

Toner Avenue Newsletter July 2026

Thanks to you all for another amazing year. Toner Avenue continues to grow and develop, thanks to all of the hard working staff, governors, parents ... and most of all children!!!

Goodbye and Good Luck

We are sad to be saying goodbye to our Year 6 pupils who amazed us all with their production of 'Gigglebox'. I know they will be successful in Secondary school and continue to demonstrate the hard work and commitment they have shown during their time here. I hope to see many of you again when you achieve your aspirations and come back to Toner to support us in our future careers events!!

Breakfast club

From September breakfast club will open at the new time of 7.45am. This is as a result of parent requests on the parent questionnaires. Please make sure you book in using the weekly email sent each Monday (to book the following week).

Published school data

This year the year 6 pupils have achieved well in reading, writing and maths and have made so much progress. The year 4 pupils have achieved above national in their Y4 multiplication check. The year 1 and Reception pupils have made a lot of progress and scored well in the Y1 phonics check and EYFS profile check. It shows what a great academic curriculum we have in school. Every staff member contributes to this and it is a real achievement for everyone in the school team, as well as the hard work from the pupils.

Awards

This year our school gained 'school of sanctuary award' for the welcoming, inclusive environment we create for all pupils.



We continue to be a beacon school for our work on careers, gaining many awards and developing children's aspirations, giving them a real meaning to their learning in school. We have also gained the water smart award for how we teach children to be safe around open water - hopefully this will support them during the summer break.

The amazing sports day was another huge success and I was thrilled to see so many supporters - either cheering from the stands, running in the parent races, or buying raffle tickets (drawn today and winners informed). Thanks again for your kind words and enthusiasm.

The individual year group award ceremonies were great and a real opportunity to say well done to every pupil for their hard work across the year, and how they have demonstrated the Toner values of independence, tolerance, resilience, achieving well and caring. Just a reminder that if children are not in school as they are unwell, they should not be attending awards events for their siblings. If they are well enough to attend the awards they are well enough to be in school. I will remind everyone about this again next year.

School meals and milk update from South Tyneside council

From September 2026 the price of a school meal will increase to £3 per day.

Parking and travel to school

As the numbers of pupils at Toner Avenue increase, we are aware of the additional number of people on the yard and around school. As part of the Eco award we will be continuing to ask you to walk/cycle/scoot to school to relieve parking issues around school and make the roads safer for you all. Please see the transition booklet for a map of the school drop off and pick up doors. We are hoping that over the summer we will gain a further entrance onto the school grounds - and this will help alleviate some of the issues.

Key dates for the year ahead

Date	Event	How it will work
Tuesday 1st September	INSET day	School starts

26		<u>Wednesday 2nd September</u>
10th September	Flu vaccinations	Pupils from R - Y6
5th Oct - 8th Oct 26	Parent event Moved earlier in the term following parent feedback	Parents will be invited to choose a day to come into school from 8.45 - 10 to watch our approach to teaching
5th October and 4th November 26	2027 Reception open evening	Prospective parents for Reception Sept 2027 intake invited for a visit
15th October 26	School photographer	
2pm on 21st October 26	Year 1, 2 and 3 harvest assembly at Church - <u>only year 1, 2, 3 will perform harvest this year</u>	Parents invited to Church to join the celebration at 10am
26th Oct - 30th Oct 26	School closed	Half term - school reopens 2nd November
10th - 12th November 26	Parents evening	You will be asked to choose a suitable time after school to speak to your child's class teacher.
26th November 26	2026 Nursery open evening	Prospective parents for Nursery Sept 2027 intake invited for a visit
10th December 26	Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper day	
16th December 26	Christmas assemblies at church - times and year groups will be confirmed at a later date	Parents invited to Church to join the celebration

21st Dec - 1st January 2027	School closed	Christmas break - school reopens Monday 4th January 27
25th Jan - 28th Jan 2027	Parent event	Parents will be invited to choose a day to come into school from 8.45 - 10 to watch our approach to teaching - subject still to be decided
15th - 19th Feb 27	School closed	Half term - school reopens Monday 22nd Feb
4th March 27	World Book Day	Plans TBC
9th - 11th March 27	Parents evening	You will be asked to choose a suitable time after school to speak to your child's class teacher.
30th March - 9th April 27	School closed	Easter break - school reopens Monday 12th April
Week beginning 10th May 27	Year 6 SAT's tests	Statutory Year 6 assessments
31st May - 4th June 27	School closed	Half term - school reopens Tues 8th June
7th June 27	INSET day	School reopens Tuesday 8th June
Week beginning 8th June 27	Y4 multiplication check	Times table test (check) for all year 4 children
Week beginning 14th June 27	Y1 phonics check	Phonics test (check) for all year 1 pupils
21st - 25th June 27	STEM week	Parents will be invited to

		choose a day to come into school to see our approach to STEM and careers
28th June - 2nd July 27	Awards assemblies	Dates and times TBC closer to the event
9th July 27	Reports to parents/carers	Class teachers send your reports out
19th July - 3rd September 2027	School closed	7 weeks holidays

Uniform

Please make sure children are wearing the correct uniform in September (especially for PE days). We have a very clear and easy policy but insist on children wearing the school colours

so we create a sense of equality and belonging for everyone who attends.

Please also make sure names are clearly added to the uniform - we have 500 children wearing the same so it is impossible to locate without a name. If you are unsure please speak to the office or check out details on the website. We have a community shop now where we can support families with the correct uniform, PE clothes

and shoes!! The 'Tagged Twice @ Toner store' will be open from 8.30 every morning so pop in if we can help with anything - recycling is great for the environment - and we have many new items too.



Communication

Communication via emails will only be answered by staff from 8.30 - 4.30.

Please make sure you inform the office in advance of appointments and bring with you the appointment slip.

Please email or leave a message on the answer machine for any pupil sickness.

Please speak to class teachers for any questions about trips etc.

Please ensure contact details are kept up to date should we need you in an emergency.

If you do email the office or ring to speak to a member of staff, we will try to contact you back, but staff are teaching so we endeavor to respond within 5 working days.

Staff changes

Mrs Inkster (who has worked here 49 years) has decided to retire at the end of this year. We will be having a special celebration in the Autumn term to celebrate her commitment to Toner Avenue. Mrs Wales and Miss Brabbs will also be leaving us at the end of the year - we wish them lots of luck in their future. Miss Wright and Miss O'Hagan are getting married over the holidays and will return as Mrs Ildeton and Mrs Lowerson. We have 2 new support staff starting - Miss Stephenson in Year 5 and Mrs Brooks in Year 1. Miss Ivy will also be returning after the summer to work in Reception and Year 6.

Reading

Please remind children to keep reading over the summer. They will have access to reading plus (y3-5) and are also encouraged to complete the summer reading challenge 2026.



Maintaining their levels of reading is important and will really help their transition to the next year group, and access the whole curriculum.

Have a great summer holiday. Hopefully we will see lots of dry weather so we can all get out and about. I know South Tyneside have a lot of activities planned for the holidays and lots of free transport so check out the council website and our Facebook page where we share lots of information!! Good luck to those leaving but for the rest of us...see you in September. Take care Mrs Fullard.