

# Turney Newsletter

February 2026

We begin 2026 by wishing our whole school and wider community a very Happy New Year. The weather this term has been cold and wet but has not dampened the enthusiasm of our students for learning and having fun!

As many of you will now know, this year will see the retirement of our long serving Executive Headteacher, Mrs Adams. Mrs Adams' dedicated leadership of the Lansdowne Turney Federation has been an inspiration to us all. Her passion for education and for ensuring the very best outcomes for all of our young people has made a lasting impression on our community. Mrs Adams will be greatly missed and we wish her all the very best for a well-deserved and hopefully relaxing retirement.

Well done to all of our pupils for their hard work and achievements this term. As Head of Post 16, I would like to highlight the work experience our older learners have been engaged in at Roots and Shoots, the Turney Allotment, Newstart Workshop, the Turney Workshop and Turney café. We are very proud of you as you grow into young adults, especially our Year 14s who are now preparing to leave us and move on to their Post 19 education.

**Collin Jones, Head of Post 16**

## Pupil achievements during Term 3

Some Primary pupils have started attending weekly Forest School sessions at our neighboring school - Rosendale Primary School, to work on their communication and social skills alongside other mainstream pupils.

The Post 16 pupils have expanded their food enterprise project with a delivery service, allowing school staff costumers to place orders and delivering at targeted times. This has increased their sales and expanded their enterprise skills!

Pupils celebrated the Chinese New Year (Year of the Fire Horse!) this term and taken part in the cultural celebrations and traditions by attending dance workshops, art activities, experiencing cultural practices such as cooking traditional recipes, the red envelope gift-giving tradition and for some, trips to Chinatown too!

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## MEET STUART



### Who is Stuart?

The Premises Manager at Turney School

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

Makes sure our school is ready and safe for the children and staff.

### Why is he important to us?

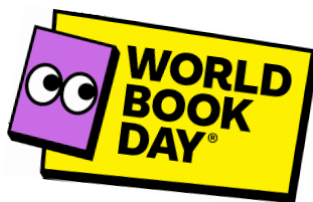
He plays a big role in keeping the children safe by making sure all playground equipment is in working order and takes health and safety around the school seriously.

### What is Stuart's favourite things about working at Turney?

Seeing the children happy and the growth in their development during their learning journey.

## Pupils voice:

- ✓ Pupils are preparing for the next pupil council, in which we will discuss their views on teaching and learning.
- ✓ We want to find out: their favourite learning subjects, their favourite learning activities and the support strategies that best helps them learn.
- ✓ The aim is to feedback to teachers so they can incorporate motivating elements to their subjects, extend the use of the most engaging activities and of course, the support strategies that makes it easier for them to take part in lessons.
- ✓ We will share all of the findings in an assembly to celebrate and share all the teaching and learning achievements.
- ✓ Pupils are also preparing for World Book Day and Autism Awareness Month. These two special events will aim to support pupils to express themselves through creative activities and by having the opportunity to express their autistic identity with a photography contest, an intense interest themed assembly and special visits.



## What's on this term:

- ✓ The Occupational Therapy team has focused on dressing and undressing skills with all pupils. This is essential to develop our pupils motor skills, reinforce their routines and boost their independence and life skills development.
- ✓ The Speech and Language Therapy team has focused on all areas of communication to ensure that each pupil has differentiated tools in class to improve their receptive and expressive communication (understanding and expressing themselves).
- ✓ Our dedicated High Level Teaching Assistant and Teaching Assistant are supporting all teams to implement, adapt skills and support strategies for all pupils to make progress with their OT and SaLT outcomes.
- ✓ All staff at Turney are completing CPD training to refresh Makaton signage and their skills to use visual strategies: communication boards, visual cards, social stories and visual timetables.
- ✓ It is the Chinese New Year (End of the Lunar Year) in February and as part of our 'The World Around Me' curriculum, we did not want to miss out on the opportunity to experience and learn more about important cultural events in our society.
- ✓ Pupils at Turney School have engaged with activities such as cultural arts, learned twelve zodiac animals and explored traditions with storytelling, food and music.
- ✓ Pupils have attended a Chinese New Year dance workshop which has contributed to their physical and creative development whilst learning about Chinese cultural traditions.
- ✓ Pupils have also taken part in enrichment trips planned to China Town, London Eye, Park visits, museums and libraries.
- ✓ Our Educational Psychologist and one of our highly experienced TAs continue to support the parent training programme Teen Life (National Autistic Society) targeting autism and puberty.

# Trips and Special Events this term at Turney School January - February 2026



**11EZ Bus Tour to visit London Landmarks (Jan 2026)**



**Art Enterprise (Feb 2025)**



**Year 11 Trip to the Butterfly House (2026)**



**Rosendale School EYFS Visit (Jan 2025)**



**Weekly Trips to the Library (Jan 2026)**



**China Town trip (Feb 2026)**



**Chinese New Year Dance Workshop (Feb 2026)**



**Primary pupils attending Forest School at Rosendale School (Jan-Feb 2026)**

### Key dates:



Year 8 HPV Vaccinations 27<sup>th</sup> April 2026.

Up-coming Annual Reviews for Y7, Y8, Y9 and Y10 during March & April

Speech and Language – Parent Training on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2026

Occupational Therapist – Parent Training on 5<sup>th</sup> March.

World Book Day 5<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Parents-carers evening next term on the 26<sup>th</sup> of March of 2026

***The next newsletter will be out in March 2026.  
Enjoy the Half Term Break, we will see you Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>  
February 2026***