Turves Green Primary School Newsletter

6TH NOVEMBER 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Year Six Residential

This afternoon we welcomed our Year 6 pupils and staff from their residential visit to Condover. All participants looked exhausted but have had the best time enjoying the activities on offer. The children behaved incredibly well and were great representatives of Turves Green Primary School! Well done! I would like to say a huge thank you to Miss Tonks, Mr Millington, Miss Ward, Mr Edwards and Mrs Cooke for giving up their time so that the children could enjoy such a wonderful experience. I hope you have a restful weekend!

Return of FOMO (fear of missing out) Friday!

Today saw the return of FOMO Fridays. The FOMO Friday initiate is to ensure excellent school attendance each Friday. The children are unaware of who will be picked to enjoy SHActive on a Friday afternoon- it could be them at any time. 2 groups of children will be picked to participate, and this could be for a variety of reasons, including behaviour, attendance, and effort in class. This week SHActive was enjoyed by:

3T – for having the best class attendance in school – 98.4%

Non-residential Year 6 pupils – they have shown amazing behaviour and attitudes for the 3 days they have been in school – well done!

Don't forget children should wear school PE kit each Friday in case they are picked!

Carbon Monoxide Safety

This week all children in school had an assembly from Bonanza Creative about where they watched a short film designed to give pupils an introduction to carbon monoxide, what it is, where it can be found and how to stay safe. Children in Years 2, 3 and 5 also had in-class workshops and Years 2 and 3 brought home a carbon monoxide alarm to keep.

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	97.3%	£5	£7	3P	95%		£0
RSW	96.6%	£1	£34	3T	98.4%	£5	£7
1AC	91.3%		£4	4B	93.5%		£17
1C	93.2%		£11	4W	95.5%		£7
2P	92.0%		£2	5C	94.7%		£4
2W	96.8%	£1	£19	5S	91.8%		£28
				6M	94.2%		£3
				6T	95.2%		£4







School Gates

Please can we remind all parents and carers that the pedestrian gate that is used to enter school for breakfast club and during the school day needs to remain locked, please do not slide the slide bolt out to stop the gate from locking so you don't have to wait for the office to open it. This is a safety risk and we require this gate to be locked at all times.

Bonfire night and firework safety.

As we enjoy the excitement of firework celebrations, please remember to stay safe. Children should always watch fireworks from a safe distance with a responsible adult and never handle fireworks themselves. Sparklers can get very hot, so they should be used with care, wearing gloves, and disposed of safely in water afterwards. Let's all have a fun, safe, and enjoyable celebration this season! Have a great weekend.



Mrs Young



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Composer of the week
Benjamin Britten



Benjamin Britten was an expert in three different musical fields – conducting, composing and playing the piano. Britten was born in Lowestoft, a town on the English seacoast. (His birthday, November 22nd, happens to be the saint day of the patron saint of music, St. Cecilia.) Benjamin's father was a dentist; his mother loved to sing, and regularly held concerts in their home.

From the moment he started playing the piano, Britten knew he wanted to earn his living as a composer. His first paying job was writing music for films.

Britten was a pacifist – he didn't believe in fighting wars. So when it became obvious that England would go to war with Germany in 1939, Britten left for America. But it was impossible to take the "Brit" out of Britten. In the middle of World War II, he sailed back to his native country.

When the war was over, the biggest opera company in England held a gala reopening, and commissioned Britten to write a new opera for the occasion. Britten was also asked to compose an opera when Elizabeth II was crowned Queen of England.

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

voice 21

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 - Luca 1C
Year 2 - David 2W
Year 3 - Arlo 3P
Year 4 - Alana 4W
Year 5 - Reuben 5S
Year 6 - Farah 6T

House Points

Armstrong	Earhart	Seacole	Shakespeare
			
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Ready, Respectful and Safe Award

Our first Ready, Respectful and Safe Awards will be given out next week!
Remember - children have got to be in to win!



NEW LUNCH MENU!

Week 1

Sandwiches, Jacket Potatoes and Salad Cart Available Daily





Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Battered Chicken in a Bun Veggie Burger in a Bun (V)	Beef Bolognese Veggie Bolognase (V)	Homemade Beef Pie Cheese & Onions Lattice (V)	All Day Brunch - Pork Sausage & Omelette All Day Brunch - Veggie Sausage & Omelette (V) Fish Fingers with Skin on Wedges & Tartare Sauce	Wholemeal Chicken & Sweetcorn Pizza Wholemeal Margherita Pizza (V) Battered Fish
Herby Diced Potatoes, BBQ Sauce, Corn on the Cob & Green Beans	Spaghetti, Garlic Bread, Broccoli	Creamy Mash Potato, Carrots, Broccoli & Gravy	Hash Browns, Sweetcorn & Baked Beans	Chipped Potatoes & Sauces
Raspberry Jelly	Fresh Fruit Salad	Assorted Ice Cream	Watermelon or Orange Wedges & Apple Slices	Homemade Carrot Cake



Be an attendance HERO

Here Everyday Ready Ontime



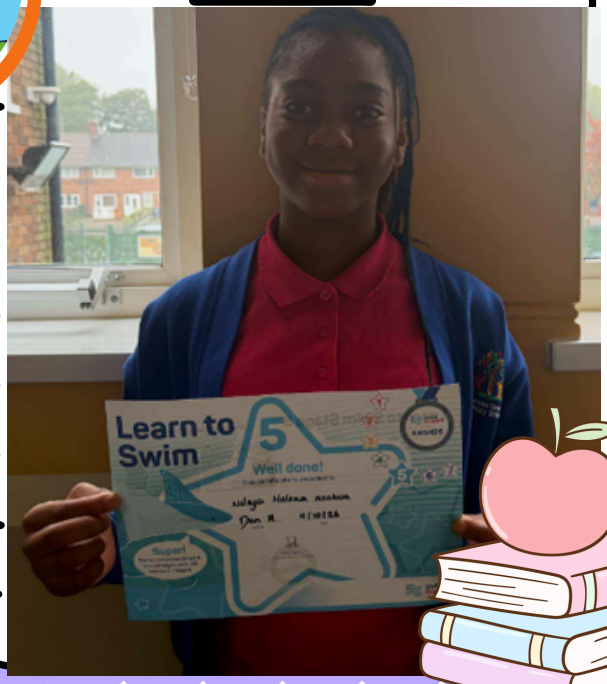
Student Shout Out

KS2:

Student Name: Helena N

Class: 6T

Teacher: Miss Tonks

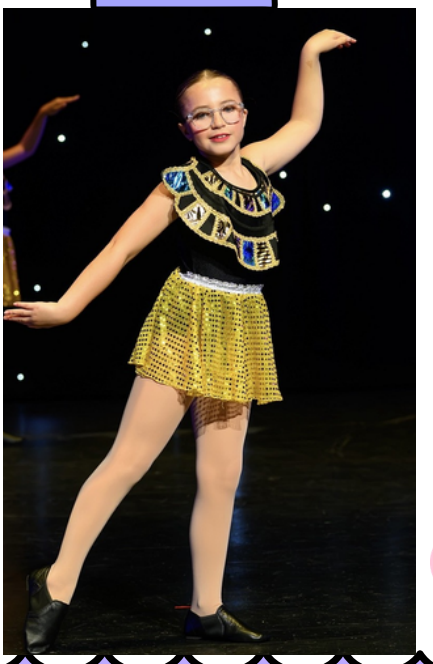


KS2:

Student Name: Belle B

Class: 4B

Teacher: Miss Bedford



Teacher Comment

This week we have another two shout outs for KS2!
Helena has achieved her level 5 award in swimming.
Belle completed 3 dance shows with her dance school on Sunday 11th and Sunday 18th October in 3 sold out shows in a theatre in Birmingham city centre featuring in her jazz, ballet and tap dances.
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 6TH NOVEMBER THESE CHILDREN WERE PICKED TO TAKE PART IN SH ACTIVE AT LUNCH TIME BY MRS COOKE AND MISS KNIGHT

RF - TYLER & OMER

RSW - RISHIIKA & TSHIMPANGA

1C - MAND & CHLOE

1AC - TRINITY & MILLIE

2W - LONA & WILLOW

2P - ELEANOR & KALLE

3P - HARMONY & HAYDEN

3T - CARSON & FIZZA

4W - RIELLA & CARTER

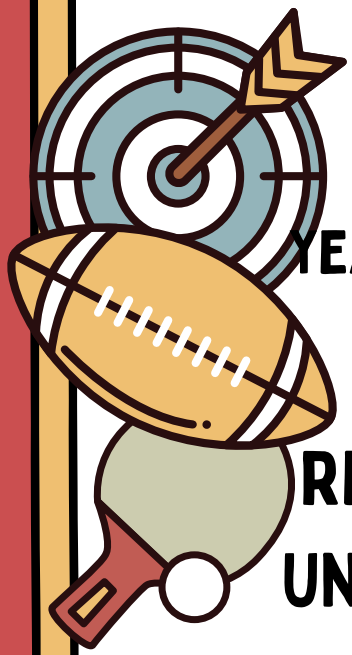
4B - AYA & MADDISON

5C - BLESSING & ALEXIA

5S - PHOEBE & TIWATOPE

YEAR 6 - CHAMPION & DEVON & MASON & MUBIN





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.

Excelsior Multi Academy Trust

"This school is a special place because no one is an outsider and no one is left out" Ofsted February 2020

Ofsted GRADED GOOD

Turves Green Primary School

Open Day

21st October 2026 9:30am

9th November 2026 5pm

Turves Green Primary School

Please use this link to book a place: https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/wE2YCsmgs4



OPEN DAY

Join us and find out about our best ever results last year!

Turves Green Primary School B31 4BP

https://turvesgreen.excelsiormat.org/

0121 464 3686

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 National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many issues which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit nationalcollege.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Schools Need to Know about THE ONLINE SAFETY ACT

The Online Safety Act was passed into UK law in October 2023, with the aim of establishing major new layers of protection for children when they're online. The government has pledged "a zero-tolerance approach to protecting children from online harm" – and the act certainly includes more powerful legislation which should help to safeguard young people in the digital world. Our guide summarises the key points for schools ...

WHAT THE ACT WILL DO

HARMFUL CONTENT

Social media sites must rapidly remove illegal and/or harmful content such as bullying or harassing comments; pornography; and content that supports extremist activity or encourages or depicts violence, suicide, self harm or eating disorders. If they fail to do so, they can be fined up to 10% of their global revenue while their executives may even face jail time.

ANIMAL CRUELTY

Content featuring cruelty to animals is now prohibited, even if it originates from abroad (where the law may be different). Again, it is the platform's responsibility to remove this.

MORE TRANSPARENCY

Sites must be transparent about the hazards that any children using them could encounter – by publishing risk assessments for their platforms, for instance.

HOSTING MISLEADING ADVERTS

Scams and fraudulent adverts must be blocked or removed, or the hosting companies are liable to be fined.

NON-CONSENSUAL SHARING

It's now easier to convict online abusers or people who share intimate images without consent, while legislation on the criminality of deepfakes has been clarified. The new laws also relate to any individuals who even *threaten* to share such images. This should help to protect women and girls in particular online.

REPORTING AND FILTERING

Sites should have easy reporting mechanisms for children (or their parents and carers) to flag up problems quickly. They must also provide options to filter out unwanted content.

AGE-RESTRICTED MATERIAL

Sites must prevent children from accessing age-inappropriate material. This includes enforcing age limits and implementing robust age verification.

What this means for you

The act has some specific implications for schools: it's essential that leaders understand the new legislation's scope and limitations. The act is certainly a positive step, but as artificial intelligence and other advances in tech continue to produce new challenges, schools will still need to remain extremely vigilant.

KNOW WHERE TO GET HELP

Look out for the Code of Conduct that Ofcom is creating in response to the Online Safety Act. Note that the new legislation doesn't mean an instant change: many of its elements will only come into force at the end of 2023. An Ofcom consultation on 'protecting people from illegal harms online' will be running until February 2024.

REMEMBER THE ESSENTIALS

Remain mindful of your organisation's own online activities: the legal duty for schools to maintain appropriate software monitoring and filtering, for example, will not change.

WATCH FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

There are some issues on which the legislation remains less clear for now: whether it's possible for Ofcom to scan encrypted private messages (such as on WhatsApp) has yet to be resolved, for instance – making this an area where, for the moment, young people have less legal protection.

UNDERSTAND AND EXPLAIN

Staff should learn how to raise concerns with tech companies whose platforms contain anything upsetting or unpleasant. Students also need to be made aware of the newly strengthened laws relating to cyber-bullying, sexting or posting inappropriate content. Young people *do* make mistakes online – so the clearer their understanding of the possible consequences, the better.

ENGAGE WITH PARENTS

Schools should also explain to parents and carers the new possibilities that the Online Safety Act affords them in terms of protecting their children. Many parents may have previously felt that there was little they could do about changing online platforms' content; they now have a far greater level of support when complaining about a company or the behaviour of an individual.

Meet Our Expert



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Autumn - Otoño



wind viento



leaves hojas



brown marrón



acorn bellota



conkers castañas



scarecrow espantapájaros



pumpkin calabaza



orange naranja



harvest cosecha



squirrel ardilla



golden dorado



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