

Toner Avenue Newsletter 24th October 2025

Thank you for your support at the start of our year together. I was really pleased to see so many of you join us at St John's church for our Harvest festival. Thanks for all of your kind donations for 'Hebburn Helps'. Please remember if you need any support to come in and speak to the team - we are always happy to help.



Halloween Disco

Thanks to everyone who contributed to the Halloween disco. It was a huge success and helped raise valuable money for school. Special thanks to Miss McCabe who came up with the idea, and the huge numbers of staff who gave up their own time to support at the disco.

Smarties bids

Last year we raised around £800 from the generous donations collected in the Smarties tubes. Children are currently bidding for money for things they want in school.

So far we have ordered basketball hoops as requested by Elliot Y3, monkey bar covers as requested by James, Novah and Ivy Y3, pogo sticks as requested by Lola Y2, tennis sets as requested by Max Y6 and class teddy bears as requested by Lucy Y3. We still have money available so if you have any ideas come and grab a bid form!



Parent behaviour It is important as a school community that we work together for the benefit of the children here at Toner. Staff in school always try their best to address any issues which occasionally arise due to the very nature of the work we do with young children who are continually learning and refining their behaviour. We support this exceptionally well in school and we have a wealth of expertise and knowledge in this area, including a range of policies which are evaluated by staff and governors at least once a year. Since the start of term we have had concerning behaviour from a small minority of parents which is taking up a disproportionate amount of staff time. Behaviours such as:

- derogatory posts on social media or in parent whatsapp groups
- lengthy aggressive emails (often created through the use of AI)
- aggressive verbal behaviour towards myself and other staff
- unrealistic demands being placed on the school and when we are unable to accommodate these parents threatening to make complaints to different organisations
- parents not supporting the processes outlined in our behaviour policy
- parents sharing untrue information.

Dealing with this type of behaviour from adults impacts the staff wellbeing negatively and takes valuable time away from teaching and learning. As members of our school community, it is crucial we **ALL** follow the values we wish to instil in our children and that we are good role models at all times. Our staff are dedicated to ensuring a positive environment, and we ask that you address any concerns you may have in a constructive manner.

Another award!!!

Toner has been awarded a gold award for the work we do on careers, the highest level of achievement in the Primary Futures Recognition Scheme. This award reflects not only the quality of our career-related learning, but also the passion and commitment our school has shown in inspiring pupils to think big about their futures. Miss Almond is the careers lead in school and works tirelessly to make sure our offer is the best for our pupils. We are the first school to gain the gold accreditation. Well done to Miss Almond.

Key dates for Autumn 2 Below are some of the key dates for the next term, which I shared with you in July, so you already have them in your calendars and have hopefully had enough time to make arrangements.

27th Oct - 31st Oct 25	School closed	Half term - school reopens 3rd November
6th November 25	2026 Reception open evening	Prospective parents for Reception Sept 2026 intake invited for a visit 3.30 - 5pm
11th - 13th Nov 25	Parents evening	You will be asked to

		choose a suitable time after school to speak to your child's class teacher.
17th Nov - 20th Nov 25	Parent event	Parents will be invited to choose a day to come into school from 8.45 - 10 to watch an element of teaching in class alongside your child
21st Nov 25	INSET day	School closed
27th November 25	2026 Nursery open evening	Prospective parents for Nursery Sept 2026 intake invited for a visit
11th December 25	Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper day	
10am on 17th December 25	Year 1, 2 and 3 Christmas assembly at church	Parents invited to Church to join the celebration at 10am
2 pm on 17th December 25	Year 4, 5 and 6 Christmas assembly at Church	Parents invited to Church to join the celebration at 2 pm
22nd Dec - 2nd January 2026	School closed	Christmas break - school reopens 5th January

MacMillan Coffee

Thanks to everyone who contributed to this year's MacMillan coffee morning. The year 6 staff and pupils did a great job in raising £289.16.

Starlight lounge

Since the introduction of 'Treat Tuesday' in September we have welcomed over 100 children to join Mrs McKenna and myself for hot chocolate treats and 'posh' biscuits. They have all signed the wall of fame too! It is amazing to be able to



recognise and reward the fabulous children we have in Toner, celebrating those who come to school every day with a positive attitude, always try their best and are a real credit to the school. Tuesday is fast becoming my favourite day of the week (excluding the weekends!)

Spy Readers

[Spy Readers](#) - This is a great resource for helping children discover books that match their interests, making reading enjoyable and sparking curiosity. Their resources support inclusive and diverse reading, so every child can see themselves reflected and explore the lives of others. They also equip adults with the tools and guidance to confidently recommend engaging books that foster a love of reading. It's a simple way to boost your child's reading journey at home!

Xmas tree We will be having a whole school Christmas tree again this year. It was amazing last year to see every child adding their own decoration to the tree. We have some from last year but if you want to make a new one over the holidays that would be amazing - get your glitter out!!!

Donations

If anyone is throwing out any large sized wellies we would love to have them donated for our outdoors. Please speak to staff if you have any.

Finally, a huge thank you to the majority of parents for the amazing support we have in school. The amount of positive comments we receive about school is really heart warming and your friendly faces at the gate each day really helps create the happy, safe, environment we strive for at Toner. Our attendance for last year is now in line with all other schools, punctuality has hugely improved and our numbers of children on roll continue to increase...that is because of the great offer we have at Toner. We have a very positive culture in school, praising children for the great things they do, and supporting them to make the right choices all of the time. Due to the hard work of the community we have happy children who are achieving above national outcomes by the time they leave us in year 6 - a credit to us all.

Together we will continue to strive to create independent, tolerant, resilient pupils who achieve well and care - values we demonstrate in school every day.

Have a great half term holiday. Take care Mrs Fullard and all Toner staff.

