



Newsletter

Summer Term - 1 May 2026



**If you could create one new rule for how your class talks and works together,
what would it be and why?**



EARTH DAY

A heartfelt **thank you** to Caroline Atkins, Sally Dowling, Rachel Hutchins, and our incredible PTA team and parent volunteers for bringing this fantastic event to life. Your energy, organisation and enthusiasm made it a real celebration of our Trafalgar community. The bike sale was also a huge success, raising over £400 so far!

The day wasn't just fun — it was meaningful. As part of our ongoing focus on sustainability, the children have been exploring how to *Recycle, Reuse and Reduce* through assemblies, Earth Day activities and competitions. They've shared thoughtful, creative ideas about how each of us can care for our planet and the impact even small actions can have.

URGENT NOTICE - Contact Details:

It is essential that we have 2 contact details for your child, just in case of an emergency and if we are unable to contact the primary number. Thank you.

Competitions – last chance to enter!

Don't forget about the two popular English competitions coming up, so get reading and writing!

The Wimbledon Book Fest Young Writers Competition has a deadline of **Tuesday 5 May** for entries to be emailed to their class teacher. See the attached PDF for details and inspiration.

The SPARK book awards, where children are book critics and vote for their most popular book.

Voting begins on 1 June.

As always, we can't wait to see/hear your children's brilliant ideas.



Staff Fundraiser - Miss Hunt (Y4 class teacher)

I started at **Trafalgar** in September 1999, on the very same day as a dear friend of mine, **Kelly Knipe**.

On **Monday 4 May**, I'll be taking on the **Marathon Hike Medal Series – 3 Peaks Challenge**

(<https://www.themountaincoach.com/products/marathon-hike-medal-series-yorkshire-3-peaks-challenge-bank-holiday-monday-4th-may>) to raise money for **St Wilfrid's Hospice, Eastbourne**. This is a cause very close to my heart, as both Kelly and Brian, (her beloved husband) experienced the incredible care, kindness and support the hospice provided during his final journey.

Any donation, however small, would be hugely appreciated. If you're unable to donate, your words of support and encouragement would also mean a great deal.

St Wilfrid's Hospice (Eastbourne) Ltd. Here's my JustGiving page, if you'd like to donate.

https://www.justgiving.com/page/mim-hunt-1?utm_medium=FA&utm_source=WA

Thank you so much for reading and for any support you're able to give.

Y4 Children's Fundraiser- Reminder

We are doing a fundraising event for these charities – Dementia UK, Parkinson's UK, David Adams Leukemia Appeal Fund. The event takes place on **Friday 8th May** outside the school gates on **Elmsleigh Rd**. We will be selling lots of things like cakes, drinks, jewellery, toys, books and games. (See our colourful posters around the school.)

Please support our charities by bringing **cash only**.

Thank you from.

Clara, Annabelle, Sophie K, Zuzu, Lilly and Isla. (Y4)



Cycling and Road Safety – Important Update

As our Year 6 pupils undertake their cycling proficiency training, staff and instructors have raised serious safeguarding concerns about road safety for KS2 children. Recent incidents include children cycling to school without helmets, cycling alone without adult supervision, and a near-accident where two pupils cycled dangerously, causing two cars to make emergency stops. To keep all children safe, we ask parents to ensure their child wears a properly fitted helmet and high-visibility clothing, uses safe routes, rides sensibly, and is **always supervised by an adult** when cycling to and from school.

Please note: permission to walk home alone does not extend to cycling. Children must also dismount and walk their bicycles on pavements around the school and in car parks or playground.

The school is reinforcing road safety in assemblies and PSHE lessons, monitoring arrival and dismissal times, and encouraging everyone to report incidents immediately. Following the cycling proficiency training, it remains parental responsibility to continue supporting cycle safety and proficiency on all journeys to and from school. If you witness or are involved in a road safety incident involving our pupils, please contact the school office immediately.

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our children safe.



We say a fond farewell to Poppy and Midnight who rest at peace in our Meadway garden. They lived a long and happy life with the Reception.

DATES

FORTHCOMING FEDERATION EVENTS			
Please note these dates may be subject to change			
DATE	YEAR GROUP	EVENT	
Fri 8 May	All	Y4 children’s Fundraiser	
Thurs 21 May	All	No screens day	
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	
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	
Thurs 9 July	All	Online Safety Workshop (evening online event)	
Fri 10 July	All	End of Year Reports to parents	
Fri 17 July	All	Last Day of Term	
EYFS and KS1 DATES			
Tues 19 May	Y1/Y2	Discos	
Week beg’ 8 June	Y1	Phonics Screening Check (all week)	
Thurs 11 June	Y2	Visit to The Stockyard as part of the curriculum	
Mon 15 June	Rec & KS1	School Photographer in	
Tues 16 June	Rec Y1/Y2	Sports Day 9.30 start Meadway	
Wed 17 June	Y2	Scarlet and Orange to visit The Stockyard at Bushy Park	
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 9.15am start	
Thurs 2 July	Y1	Y1 Seaside Workshop	
Friday 3 July	Y2 Orange	Class assembly 9.15am start	
Tues 7 July	Y1 Green	Class assembly 9.15am start	
Wed 8 July	Y1 Blue	Class assembly 9.15am start	
KS2 DATES			
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)	
Tues 19 May	Y5	Disco	
Wed 20 May	Y3/4 Y6	Discos	
Wed 20 May	Choir	Rose Theatre Singing Festival	
Week beg’ 1 June	Y4	Multiplication Check	
Thurs 4 June	5S	Class assembly 9.15am start	

Tues 9 June	Y5	Trip to visit Mosque
Thurs 11 June	Y5B	Class assembly 9.15am start
Thurs 18 June	KS2	School Photographer in
Fri 19 June Mon 22	Y6	Residential to Kingswood trip Tuesday 23 Kingswood Rest Day (Y6 Not at school)
Thurs 25 June	Y3	Trip to Kew Gardens
Thurs 25 June	Y6	Orange Tree Theatre workshops in school
Mon 29 June	Y6	Visit to Orange Tree Theatre
Tues 7, Wed 8 July	Y6	Y6 production
Wed 8 July	Y4	Wetlands TBC
Thurs 9 July	Y3/4/5/6	KS2 Sports Day 9.30 - 12.30
Thurs 16 July	Y3/4/5/6	Reserve KS2 Sports Day 9.30 - 12.30

COMMUNITY

Probable moderate pollution has been forecast for Saturday 2 May.

This is an air quality alert provided by the Mayor of London.

You are receiving it because the air pollution in London is forecast to be higher than normal and could reach “moderate” status.

Defra advises that [children need not be kept from school or prevented from taking part in games](#). However, during

- high air pollution episodes, those with cardiac or respiratory conditions may need to reduce vigorous physical activity, particularly outdoors and particularly if they experience coughing, wheezing, shortness of breath or worsening of existing heart and lung conditions.
- For children with asthma, extra attention should be given to ensure they take their preventer inhaler or controller medications every day as prescribed and have immediate access to their reliever inhalers if symptoms come on.
- Close external windows and doors that are close to main roads if there is adequate ventilation.

Suggested long term actions:

- Keep an eye on pollution [forecasts](#) so your school is prepared for high alerts
- Use the [GLA schools toolkit](#) to improve air quality at your establishment
- If possible, swap your school entrance so it is away from the main road or set up a school street
- Engage your students on air pollution and the action they can take. You could use the resources available as part of the TfL [Travel for Life](#) programme
- Contact the [schools pollution helpdesk](#) on 020 4534 3910 who can provide further advice
- Please see the [London schools’ guide for the care of children and young people with asthma](#) and consider becoming an [asthma friendly school](#)
- Signpost parents to [London asthma toolkit for children and young people](#)

Further information on air pollution in London and what the Mayor is doing to improve air quality is

available [here](#).

If you have questions concerning this pollution alert, please contact airqualitylondon@london.gov.uk.

Parents and Carers - An opportunity to help us understand your childcare needs and how we can develop the local childcare sector to meet them

Access Parent and Family Childcare Survey here

Every year councils have to report on childcare in their area to ensure they are meeting the needs of families and their children. In Kingston and Richmond the Childcare Sufficiency Assessment report is produced by Achieving for Children, who provide children’s services for Kingston and Richmond councils.

To build a clear picture of childcare (for both early years and School age children) across our area, and how well it meets the needs of local families, we are asking parents and carers who either currently use childcare or need to use childcare to complete our Parents and Family Childcare Survey - this survey is anonymous.

Your feedback will help us understand what is working well, identify any gaps and inform how we can better support families and develop local childcare provision.

Parents and carers: please spend time completing this annual survey and share your views and childcare needs - your contribution is extremely valuable and we hope to receive a wide range of responses representing the needs of all families.

The survey outcomes will be included in our annual Childcare Sufficiency Assessments which are published each Autumn and also shared with the Department of Education. You can view our last year's report here: [Childcare Sufficiency Assessment: Kingston and Richmond 2025](#)



Did you know?

Children currently receive free school milk until their fifth birthday through the Government's school milk scheme. After this point, the entitlement ends. This means that within the same Reception class some children continue receiving milk while others do not, depending on when their birthday falls. At [School name], we're supporting the Fair Milk for a Fair Start campaign, which calls for a simple change so all children can receive free school milk until the end of their Reception year. Find out more or show your support:

<https://fairmilkfairstart.com>



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- **Dates:** Tue 26 to Fri 29 May 2026 (4 Days)
 - **Open to Children:** aged 5-11 years - Only.
 - **Venues:** locations across London (look right!)
 - **Times:** 9am - 3:30pm (6.5hrs)
- Earliest drop off 8:30am; latest collection 4pm
- **Day Places:** just select online (no discount)

Epic Engineering! - New for 2026!

Day 1> The Clever Scientist Challenge!
Powerful Paper Cup!
Hungry, Hungry Birds!
Dino Snapper!

Day 3> Epic Engineering Fun!
Brilliant Bubble Maker!
Dastardly Dam Challenge!
Cool Catching Flies!
Super Sticky Slime!

Day 2> Cool Creative Thinking!
Tin Foil Tower of London!
Wonder Web!
Bombastic Bridge Challenge!
Weigh It Up!

Day 4> Super Designer!
Unsinkable Strong Boat!
Fantastic Flying Fun!
Magic Wallet!
Best Bottle Toss Challenge!

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VENUES Serving:

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- **Take part in football** focusing on dribbling, passing, shooting, small-sided games, and teamwork, suitable for all ability levels.
- **Learn and develop key gymnastics skills** such as rolls, handstands, cartwheels, and balances, alongside fundamental movement skills used across multiple sports.
- **Join multisport activities** including basketball, dodgeball, relay races, and agility games to build overall athletic skills and keep sessions fun and varied.
- **Take part in games, challenges, and team-building activities** that promote positivity, sportsmanship, and friendship.

All sessions are led by qualified and experienced coaches from **BFCCST**, ensuring every child feels supported and encouraged while staying active and having fun.

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