



Turves Green Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the summer term! –

It was wonderful to welcome all children back into school on Monday for what will be a busy first half to the summer term. I will be sending out a list of summer term dates for families over the next week. I know it hasn't felt like summer this week but this is an early reminder that once the sun comes, children should have suncream applied before coming to school and bring a sunhat with them.



Taking pride in our school –

This morning the children had an assembly about the importance of taking pride in their work, their presentation, their resources and their school environment. Unfortunately, there has been some vandalism in the toilets which has been costly to repair – I explained to the children that I would rather spend the budget on fun things for them rather than on fixing school equipment. Please reinforce this message with your children over the weekend.



Urgent Medical Forms – please return –

Thank you to all parents who returned their medical update forms to school by Wednesday. It is essential that ALL forms are returned so we can update our Arbor records. Well done to Daisy R in Year 3 who was chosen at random to win our £10 Amazon voucher!

Achievements out of school –



We love celebrating children's out of school successes with them here in school. If your child participates in activities, please share their achievements with us.

Last month Toby in Y6 received a merit in his Grade 2 Cornet exam – well done Toby!

Don't forget –

School will be closed to everyone on Monday 4th May for the spring bank holiday.

School will also be closed to pupils in Reception and Years 1 to 5 on Thursday 7th May as the school is being used as a polling station. **As this is the week before SATs, YEAR 6 PUPILS ARE EXPECTED IN SCHOOL ON THIS DAY.**

I hope you all have a great weekend,



Mrs Young



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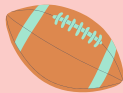
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After School Clubs

WB 20th April 2026

Please note all school clubs are on an allocation basis and your child must have received a letter confirming their place to attend.

MONDAY	Year 1&2 Gymnastics Club School Parliament Club
TUESDAY	Year 3&4 Gymnastics Club
WEDNESDAY	Year 5&6 Dodgeball Club Year 1&2 Board Game Club
THURSDAY	KS2 Lego Club
FRIDAY	No after school activity club



Upcoming events:

Monday 20th April
Fire Service Visit to Year 4

Tuesday 21st April
Year 2 Church Visit

Thursday 23rd April
Yr 5 boys trip to Turves
Green Boys School

Thursday 23rd April
Tag Rugby Sports
Competition

Monday 27th April
RF Trip to Ash End Farm



Medical Paperwork

Thank you to everyone who has brought in their medical paperwork update forms already.

If you haven't yet brought it back into school please do so as soon as possible, if you need a new form please either call the school office on 0121 464 3686, email us at enquiry@turvesgreen.excelsiormat.org with the child's name and class or pop into the office when you can.

Next weeks PE:

MONDAY	Year 1 & Year 4
TUESDAY	REC
WEDNESDAY	Year 6 & Year 2
THURSDAY	Year 3 & 5W 5S - Swimming
FRIDAY	

Reception to leave PE kits in school to change into on PE days
Years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 to wear their PE kits to school on their PE days



Composer of the week **J.H. Kwabena Nketia (1921-2019):**



During his lifetime, musicologist and composer J.H. Kwabena Nketia was the most published and best known expert on African music. He wrote more than 80 compositions and 200 publications, including the book, *The Music of Africa*, which was translated into German, Italian, Chinese and Japanese. At age 23, with a scholarship from the government of Ghana, Nketia studied in London. He also studied in the United States before returning to Ghana to become a professor of music at the University of Ghana in Legon. He was a leader in African musical traditions and composed for both African, as well as Western instruments. His work with African folk songs was revolutionary and set the standard for researchers around the world.



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:



The Transport Museum Wythall

Year 1

This week, year 1 travelled to The Transport Museum Wythall to enhance their learning experiences and knowledge that they have been gaining in the classroom. It has brought their learning to life. The children went on a small train, explored different buses throughout the ages and played on all kinds of milk floats from throughout time.



The children had so many questions to ask and were genuinely interested in all they experienced. The staff were so impressed that they sent us the following email:

Thank you very much for bringing your staff and pupils to our museum today. I hope that you all enjoyed the visit and that your pupils got a lot out of it. After your visit I had a word with our guides and we all agreed how well behaved and attentive your pupils were and how they enjoyed showing them round. They are a credit not only to themselves but to the school as well, please say a big thank you to them on what was a very good day.



Week 1



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Hot Dog Veggie Sausage Hot Dog (V) with Friend Onions Battered Fish with a Lemon Wedge	Beef Bolognese Bake Veggie Meatball Pasta (V)	Pork Sausage with Yorkshire Pudding Herb Crusted Quorn Roast with Yorkshire Pudding (V) Veggie Nuggets (V)	Chicken / Mixed Veg (V) Korma with Naan Bread Bettered Fish & Tartar Sauce	Chicken Tikka Pizza Margherita Pizza (V)
Herby Diced Potatoes, Peas, Sweetcorn & Baked Beans	Garlic Bread, Broccoli, Mixed Vegetables & Baked Beans	Creamy Mash, Carrots, Green Beans & Baked Beans	Oven Baked Wedges, Steamed Rice, Peas & Baked Beans	Chipped Potatoes, Baked Beans, Peas & Sauces
Waffle with Toffee Sauce Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt	Homemade Shortbread Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt	Fruit Salad Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt	Iced Sprinkle Sponge Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt	Ice Cream Pots Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt

Fresh Bread
Jacket Potatoes
Sandwich, Wrap
Salad Cart
Available Daily



What Parents & Educators Need to Know about FORTNITE



WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

With over 650 million registered users, Fortnite remains one of the most played and discussed online games globally. Known for its vibrant graphics, fast-paced gameplay, and cultural crossovers with everything from music artists to superhero franchises, the game continues to capture the attention of young people. This guide outlines the risks trusted adults need to know about, including game updates, and offers practical safety tips to help address them.

ALWAYS ONLINE

There's no single-player, offline mode in Fortnite; it can only be played online. Internet access can sometimes be an issue when you're out and about, both in terms of connectivity and using up data. You may find that dedicated, young Fortnite players are often less enthusiastic about family time or trips away – such as days out and holidays – than you might expect.

IN-GAME COSTS

Fortnite is free to download and play, but it does offer various additional purchases – limited-time cosmetic 'skins', music tracks, LEGO items, and battle passes. Children can feel pressured to spend money on V-Bucks – the in-game currency – to avoid missing out, particularly as exclusive items rotate frequently. Some items may not return to the store for years, while Battle Pass rewards are often "gone when they're gone".

VIRTUAL VIOLENCE

There's no avoiding that Fortnite is about shooting other players to eliminate them from the contest. That said, there's no blood or gore. The violence is rendered in a cartoonish style, and there are frequent comical touches to lighten the mood, such as mini-games and emotes. Guns and other weapons often look and behave realistically, so discretion is advised. Past seasons have introduced characters and references from mature franchises like *The Witcher* and *Halo*.

CROSSPLAY AND PARTY CHAT

Fortnite is popular with many gamers of various ages. Crossplay allows friends to play with each other, regardless of whether they're on an Xbox, PlayStation, Nintendo Switch or PC, while the Party Chat feature allows them to talk to each other during the game. This can put youngsters at risk of exposure to strangers, inappropriate language, and cyberbullying.

FREQUENT UPDATES

Seasonal releases introduce new map changes, gameplay mechanics, and cosmetics. Ongoing updates can increase screen time and potential for obsession as children try to unlock rewards before the season ends. These regular renewals help to hold players' interest, but also give young gamers plenty of reasons to keep coming back. Seasons often change thematically.

POP CULTURE REFERENCES

Part of Fortnite's appeal is its ongoing crossovers with other popular franchises, ranging from films and TV shows like *Power Rangers* and *Avatar: The Last Airbender*, to comic book characters including *Batman*. Other collaborations with series, artists, and influencers may expose children to music, language, or ideas that are more suitable for older audiences.

Advice for Parents & Educators

DISCUSS SAFE SOCIAL INTERACTION

Talk with children about who they're playing with online. Coordinate play time with the child's friends for socialisation and safety in numbers. Encourage them to avoid private voice chats with strangers and remind them not to share personal information. Use real-life examples to explain potential risks, and remind them that if they see something concerning, they should tell a trusted adult.

SET SPENDING LIMITS

Fortnite's rotating store is a not-so-subtle mechanism for coaxing players into buying sought-after items before they disappear for weeks or months. This could lead to surprise transactions on bank cards if children are tempted into an impulse purchase. Parents could consider getting a prepaid card for the child or ensuring that purchases require adult authorisation. This can be done through parental settings on a console or account settings in the Epic Games app on PC.

ENJOY FORTNITE TOGETHER

Fortnite also offers split-screen gameplay, meaning that two people can play simultaneously on the same console or computer. This can be a good option for siblings or for when a child's friends visit, but it also offers an opportunity for parents to do something fun with their child, while making sure they're playing the game safely. Who knows? You might even teach them a thing or two!

BE WARY OF SCAMS

The immense popularity of Fortnite with younger audiences – that are generally more trusting – means there's no shortage of scammers looking to fraudulently obtain passwords and other personal data through techniques like phishing. As the developers point out on many of Fortnite's loading screens, they never ask for a player's account password outside of the game. Make sure any young player knows this.

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is an experienced freelance writer and has been working in the gaming and tech industry for seven years. A regular visitor to the App Store to try out new tools, he's also a parent and therefore understands the importance of online safety. He's also a tech and fitness writer and has been published at sites including IGN, TechRadar, and plenty more.



Let's Learn Spanish

Days of the week



Monday
lunes

Tuesday
martes

Wednesday
miércoles



Thursday
jueves

Friday
viernes



Saturday
sábado



Sunday
domingo



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