

Turney Newsletter

July 2026

My name is Linda and I have been the Headteacher of Turney School since 2003 and the Executive Headteacher of the Lansdowne Turney Federation since 2011.

I first came to Turney School in 1995 and became a permanent class teacher in 1996. In my time at the school I have seen many changes. When I first arrived, there was no first floor in the primary department and the play area for Silver Class was where the office is now. Over the years we have continued to make our school the best it can be.

I am now retiring after 30 years in the school. Although there have been many challenges, I have enjoyed every minute of working in the school to support our pupils and families to have the same opportunities and education as every other child/young person in the Borough. I wish you all the very best of luck for the future and look forward to hearing about all the new and exciting things Elena will bring to the school as the new Executive Headteacher.

Linda Adams
Executive Headteacher at Lansdowne Turney Federation

Celebrating Our Year Together

As we close this academic year, we celebrate our school community's incredible achievements. We are delighted to have added another Jolly Phonics reading group, demonstrating our pre-reading learners' progress.

Our enrichment curriculum has united us through assemblies, charity events, sports activities and cultural celebrations featuring music, dance and food from around the world.

We proudly celebrated our autistic community during 'Autism Awareness Month' and continued promoting SEND and inclusion support networks to pupils, parents, staff, other schools and community services including the Met Police and TfL, ensuring our young pupils' needs are met beyond school. Thank you to all health, social care and education professionals who supported us with visits, advice, training and information.

Finally, thank you to all pupils for excelling through the curriculum and their next steps. We are very proud of your progress and excited to see what you will achieve next year.

Congratulations to our Year 6, Year 11 and Year 14 pupils who graduated at the end of their education phase!

MEET PIPPA



Who is Pippa?

Pippa is an experienced TA that supports pupils with enrichment activities and outings.

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

Pippa supports outings such as work experience at Newstart, Phonics sessions, helps organising whole school activities, supports preparation of school councils and assemblies or enhancing our sensory circuits with new sensory resources.

Why is she important to us?

She is a helper, a problem-solver, spots what no one sees and helps us with her creative mind to improve everything we do!

What is Pippa's favourite thing about working at Turney?

Being able to support the pupils and staff in many different ways to help make a good day for everyone.

Pupils' voice

A big thank you to our Head Boys and Head Girls for their leadership during this academic year 2025-26. Below is a summary of how pupils' voice, through assemblies, Pupil Council and voting days, have informed the school life this year:

- More than six assemblies to share pupils' views and celebrate pupils' identity.
- Playgrounds now have sensory circuits to support pupils' requests for more movement breaks.
- Additional enrichment sessions to target strengths, talents and interests of the pupils, such as Food Tech, Art, Sports, Music, etc.
- The school is championing the use of Makaton as requested by pupils as well as countdowns and song cues to support transitions.
- Three Pupil Council this year focused on: 1) Inclusion: views on how to better meet communication and sensory needs, 2) Curriculum: consultation on trips and enrichment curriculum and 3) Teaching and Learning: pupil consultation on teaching and learning.
- Pupils have a new school mini-bus, donated by the Dennis Wise Foundation. This will enable us to arrange more trips in the local community for our pupils.
- From September, there will be a dedicated 'Communication' session in pupils' timetables to reflect the requirements of EHCP outcomes. These sessions will be planned by the SaLT team and implemented by trained teaching staff following the recommendations of the therapists.
- From September we will have three Teaching Assistants in our staff structure exclusively dedicated to: 1) daily sensory diets for pupils, 2) working on individual next steps to improve independence and life skills such as toileting, travel training, shopping, etc. 3) supporting adaptations in all enrichment activities to ensure that all pupils at Turney School can access these activities meaningfully and without barriers.



What's on next term:

We are delighted to announce that Elena Gallardo will be starting her role of Executive Headteacher for the Lansdowne Turney Federation in September. In this role, she will work closely with both schools to ensure every pupil's needs are met and that they receive the highest level of support to enable them to thrive.

We are also pleased to announce that Rebecca Lavender has been appointed as the new Head of School. Rebecca has many years of experience in education and school leadership. She brings a wealth of knowledge, expertise and a strong commitment to ensuring every pupil achieves their full potential. Kyriakos Vlachos will continue to support Turney School as Assistant Head for KS1 to KS3. Collin Jones has been appointed Interim Assistant Head for KS4 to Post-16.

Ismeni Chatzigianni will continue as the Acting SENCo. She will continue to lead the EHCP Annual Reviews process and will work closely with social care and other services in the local authority and the NHS.

All Social Stories have been sent out to parents and carers to support their children with their return to school in September and to remind them of the transition to their new classroom.

Trips and Special Events this term at Turney School **June - July 2026**



**Y7 Sports Day
(June 2026)**



**Y8 & Y9 Sports Day
(July 2026)**



**Mini-bus donation by Dennis
Wise Foundation
(July 2026)**



**Carnival Day
(July 2026)**



**Carnival Day
(July 2026)**



**Y11 Graduation
(July 2026)**



**London Zoo
(June 2026)**



**Summer Fair
July 2026**

Key dates:



7th September – Pupils return
26th – 30th October – Half-term
2nd November – Pupils return

17th September – Flu
Immunisation for pupils in
Reception – Year 10

***The next newsletter will be out in October 2026.
Enjoy the Summer Break, we will see you Monday 7th September
2026***