

# Turney Newsletter

May 2026

In April, we closed the accounts for another financial year. We are now planning on how we spend the budget for the next financial year to achieve the best outcome for our pupils. We used the Pupil Premium Grant for our pupils to engage in enrichment activities like music making, which is delivered by a tutor from "Music Makes Sense" and provide part funding of HLTA support for targeted phonics groups. These activities improve the progress and wellbeing of all our pupils. We ensure that our resources are used efficiently by identifying TAs and HLTAs to be trained by our therapist to enhance and continue the delivery of therapy strategies both inside and outside of the classroom. We are looking forward to funding exciting activities for all our pupils to the end of the summer term.

**Nicola Smith**  
**Business Manager**

## Pupil achievements during Term 5

Our pupils participated in various activities this term, learning about and celebrating autistic identity. An autism-themed reading area was set up in April, with Rosendale School pupils visiting to learn about autism. Our pupils led tours, showing sensory equipment and communication strategies.

Pupils took part in an adapted Marathon event, exploring this significant London occasion with thousands of international athletes attending each year. Our pupils won medals and celebrated the occasion supporting and cheering for staff and other pupils. This helped us build a sense of community and belonging.

The Metropolitan Police visited in May. PC Karen and PC Chris brought uniform items for pupils to explore whilst practicing vocabulary and Makaton. This help us build skills to gain confidence when interacting with community services.

Secondary pupils are working on a Photography Project, documenting favourite subjects, colour-themed images and sensory light/shadow exploration.

Post-16 pupils have completed their ASDAN units now. We are very proud of their efforts and we cannot wait to award them their accreditations. They are currently running their art enterprise and are preparing for Summer Fair sales.

## MEET LINA



### Who is Lina ?

Senior Teaching Assistant

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

She supports class teams and pupils by modelling and coaching staff. Lina supports therapists, parents' groups, staff training and pupils' outings.

### Why is she important to us?

She is a role model on how to support our young people and a valuable member of staff, key to induct others and demonstrate best practice.

### What is Lina's favourite thing about working at Turney?

It feels like we are part of a family who work well together to care for the children and we all care about their progress.

## Pupils voice:

Following our last pupils' council we have continued to work on some of our pupils' ideas and requests, and we have put in place the following:

- Pupils wanted more opportunities for movement breaks and very specific equipment in place. We have now set up 4 additional sensory circuits across the school including trampolines, spinning chairs and peanut balls.
- More sport activities for all, including the up-coming Sports Day for all year groups (parents will be invited to come in!) and a Local Football Tournament for Primary pupils who really wanted some opportunities to play football with other children.
- We also have continued to work with our staff to ensure that more Makaton and signing is used to support transitions and learning – this is working really well.
- We are working on arranging the End of the Year activities such as the Summer Fair and the Graduation Ceremonies for Years 6, 11 and 14. Our pupils are actively involved in deciding what they would like to do, and our teachers and staff are working hard to ensure that all pupils have a great end of the year.



## What's on this term:

- ✓ Teachers are working on completing the second assessment period for all pupils, so progress data can be collected and analysed by the Senior Leadership Team. Teachers will be using their assessment to inform the End of Year Reports for each pupil and identify next steps for each learning area, so in September all pupils can resume with their learning from where they left it.
- ✓ Therapists are writing their 6-months report to update parents and professionals on the progress of pupils in key areas such as communication, interaction, life skills or sensory regulation.
- ✓ All staff is working together to complete information handovers and support transitions in preparation for September 2026.
- ✓ The leadership team is finalising the year groups and drafting timetables, so in July all pupils can go on holidays knowing in which class they will be learning and who will be their teacher for the 2026-27 academic year.
- ✓ A big thank you to our Educational Psychologist, Acting SENCo, the NHS EYFS and KS1 therapists as well as the London Children Practice therapists that have contributed to Autism Awareness Workshops for parents – including Rosendale School parents.
- ✓ Rosendale School and Turney School continue to work together to extend their collaboration, During term 6, Rosendale School Resource Base Unit pupils will be visiting our playground with their support staff, and they will work with Lina, our senior TA, and other Turney staff and pupils to share good practice around intensive interaction and Makaton.

## Trips and Special Events this term at Turney School April - May 2026



**Autism Awareness Month – Pop Up Area  
(April 2026)**



**Rosendale Pupil Visit  
(April 2026)**



**Trip to Vauxhall Farm  
(May 2026)**



**Trip to Horniman Museum  
(May 2026)**



**Mini Marathon  
(April 2026)**



**Police Visit  
(May 2026)**



**New Sensory Circuit in the Middle  
Playground  
(May 2026)**



**Art Work (May 2026)**

### Key dates:



June 2026 – New pupils transition meetings (September 2026)

29<sup>th</sup> June- 5<sup>th</sup> July 2026 (various dates) – Sports day

16<sup>th</sup> of July 2026 – End of Term Reports and Parents and carers evening 4-6pm

17<sup>th</sup> of July 2026 – Summer Fair 2-3pm (all parents' welcome!)

July, 2026 Graduation Ceremonies (invites will be sent to parents individually)

***The next newsletter will be out in July 2026.  
Enjoy the Half Term Break, we will see you Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026***