

Turney Newsletter

December 2025

A message to the Turney School Community: We want to end this term with a big thank you to parents, carers, local partners and our wonderful pupils for the things that we have achieved together as a school community. ❄️

To our dear parents, carers and staff: thanks for your support during the pupils' fundraising challenges. Together we raised almost £300 for Children in Need and £181.31 for the British Red Cross. We hope that you feel proud for your contributions to your children's learning experience. We could not have done it without your support! ❄️

To our wonderful pupils, staff and local partners: Our head boy and head girl have gone out on visits to our local community partners who have made donations towards the staff raffle. The money raised from the staff raffle will fund important activities for our pupils such as trips to the theatre, booking ❄️ venues for our pupils and parents to come together on sports day, etc. Thank you for supporting pupils and parents to have access to these wonderful experiences! ❄️

Have a lovely festive holiday everyone. We will see you in the NY 2026. ❄️

Kyriakos Vlachos – Assistant Head

Pupils achievements during Term 2

- ✓ Head boy and Head girl were elected by our pupils. ❄️
- ✓ Our pupils took up a number of fundraising challenges to raise money for Children in Need and the British Red Cross.
- ✓ Road Safety week activities. Highlights: the visit of the crossing patrol officer, the police patrol and a role play experience on a real TfL red bus. ❄️
- ✓ The Turney Café opened by very first time for parents and carers and it was an absolute success for our entrepreneur post 16 pupils.
- ✓ Football coaching sessions have started on Fridays in partnership with Fulham FC.
- ✓ A group of selected pupils in year 7 had a wonderful time at the Leicester Sq Theatre to watch the play "A Squash and a squeeze" which is the book that they have been reading this term.
- ✓ The annual Winter Fair took place and we loved having a chance to show and display our pupils art work, taste their delicious food and shop some of the wonderful wood work crafter by our Sixth Formers. ❄️
- ✓ Pupils took part in a Christmas choir and a Christmas themed afternoon, with a disco experience included! We loved wearing our Christmas jumpers and dancing to some great Christmas hits!

Meet Joshua Kyeyune



Who is Josh?

The music teacher at Turney School

[\(https://www.musicmakingsense.com/\)](https://www.musicmakingsense.com/)

What does he do on his day to day at Turney?

Josh delivers music-therapy-based sessions to our pupils on Tuesdays and Wednesday and supports during important events organising activities such as Makaton choirs.

Why is he important to us?

He teaches us new ways to communicate and interact with each other.

What is Josh's favourite things about working at Turney?

Joshua loves being able to bring joy to the whole school with music and loves teaching all year groups.

Pupils voice:

- ✓ Election week took place in November. With a candidate's campaign, an election day and an assembly to announce our elected pupils. ❄️
- ✓ The head boys and head girls took part in the *fundraising assembly* and spoke to their school peers by very first time to congratulate all pupils for their efforts and achievements. ❄️
- ✓ The Secondary and Sixth Form head boy and head girl adventured into the local community to visit our local businesses, partners and promote Turney School's fundraising events. It was a total success!
- ✓ The first pupil's council took place with four representatives across the school. Pupils made choices on their Christmas menu as well as the special events taking place in December. ❄️
- ✓ The pupil's council made an agreement to have a Christmas disco in the PE hall instead of hosting a Christmas party in each class. Some pupils wanted quiet time in class on the last day while others wanted to dance alongside their friends to celebrate the end of the term and the festive season. This has taught us how to include everybody and think of solutions together. ❄️



What's on this term:

- ✓ Our Occupational Therapy team has continued to focus on *feeding strategies* to support with food sensitivities, motor-planning skills and independence while our Speech and Language Therapy team has focused on all areas of communication, specially making choices and building routines. ❄️
- ✓ The OT and SaLT termly reports will be out to all parents in December 2025. This is a shorter version and more child progress focused. Parents will have an overview of the area of intervention in OT/SaLT, the strategies used with their child and an overview of the progress made by the child. These reports will also include recommendations for parents, so you can follow up at home with the therapist's guidance. ❄️
- ✓ Next term the EP and one of our highly experienced TAs will run the National Autistic Programme for parents and carers: NAS Teen Life Programme. This programme will target pupils from year 5-11 with a focus on changes related to puberty and autism. An information email will be sent to parents in the new term.
- ✓ Parents and carers visited us on Thursday the 18th of December 2025. They met and spoke with teachers and had the chance to look at the learning environments and strategies in place to support their children learn and thrive at Turney School. ❄️
- ✓ We are taking a break to rest and reset between the 19th of December of 2025 and the 4th of January 2026. The school will be closed during that time.
- ✓ On the 5th of January of 2026 all staff will attend Turney for an INSET day with focus on safeguarding training, curriculum training and preparing to welcome our pupils back on the 6th of January of 2026. ❄️ ❄️

Trips and Special Events this term at Turney School November and December 2025



**Designing Christmas Cards
(December 2025)**



**Jack and BeanSTEM Pantomime
(December 2025)**



**EYFS trip to Dulwich Picture
House (December 2025)**



**Fundraising event for the charity
Children in Need (November
2025)**



**The Crossing Patrol Officer visited
Turney School (November 2025)**



**Role – play activity in a TfL red
bus (Road safety week,
November 2025)**



**Christmas Choir
(December 2025)**



**Voting for head boy and head girl
(November 2025)**

A special thank you to Andrews Food Store, Jolly Good Food & Wine, Brockwell Pups, Tomlinson's, Wild & Lees, Bartley Flowers, Costcutter, Herne Hill Builder, The Flower Lady and all the other local businesses who supported us with prizes and donations for the staff raffle. The staff raffle funded each pupil's Christmas gift this year. Thank you!

***The next newsletter will be out in February 2026.
Enjoy the half-term break and happy New Year 2026!***

Key dates:



Year 9 Vaccinations 9th January 2026.

Annual Reviews for Silver and Orange in January and February 2026.

NAS Teen Life course starting on the 22nd January 2026.

Chinese New Year celebrations and outings at Turney School in February 2026

Term 3 ends on Friday 13th February 2026