



Turves Green Primary School Newsletter

Excelsior
Multi Academy Trust
24TH APRIL 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Attendance –

Our Year 6s in a few weeks will be taking their SATs tests. They are working so hard towards these. Strong attendance is one of the most reliable predictors of higher attainment in KS2 SATs, and the pattern is remarkably consistent: pupils who attend school regularly have more secure learning, greater confidence, and better outcomes. Even a small number of missed days can interrupt the flow of teaching, making it harder for children to build the knowledge and skills assessed in Year 6. By working together to prioritise good attendance, we give every child the best possible chance to succeed, feel prepared, and reach their full potential.

Boys' Tag Rugby –

On Thursday after school, 6 boys from Years 5 and 6 entered a tag rugby competition. They did well, winning 3 games and unfortunately losing 2.



Well done boys – great teamwork!

Achievements out of school –

A huge congratulations to Belle in Y3! Belle took part in her dance exams in March and this week got her results with 1 Merit and 2 distinctions in tap, ballet, and jazz! Well done Belle. Don't forget, if you achieve anything out of school we'd love to celebrate it with you!



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

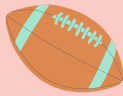


After School Clubs

WB 27th 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 27th April
RF Trip to Ash End Farm

- Tuesday 28th April
EYFS Superhero Exhibition

- Wednesday 29th April
RSW Trip to Ash End Farm

- Monday 4th May
Bank Holiday - School Closed

- Thursday 7th May
Polling Day - School Closed to Pupils apart from Yr 6



Water Bottles

With the weather getting warmer and the sun shining, please make sure that children are bringing their water bottles to school. Water bottles should be labelled clearly with their name and only contain plain water - no juice or flavoured water please.



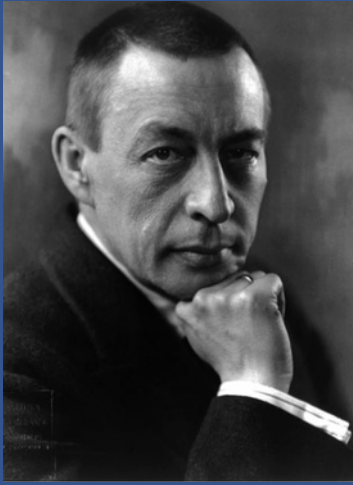
Next weeks PE:

MONDAY	Year 1
TUESDAY	REC
WEDNESDAY	Year 6 & Year 2
THURSDAY	Year 3 & Year 5 5 - Swimming - if you had a letter
FRIDAY	Year 4

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 Sergei Rachmaninoff (1827-1900):



Sergei Rachmaninoff was one of the most important composers in Russia in the early 20th century. He was a wonderful pianist, and some of his most important compositions were written for that instrument. He studied first at the school of a very difficult taskmaster, Nikolai Zverev, who made his students work for 16 hours each day. He then went to the Moscow Conservatory, where he won the Great Gold Medal in 1892.

Despite this fine training, and encouragement from Tchaikovsky, who was Russia's most famous composer at the time, Rachmaninoff's career moved slowly. When his first symphony was performed, absolutely nobody liked it. He lost confidence and found himself unable to compose. He finally went to a hypnotist, who repeated over and over to him, "You will write your Concerto – You will write your Concerto...." He did, producing his famous Piano Concerto in c minor, which is his most popular work. He went on to compose several other concertos plus symphonies, piano works and songs. Another well-known work is the Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini.

Following the Russian Revolution in 1917, Rachmaninoff left his home country, moving first to Switzerland and then to the United States. He toured often, conducting and performing. His astounding abilities on the piano won him high praise and great fame. He had a phenomenal memory and could hear a piece of music and play it back not only the next day but years afterward. Fortunately, Rachmaninoff recorded much of his own music, so we can still hear his performances today. He died in California at the age of 69.



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:

- Reception - Ella-Rose (RSW) & Liora (RF)
- Year 1 - Ezmai (1C) & Millie (1BC)
- Year 2 - Sade (2C) & Bramish (2W)
- Year 3 - Alaska (3B) & Jack (3P)
- Year 4 - Eunice (4C) & Gurkirat (4W)
- Year 5 - Amina (5S) & Jeremiah (5W)
- Year 6 - Gracie (6M) & Toby (6T)

House Points

Armstrong	Earhart	Seacole	Shakespeare
			
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Care and Compassion Award



Care and Compassion certificates will be awarded next week.

Resilience and Perseverance Award



- Reception - Kingsley (RSW) & Millie (RF)
- Year 1 - Niah (1C) & Eleanor (1BC)
- Year 2 - Shay (2C) & Kyla (2W)
- Year 3 - Kenzo (3B) & Kyrie (3P)
- Year 4 - Kaisean (4C) & Lexi & Jasmine (4W)
- Year 5 - Kieon (5S) & Mubin (5W)
- Year 6 - Anna (6M) & Lincoln (6T)

NEW LUNCH MENU!



Week 2

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
All Day Brunch, Pork Sausage or Veggie Sausage (V) with Omelette & Hash Brown Fish Fingers with Tartar Sauce	Battered Fish Pork Sausage / Veggie Sausage (V)	Chicken & Vegetable Pie with Yorkshire Pudding Veggie Sausage Toad in the Hole (V)	Beef / Veggie (V) Bolognese with Spaghetti & Nachos Fish Stars with Tartar Sauce	Meat Feast Pizza Margherita Pizza (V)
Sauté Potatoes, Baked Beans & Sweetcorn	Chipped Potatoes, Curry Sauce, Mushy Peas & Baked Beans	Roasted New Potatoes, Carrots, Green Beans & Baked Beans	Sauté Potatoes, Broccoli, Sweetcorn & Baked Beans	Diced Potatoes, Baked Beans, Peas, Sauces
Ice Cream Pot Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt	Iced Flapjack Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt	Carrot Cake Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt	Fruit Jelly Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt	Ice Cream Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt

Fresh Bread
Jacket Potatoes
Sandwich, Wrap
Salad Cart
Available Daily



Be an attendance HERO

Here Everyday Ready Ontime



12 Top Tips for BUILDING CYBER RESILIENCE AT HOME

As a society, we're increasingly using technology and tech services in the home. Digital assistants which can adjust the heating or turn lights on and off; streaming services for shows and movies on demand; games consoles; smart speakers; phones; laptops ... the list goes on. As we introduce each new gizmo to our homes, however, we increase the level of threat from cyber criminals. It's essential, therefore, that we learn to become more cyber resilient in relation to the devices and digital services that the people in our household use.

WHAT IS 'CYBER RESILIENCE'?

Cyber resilience focuses on three key areas: reducing the **likelihood** of a cyber attack gaining access to our accounts, devices or data; reducing the **potential impact** of a cyber incident; and making the **recovery** from a cyber attack easier, should we ever fall victim to one.

1. PASSWORDS: LONGER AND LESS PREDICTABLE

The longer, less common and predictable a password is, the more difficult it becomes for cyber criminals to crack. The National Cyber Security Centre's 'three random words' guidelines are ideal for creating a long password which is easy to remember but hard to guess.

2. AVOID RE-USING PASSWORDS

When you use the same password across different logins, your cyber resilience is only as strong as the security of the weakest site or service you've signed up for. If cyber criminals gain access your username and password for one site or service, they'll definitely try them on others.

3. USE A PASSWORD MANAGER

A good way to juggle different passwords for every site or service you use is to have a password manager. This software stores all your passwords for you, so you simply need to remember the master password. LastPass, Dashlane, 1Password and Keeper are all excellent password managers.

4. BACK UP YOUR DATA

Keep a copy of your data using OneDrive, Google Drive or another reputable cloud-based storage solution. If it's extremely important or sensitive information, you could even decide to keep more than one back-up version – by saving it to a removable USB drive or similar device, for example.

5. ENABLE MULTI-FACTOR AUTHENTICATION (MFA)

Multi-factor authentication is where you need access to your phone (to receive a code, for example) or another source to confirm your identity. This makes it far more difficult for cyber criminals to gain entry to your accounts and your data, even if they do manage to get your username and password.

6. CHOOSE RECOVERY QUESTIONS WISELY

Some services let you set 'recovery questions' – such as your birthplace or a pet's name – in case you forget your password. Take care not to use information you might have mentioned (or are likely to in future) on social media. More unpredictable answers make cyber criminals' task far harder.

7. SET UP SECONDARY ACCOUNTS

Some services provide the facility to add secondary accounts, phone numbers and so on to help with potentially recovering your account. Make sure you set these up: they will be vital if you're having trouble logging in or if you're trying to take back control of your account after a cyber attack.

12. STAY SCEPTICAL

Cyber criminals commonly use various methods, including emails, text messages and social media posts. Be cautious of any messages or posts that are out of the ordinary, offer something too good to be true or emphasise urgency – even if they appear to come from someone you know.

11. KEEP HOME DEVICES UPDATED

Download official software updates for your household's mobile phones, laptops, consoles and other internet-enabled devices regularly. Security improvements and fixes are a key feature of these updates – so by ensuring each device is running the latest version, you're making them more secure.

10. CHANGE DEFAULT IOT PASSWORDS

Devices from the 'Internet of Things' (IoT), such as 'smart' home appliances, are often supplied with default passwords. This makes them quicker to set up, but also less secure – criminals can identify these standard passwords more easily, so change them on your IoT devices as soon as possible.

9. CHECK FOR BREACHES

You can check if your personal information has been involved in any known data breaches by entering your email address at www.haveibeenpwned.com (yes, that spelling is correct!). It's useful if you're worried about a possible attack – or simply as motivation to review your account security.

8. KEEP HAVING FUN WITH TECH

Consider our tips in relation to the gadgets and online services your household uses. Protect yourself and your family, and don't let the bad guys win: devices are not only integral to modern life but also a lot of fun – so as long as you keep safety and security in mind, don't stop enjoying your tech.

Meet Our Expert

Gary Henderson is the Director of IT at a large boarding school in the UK, having previously taught in schools and colleges in Britain and the Middle East. With a particular interest in digital citizenship and cyber security, he believes it is essential that adults and children alike become more aware of the risks associated with technology, as well as the many benefits.



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Months of the Year

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Los meses del año

January
enero

February
febrero

March
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April
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May
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June
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