

Turney Newsletter

March 2026

As we come to the end of the Spring term, it has been wonderful to reflect on the many enriching experiences our pupils have enjoyed. We have celebrated Spring festivals from around the world, including Chinese New Year, World Book Day, a special Ramadan assembly and a joyful Easter egg hunt. Our collaboration with our neighbouring school, Rosendale, continues to flourish, with a small group of our pupils attending Forest School alongside students from Rosendale's Resource Base, an experience that has been both meaningful and rewarding. We are excited about the amazing opportunities the next term will bring, including opportunities for parents during Autism Awareness Month. Thank you to all our staff, families, and partners for your continued support, and we wish everyone a restful and enjoyable holiday.

**Ismini Chatzianni
(SENCO)**

Pupil achievements during Term 4

Our pupils have taken part in a range of activities to celebrate World Book Day: raising money towards the World Book Day Charity, taking part in a special reading assembly and a World Book Day parade to dress up as their favorite characters. Some pupils also visited our community's local book shops.

Pupils had the opportunity to learn about Ramadan and learned about the cultural and religious celebration by taking part in a themed music session led by our Music therapist, Josh, and an assembly led by our *The World Around Me* teacher, Danuta. Some pupils contributed to craft handmade gifts for our staff to wish them Eid Mubarak.

Our pupils' have also taken part in the Easter celebrations through their Art lessons, Food Tech lessons and an outdoors Easter Egg Hunt both in the school playground and some pupils, at the Dulwich Sports Grounds who have kindly lent their space to the pupils at Turney School to create this memorable experience.



MEET YVETTE



Who is Yvette?

The Office Administrator

What does she do on her day to day at Turney?

Greets children and parents with a smile. Ensures the office has all necessities to run smoothly. Answers phone, prepares admin tasks and assists in ordering our essential supplies.

Why is she important to us?

She has a wealth of knowledge due to providing 10 years of service to Turney. Always happy to help and if any of us are unsure of something, Yvette will always point us in the right direction.

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

Seeing how our pupils thrive and make progress.

Pupils voice:

Our Spring Term Pupil Council took place in March 2026. The focus of our meeting this term has been *pupils' views on teaching and learning*. These are some of the outcomes that have been shared by pupils with teachers and teaching assistants:

- ✓ Pupils like all subjects; however, three clear favourites emerged at Turney School: Food Technology, as most of our pupils enjoy the sensory experience and the variety of recipes; P.E. because movement and working on sports skills makes them feel positive and energised and last, Music. Pupils enjoy singing, dancing, and playing instruments with Joshua, our Music Therapist!
- ✓ The Head Boy and the Head Girl in Secondary reported that the pupils attending the Friday Football Club are enjoying learning to play football and getting to spend time in lessons with pupils from other year groups.
- ✓ Some younger pupils expressed interest in playing football. The Head of School has arranged for our Primary pupils to take part in an adapted summer football tournament with other schools in Lambeth.
- ✓ The Head Girls reported that pupils particularly enjoy singing during Guided Reading and Phonics sessions, and that they appreciate when adults join in.
- ✓ Pupils highlighted that countdowns and song cues are very helpful during transitions. All Head Boys and Head Girls agreed this is a strategy that should continue for all pupils.
- ✓ Pupils also shared that while ear defenders are helpful in lessons, movement breaks are often more effective in supporting them manage noise and busy environments. These movement breaks help pupils to reset and return to learning ready and focused.



What's on this term:

- ✓ Educational Psychologist, Occupational Therapist and Speech & Language therapists will be hosting a workshop on 22nd April to contribute to Autism Awareness Month.

The session will provide key skills to help support parents whilst they are 'out in the community' with their children. Turney School is inviting the parents of the autistic children attending Rosendale Primary School. This is part of the growing specialist outreach identity of Lansdowne Turney Federation in shaping the Autism practice in the borough of Lambeth.

- ✓ All staff at Turney will be completing CPD training on the Inset Day to focus on:
 - Training on Positive Handling (for new staff and a refresher for others)
 - Makaton training for all staff
 - Understanding use of Individual Risk Assessments and Zones of Regulation
 - Autism training by our Educational Psychologist

Trips and Special Events this term at Turney School February – March 2026



**SaLT Parent Training Session
(March 2026)**



**Ramadan Celebration Assembly
(March 2026)**



**World Book Day trip to local
book shops. Primary
(March 2026)**



**World Book Day trip to local
book shops. Secondary
(March 2026)**



**Easter Egg Hunting in the Dulwich
Sports Grounds (March 2026)**



**Easter Egg Hunting in the
Turney Primary Playgrounds
(March 2026)**



**Visit to the Tooting Athletic Sports
Club (March 2026)**



**Spring Term Pupil Council
(March 2026)**

Key dates:



Autism Awareness Month – April
2026

Events: 13 – 30th April
-Rosendale Pupils Visit Turney
-Autism Themed Pop-Up Reading
Area

Autism Workshop 22nd April 2026

Year 8 HPV Vaccinations 27th April
2026.

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

SaLT Coffee Morning 05th May 2026

***The next newsletter will be out in May 2026.
Enjoy the Half Term Break, we will see you Tuesday 14th April 2026***