority heritages, lower-income backgrounds, those who are boys, and disabled children.

For more information regarding the RBO Youth Opera Programmes and how to apply, please visit our website here:

[RBO Youth Opera Programmes](#)

Please submit your application **by midnight on Sunday 10 May**. Should you experience any issues completing the application form, please contact youthopera@roh.org.uk in advance of the deadline.