

Toner Avenue Newsletter 2nd April 2026

Thank you I was really pleased to see so many of you join us for our Parent/Carer evening. This term 94% of all parents attended a discussion with the class teacher. This is an increase from last year when we had 91% attendance. I am aiming for 100% next time as it is really beneficial for parents to share their child's learning and find out ways to support at home. It is also a great opportunity to celebrate the progress across the year.

Our outdoor provision has gone from strength to strength with many local schools from across the North East coming to see the amazing offer we have over play and lunchtimes for the children at Toner. We will continue to develop this and ask you to continue to make donations of anything you feel might be useful to us. We are particularly short of scooters, blankets and sand toys.

Our Friday assembly is truly one of celebration. It is one of my favourite times of the week where we recognise children for the amazing things they do within school, as well as outside of school. We have star of the week linked to our Toner values, best class attendance, progress panda for a child making great progress in learning, golden welly award for amazing lunchtimes, golden merit awards for following our rules, lunchtime awards for manners and reading plus awards for reading at school and at home. If children have any individual or team achievements from outside of school then please encourage them to bring medals/trophies/certificates etc into assembly on a Friday, or send in your photographs, so we can ensure they are recognised by our Toner family.

Key Dates Below are some reminders of the key dates for the next term (which I shared with you in July).

3rd April - 17th April 26	School closed	Easter break - school reopens 20th April
Week beginning 11th May 26	Year 6 SAT's tests	Statutory Year 6 assessments
25th May - 29th May 26	School closed	Half term - school reopens Tues 2nd June

1st June 26	INSET day	School reopens 2nd June
Week beginning 2nd June 26	Y4 multiplication check	Times table test (check) for all year 4 children
Week beginning 8th June 26	Y1 phonics check	Phonics test (check) for all year 1 pupils
22nd - 26th June 26	STEM week	Parents will be invited to choose a day to come into school to see our approach to STEM and careers
29th June - 2nd July 26	Awards assemblies	29th June 2.15pm Y5 awards 30th June 9.15am Reception awards 30th June 2.15pm Year 4 awards 1st July 9.15am Y3 awards 1st July 2.15pm Year 1 awards 2nd June 9.15am Year 2 awards
10th July 26	Reports to parents/carers	Class teachers send your reports out
Tuesday 14th July	Sports Day at Monkton Stadium	Parents and children from Reception - Y6
13th July 2pm 15th July 5.30pm	Year 6 leavers assembly	More information from year 6
20th July - 31st August 26	School closed	6 weeks holidays

Community Shop

We are excited to let you know that we will be creating a new area in school - 'The Community Shop', which will contain free uniform, jumpers, dress up items, books, food, school shoes, toiletries etc (whatever else Emma manages to obtain). We are looking for a catchy name to describe this amazing resource so if you have any great ideas let us know.

Exciting events

This half-term, although it has been short, has seen us celebrate many achievements. We had a team attend the lego league competition who demonstrated our Toner values to a very high standard. Our Football teams have both been successful, one going on to the champions league, and the other commended for amazing team work. Well done to Miss Little who runs the football in her own time and is very dedicated to the footballers. Y3 also invited parents into school to take part in our internal careers fair. This is where school staff talk about jobs they have had previously and what transferable skills children need to be successful - good attendance, punctuality, working with others, listening skills, patience, kindness etc. Thanks to all the parents who attended and gave great feedback. Finally, we celebrated World Book Day in style this year with children creating their own outfits with their own characters. This made the event 100% inclusive and everyone was involved. A great day supported by funding from F&I Group. Thanks also to our 'secret readers' who surprised the classes by dropping in to read.

Reception and Nursery places

We are currently full in both our Nurseries. We are thrilled with the success of running the 2 provisions and the children are making great progress in school. We are filling up quickly for September 2026 so if you have any children (or know of anyone) who does not have their name down for Toner Nursery or Reception then please use the information below to apply. We have had a lot of interest in places for September and don't want anyone to be disappointed if we are full.

Apply for Nursery here - [Nursery Application Form](#)

Applications for September Reception places are now closed, but if you need to speak to someone you can contact admissions on 0191 424 7704 or email school.admissions@southtyneside.gov.uk.

Have a great Easter break. Take care Mrs Fullard.

