Trafalgar Schools' Federation

Newsletter – 6th November 2026

Welcome Back!

A very warm welcome back to the second half of our Autumn Term. We hope everyone enjoyed a restful half-term break and is ready for another busy and exciting few weeks at Trafalgar.

As we welcome many prospective families to our school over the coming weeks, we would like to remind everyone of the importance of wearing the correct school uniform and taking pride in their appearance. Our children are wonderful ambassadors for Trafalgar, and looking smart helps us showcase the high standards we value as a school community.

It has also been lovely to see so many children embracing their leadership roles. Our newly appointed **Anti-Bullying Ambassadors** have already begun preparing for **Friendship Week**, which starts on **16th November**, and we look forward to sharing more about their work soon.

Next week, we are looking forward to meeting with our Parent Class Reps as part of our ongoing commitment to improving communication and strengthening our home-school partnership.

Finally, a reminder that our next **PTA Meeting** will take place on **Thursday 12th November at 7.15pm** at the **Gothic/Elmsleigh Site**. We would love to see as many parents and carers there as possible. Everyone is welcome and I hope to see you there.

We look forward to another successful half-term together.

The Senior Leadership Team 🌼

Urgent Message:

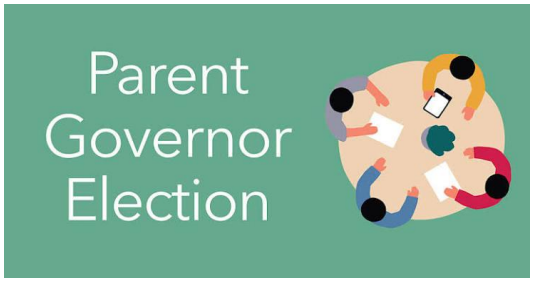
There have been a few near misses with cars driving too fast around the local streets. Please DO NOT drive down Elmsleigh Road at the restricted times. 8.15am – 9.45am & 2.30pm – 4pm. These are in place to ensure the safety of the children, their families and our neighbours.

A white car almost collided with a resident and child which has caused distress. This has been reported this to the council.

Please drive slowly and with due care and attention. We do not want anyone to be hurt. Please leave in plenty of time to bring your child to school so the rush can be avoided. Thank you for your continued support.

https://www.richmond.gov.uk/services/roads_and_transport/transport_planning_schemes/transport_planning/school_streets/school_streets_locations/trafalgar_infant_and_junior_school_street

Trafalgar School Parent Governor Elections Autumn 2026: Cast Your Vote



We are inviting all parents and carers to vote in the election of a Parent Governor to serve on our Governing Board. Please take a moment to read the candidate statements and cast your vote. One vote per parent/carer. Voting is anonymous and closes at 5pm on 12th November 2026. Many thanks.

Click here to cast your vote!

Trafalgar School Parent Governor Elections Autumn 2026 – Fill in form





The **week beginning 16th November**, we are celebrating **Friendship Week**, linked to **Anti-Bullying Week**, by focusing on the Trafalgar Golden Rules.

Trafalgar Golden Rules

We are Ready



We are Respectful



We are Safe



Throughout the week, children will be encouraged to build positive friendships, show kindness and recognise the positive actions of others through our *Positive Noticing* approach. We recognise that encouragement, praise and positive reinforcement teaches children that **appropriate behaviour choices.** We positively recognise expected behaviour linked to our Trafalgar Golden Rules. **Consistent use of modelling, encouragement, praise and positive reinforcement is used to create a positive, respectful school environment.**

We would love families to join us by positively noticing your child and others when they are doing the right thing. By recognising acts of kindness, effort and respect, we can promote positive behaviours and help ensure that every child feels valued and safe.

we want to say that 'we notice you' and the effort you make to support your children, engage them in learning and enrich our school community.

Thank you!



Well Done to

Green Class 100% - Amazing!

Class 6D: 98.9%

Class 5AJ: 97.4%

Class 6WB: 97.3%

Year 1 Blue: 97.2%

Attendance percentage this week!







Well Done!!



Should everybody be treated exactly the same?

Reminders/Community News



https://trafalgarpta.org.uk/event/trafalgar-laser-show-2026/

Don't forget to buy your tickets for this amazing event!



On **Friday 13th November** wear something spotty with or on your uniform. Maybe spotty socks, a hairband or spotty stickers! We will share a QR code for our Just Giving page for donations to this amazing charity.

https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/

Free school meals

From September 2026 there will be three types of free school meals entitlement.

Some children may no longer be entitled to free school meals, whereas others may become eligible for the first time.

The three types of free school meals entitlement follow.

Targeted free school meals (TFSM)

Equivalent to benefits-related free school meals (FSM)

Who qualifies

- Children and young people in families receiving Universal Credit with annual household income under £7,400 (£616.67 a month)
- Families with no Recourse to Public Funds (NRPF) subject to separate criteria

This gives access to:

- ✓ free school meals at school during term time
- ✓ holiday activities and food programme (HAF) known as FUEL in Kingston, Richmond, and Windsor and Maidenhead
- ✓ other support that may be available at school (eg, free milk where provided)

Eligibility checks

- Eligibility will be checked in line with government guidance
- Applicants confirmed as eligible will remain so for the full academic year.

Expanded free school meals (EFSM)

New criteria from September 2026

Who qualifies

- Children and young people in families receiving Universal Credit
- No limit on annual household income

This gives access to:

- ✓ free school meals at school during term time

This does not give access to:

- ✗ FUEL (HAF)
- ✗ other support linked to TFSM

Eligibility checks

- Eligibility will be checked in line with government guidance
- Applicants confirmed as eligible will remain so for the full academic year

Universal infant free school meals (UIFSM)

Who qualifies

- All children in primary school, regardless of family circumstances

This gives access to:

- ✓ free school meals at school during term time

This does not give access to

- ✗ FUEL (HAF)
- ✗ other support linked to TFSM

Eligibility checks

- Eligibility checks are not required

If your child is affected by food insecurity over the school holidays and is not in receipt of targeted free school meals, please contact fuel@achievingforchildren.org.uk

What parents and carers need to do

If you haven't already done so, please provide your details to your child's school.

- Your child's school will let you know if they need any more information from you.
- Your details are usually requested when your child starts or moves school.
- If you have any specific queries re school meal arrangements please contact your child's school directly.

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Sensory Parenting for Sensory Children:

Please see the flyer attached for more information.

Over the winter months, School Days will be closing at 4pm on ALL weekdays.
Please can the following opening times go into your next newsletter:
Monday - Friday: 9am to 4pm
Saturday - 9am to 5pm
Sunday - Closed

Many thanks,
The Schooldays Team
94 High Street, Whitton, TW2 7LN.

Mega Skip Day

Following last year's successful programme, Richmond Council is continuing to host a series of Mega Skip days in each area of the borough during 2026, where local residents can get rid of up to six bulky unwanted items for free.

There will be a mega skip on Saturday 21 November at Heathfield Junior School Car Park, Powder Mill Lane Entrance from 9 to 11am (or until the skips are full – whichever comes first).

Residents can bring along up to **six** items (including furniture or mattresses, electrical appliances, black bags, etc). Items are then recycled and any furniture that's brought and still in good condition is taken by local charity Richmond Furniture Scheme, who upcycle second-hand furniture and sell on for a discount.

Please find the e-flyer with relevant info attached. Residents can also refer to our website for further information about what can and can't be brought to the skip.

Fridge and freezer disposal services paused

We've had to temporarily pause our fridge and freezer collection and disposal services due to a national shortage of processing capacity

Residents will not be able to book a collection or drop these items off to Townmead Road Household and Recycling Centre and are being asked to hold onto these items or use retailer take-back services where possible. Find out more:
https://richmond.gov.uk/news/news_october_2026/fridge_and_freezer_disposal_services_paused