Turves Green Primary School Newsletter

13TH NOVEMBER 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Year Group Charities



I am delighted to announce that Turves Green Primary School's name will be written on the bottom of the Midland's Air Ambulance Charity's H145 helicopter. This is thanks to the money raised by Reception when they hosted their Hallowe'en disco last month. Well done Reception and thank you to all children who bought a ticket for such a worthy cause.

Children in Need!



Thank you for coming to school in crazy outfits today! We have had lots of fun seeing what each other were wearing. So far we have rasied £166.80.
Please donate via the school's QR code to this fantastic cause.

Odd Socks Day



Monday is Odd Socks Day for Anti-Bullying awareness - make sure to wear your odd socks!

Cold weather and coats etc

We have noticed a number of children are coming to school without winter coats etc… The children will be going out at both morning and lunchtime in any weather and it is important that they are warm and dry whilst out, but also throughout the afternoon. If your child does not have a suitable coat for whatever reason, Rubery Community Swop Shop has lots of coats available in all sizes FOR FREE. Please let us know if you need any support accessing the Swop Shop.

Attendance initiative:

Each week, the winning class in each phase will get £5, if they have reached the school target of 96%. Any other class that reaches 96% will also get £1. Any class that has 100% attendance gets a huge £10!

Our whole school attendance target is 96%, and so far, this year our whole school attendance is 95.2% - we are SO CLOSE!

Class	w/c 02.11.26	This week	Running total	Class	w/c 02.11.26	This week	Running total
RF	97.8%	£1	£8	3P	91.5%		£0
RSW	98.5%	£5	£39	3T	98.4%	£5	£12
1AC	93.9%		£4	4B	96.9%	£1	£18
1C	89.1%		£11	4W	95.5%		£7
2P	91.8%		£2	5C	94.6%		£4
2W	98.5%	£5	£24	5S	95.8%		£28
				6M	94.2%		£3
				6T	96.1%	£1	£5







Term time / summer holidays.

As the winter approaches many people will begin thinking about their next family holiday. **Please be mindful that any holidays taken in term time will be subject to a fine from Birmingham City Council.** The current fine is **£80 per parent, per child** if paid within 21 days, rising to **£160** if paid within 28 days. A second penalty notice within three years is charged at £160, and further offences may result in prosecution. For this reason, we strongly encourage families to avoid booking holidays during term time. A third unauthorised term-time holiday offence **within a three-year period** may result in the case being referred directly to court rather than a further fixed penalty notice being issued. A fine of up to **£2500** can be issued and a criminal record may result.

Please specifically note that the summer term 2027 does not end until 3:10pm on Wednesday 21st July.



Mrs Young

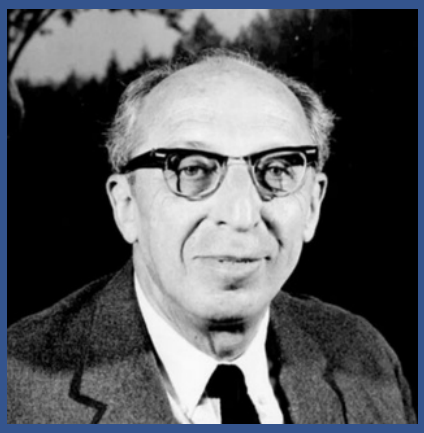


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Composer of the week

Aaron Copland (1900-1990):

Aaron Copland is one of the most famous American composers of all time. Copland was born in Brooklyn, New York, and went to France as a teenager to study music with Nadia Boulanger, who helped Copland create his own style.



Copland wrote music with a very "American" sound. Some of his most famous pieces are his ballets – Billy the Kid, Rodeo, and Appalachian Spring. Billy the Kid and Rodeo are about the Wild West. Copland also wrote music for movies – Of Mice and Men and Our Town, among others.

One of Copland's best known compostions is Fanfare for the Common Man. Copland wrote it after the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra asked several composers to write fanfares during World War II. Copland's music has become a great part of American history.

NO OUT SIDERS
EVERYONE IS WELCOME IN OUR SCHOOL.
No one is the same, but everyone is equal.

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Have a conversation about the story behind these pictures which were shown in our No Outsiders assembly this week and how they link to No Outsiders and British Values:





Turves Green Superstars!

Hot Chocolate Friday

Well done to all the children who have been nominated.
This week's winners are:

Year 1 - Dollie
Year 2 - Jacob
Year 3 - Ella
Year 4 - Riella
Year 5 - Nate
Year 6 - Karter

House Points

Armstrong	Earhart	Seacole	Shakespeare
			
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Ready, Respectful and Safe Award

Year 1 - Maya (1AC) & Shivangi (1C)
Year 2 - Eleanor (2P) & Elsie-Reign (2W)
Year 3 - Denika (3P) & Vinnie (3T)
Year 4 - Aya (4B) & Amaya (4W)
Year 5 - Tyler-Lee (5C) & Corey (5S)
Year 6 - Raifa (6M) & Rowan (6T)



NEW LUNCH MENU!

Week 2

Salad Cart Available Daily Please pre-order meals on Arbor





Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Pork Sausage Veggie Sausage (V) Battered Fish	Tomato & Meatball Pasta with Garlic Slice Classic Mac & Cheese with Garlice Slice (V) Fish Stars with Saute Potatoes	Roast Chicken with Yorkshire Pudding & Gravy Herb Roasted Quorn (V)	Chicken Tikka Masala Curry Sweet Potato Curry (V)	Wholmeal Meat Feast Pizza Wholemeal Margherita Pizza (V) Battered Fish
Chipped Potatoes, Peas & Curry Sauce	Broccoli	Roasted New Potatoes, Carrots & Green Beans	Steamed Rice, Naan Bread, Peppers & Sweetcorn	Diced Potatoes & Sauces
Chocolate Crunch & Custard	Fresh Fruit Salad	Banoffee Sponge	Pineapple Fingers, Orange Wedges & Apple Slices	Marble Cookies



Be an attendance HERO

Here Everyday Ready Ontime



Student Shout Out

KS2:

Student Name: Layla-Rose K

Class: 4B

Teacher: Miss Bedford



KS2:

Student Name: Noah M

Class: 6M

Teacher: Mr Millington



Teacher Comment

This week we have two shout outs for KS2!
Layla-Rose has received her 4th belt in kickboxing. She has worked ever so hard to get to this belt and is so happy she's got it.
Noah got player of the match this weekend at his football game, scoring a goal and assisting.
What fantastic achievements!
If you would like your child featured on the newsletter in future, please email enquiry@turvesgreen.excelsiormat.org and tell us about their incredible achievements! We would love to start featuring more KS1 children!

SH ACTIVE

ON FRIDAY 13TH NOVEMBER THESE CHILDREN WERE PICKED TO TAKE PART IN SH ACTIVE AT LUNCH TIME BY MRS COOKE AND MISS KNIGHT

RF - ARMAAN & RONNIE

RSW - CARTER & ZACKARY

1C - OLIVER & AFRAH

1AC - KINGSLEY & ERIN

2W - DAVID & ELSIE

2P - FINLEY & HALLIE

3P - RILEY & HAYDEN

3T - SIMEON & CHARLOTTE

4W - MOUNIR & KENZO

4B - FREYA & BELLE

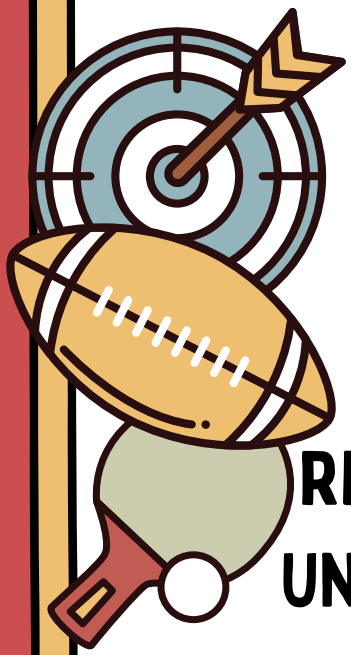
5C - NANCIE & ADELINA

5S - ATHEEL & LEXI

6T - ROWAN & BERAT

6M- NOAH & LYMAR





REMEMBER TO WEAR THE CORRECT UNIFORM EVERY DAY TO BE IN WITH A CHANCE TO TAKE PART

CHRISTMAS FAIR

DONATIONS WANTED

WEDS 9TH DECEMBER

DONATIONS NEEDED:

TEDDIES - ADULT TOMBOLA GIFTS - CHILD TOMBOLA GIFTS - NEW & USED (IN GOOD CONDITION) TOYS, BOOKS & GAMES - SWEETS - CANNED DRINKS - UNOPENED BOTTLES - CHOCOLATE - CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

ALL PROCEEDS WILL BE GOING TOWARDS IMPROVING THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR CHILDREN AT TURVES GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL DURING THE REMAINDER OF THE SCHOOL YEAR.

Safeguarding at Turves Green Primary School

Please see the safeguarding page on our school website:
https://turvesgreen.excelsiormat.org/our-school/safeguarding-

At Turves Green Primary School safeguarding children is of paramount importance. We have 4 Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs) who can be contacted by parents should they have a safeguarding concern. If you have safeguarding concerns about a child, please email school using the following email address: pastoral@turvesgreen.excelsiormat.org. Our 4 DSLs are:

Turves Green Primary School

Excelsior Multi Academy Trust



Mrs Manly
AHT SENDCO
Lead DSL



Mrs Young
Head Teacher
Deputy DSL



Mrs Harker-Daniels
DHT
Deputy DSL



Mrs Johnson
AHT
Deputy DSL

BIRMINGHAM CHILDREN'S TRUST

The Children's Advice and Support Service (CASS) provides a single point of contact for professionals and members of the public who want to seek support or raise concerns about a child.

We want to keep all children and young people in Birmingham safe from harm. If you are concerned about a child please contact us. We will listen, assess your concerns, and can take action if a child is at risk.

Contact details

Monday to Thursday: 8:45am to 5:15pm
Friday: 8:45am to 4:15pm
Telephone: **0121 303 1888**

Emergency out-of-hours

Telephone: 0121 675 4806

NSPCC
Cruelty to children must stop. FULL STOP.

If you have any concerns at all about a child's safety or wellbeing, don't hesitate to contact us

It doesn't have to be an emergency — you might be looking for guidance and support on issues affecting children. Whatever it is you're worried about, our dedicated child protection specialists will be able to advise and take any necessary action.

Whatever your worry — call us on 0808 800 5000, email help@NSPCC.org.uk, or submit our online form — we can help. We also have advice about spotting the signs of abuse.

Due to an increase in demand across our service, **our voice Helpline is currently operating between the hours of 10am-4pm on Monday to Friday**. However, you can email help@NSPCC.org.uk at any time. It's free and you don't have to say who you are. If you think a child is in immediate danger, please call the police on 999 straight away.







At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

ONLINE TROLLING

The term "Trolling" refers to sending hurtful or provocative comments – often done anonymously online – to provoke a reaction or cause emotional distress. Anonymity can embolden people into saying things they wouldn't dare say in person. Euro 2024 and other tournaments tend to put an emphasis on this, with the abuse of both players and fans often increasing during such events.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

ESCALATION

Many trolls begin with silly, banal comments before moving on to a broader pattern of offensive messages and posts. They can also turn their attention very quickly to a new target if they grow bored with an existing one, which makes engaging with one fruitless at best – and potentially dangerous at worst.

HIDING BEHIND A SCREEN

Because trolls tend to use anonymous profiles, they enjoy a lack of accountability. This also means they'll often have multiple profiles, potentially switching between them regularly or posting across several of them at the same time, making a target feel [redacted] escape. After all, once you [redacted] what's to stop them reappe[redacted]

24/7 CONTACT

The internet has given us th[redacted] in contact at any time, from[redacted] the world. A troll having the[redacted] whenever they want can le[redacted] their abuse is unavoidable. While they don't see you in real life, they can message you at any time, reach out to your peers online and even try to discover your personal information to scare you.

HATE SPEECH

Sadly, many trolls resort to spewing racial slurs, homophobic attacks and awful stereotypes, as these often stand the best chance of causing emotional harm. This can add a hefty degree of weight to their attacks, moving from what might charitably be described as "teasing" into a genuine hate crime. After Euro 2020, three England footballers were racially abused, resulting in several prison sentences.

IMPACT ON VICTIMS

It's not uncommon for the victims of trolls to shut down their accounts, disappear from public life, and try to stay out of the crosshairs for a time – with some even leaving social media forever. This can have a severe impact on children and young people's connections to friends and the world at large, and may not even actually stop the troll. The victims' families, for example, may have online profiles that trolls can still access.

NORMALISATION OF TROLLING

It is, regrettably, inevitable that some people will go too far in their criticisms or comments, both online and in the real world. This can lead to many people seeing trolls and their abuse as part and parcel of social media – an inherent risk of interacting with others online. This doesn't mean, however, that it should be considered "normal" or even tolerated.

Advice for Parents & Educators

USE PARENTAL CONTROLS

While social media platforms (where most trolling tends to happen) aren't always helpful when responding to abusive behaviour, parents can set up screen time limits, so children only get to use certain apps at certain times. There's always the potential for trolling to occur anyway – such as friends showing screenshots to one another – but this would minimise the likelihood of children seeing it.

DON'T ENGAGE WITH ABUSE

A well-known adage on social media is "don't feed the trolls". Fundamentally, if a child identifies a potential troll online, it's best not to engage with that individual directly. Instead, consider setting up a log to gather evidence for reporting them later on, including screenshots and quotes where possible.

ENCOURAGE EMPATHY

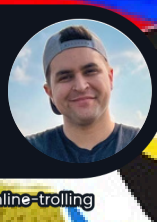
While every professional athlete aspires to maintain high standards, it's important to separate the player from the person. A player's performance doesn't make them worthy of abuse, and that can often be forgotten by younger children who simply see the colour of the shirt without considering the person wearing it. For all the rivalries between teams, it's essential children understand that players are still human beings, with families and lives outside of sport.

BLOCK AND REPORT

While anonymous accounts make it difficult to block trolls permanently – or even for very long – it's still good practice to help children learn to control who can engage with them online. It's not worth "feeding the trolls", and it's more helpful to block them, report them, and try to move on. Blocking and reporting is an anonymous process, too, so there'll be no indication of who specifically blew the whistle.

Meet Our Expert

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