



Aston Tower Community Primary School Newsletter

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Aston Tower gets some of the highest test scores in England!

Not surprisingly, Aston Tower pupils have scored some of the best test scores in England. Last year's Year 4 pupils, who are all now in Year 5, their results in the government's multiplication test are among the highest in the country according to government figures. We're not surprised and well done to the children and staff involved. This is more evidence of the great education our pupils get at Aston Tower. Our current Year 4 will take the test in June. Please therefore help your child practice for the test by using the TT Rockstars website at home.

School Council at the Houses of Parliament

School Council enjoyed a trip to the Houses of Parliament a few weeks ago. They travelled to Parliament by taxi, train and the underground. Their behaviour was excellent and we are very proud of every one of them. School Council had a tour of Parliament and learnt about how it, and democracy works.



Books from school

Aston Tower pupils enjoy reading. We encourage our pupils to read by having a library book and one from their classroom. These should be brought to and from school in a school book bag which you can buy from the school office. Some of these books are getting damaged. Please encourage your child to look after them. We will charge if books are damaged. Charges will need to be made using our school payment system, sQuid.

Uniform

From September, pupils will need to wear a school uniform top like the one in the photograph. It must have a school badge on it. When buying new uniform this summer or autumn, please make sure you buy one of these tops from the school office. This can also be purchased using your sQuid account.



School trips

This year, every year group will be going on an educational visit. Year 5 went to Think Tank to learn about science and Year 6 to a World War 2 museum. Other year group will be going on trips this term and over the next week or two you will have the information about where your child will be going. All of the trips will help them learn the school curriculum. All payments for school trips will need to be done using our school payment system sQuid. Dates for year group trips are as follows:

Nursery—Tuesday 6 June 2023

Year 1—Tuesday 4 July 2023

Year 3A—Monday 12 June 2023

Year 4S—Tuesday 23 May 2023

Reception—Wednesday 14 June 2023

Year 2—Monday 19 June 2023

Year 3S—Tuesday 13 June 2023

Year 4C—Wednesday 24 May 2023

Swimming and being safe in water

Please encourage your child to learn to swim, and if they can, to do a distance of 25 metres. Local swimming baths provide swimming lessons and free entry to swimming pools. Your child should be encouraged to swim at least 25 metres by the time they leave Year 6. Learning to swim is a great form of exercise and will help keep your child safe when they are by the water.

Attendance

Our pupils' attendance has really improved. Please make sure you send your child to school every day. Please don't make appointments at the doctors, dentists and opticians during school time. Three classes will win awards for excellent attendance so encourage your child to come to school everyday.

Year 6 Graduation

Year 6 will be having their graduation on Wednesday 12 July at King Edward (VI) Aston School starting at 10am. We will write to you soon with more information.

Apply for Grammar School

If you have a child in Year 5 and want them to attend a Grammar School in September 2024, you will need to register for the entrance test. You will need to complete an online application which is available at <https://www.birminghamgrammarschools.org/content/registering-entrance-test> . If you need support in completing the application, please contact the school office to book an appointment with Mr Hasnat.

Term Dates

Summer Term 2023

Term Starts: Monday 17 April 2023

Half Term: Monday 29 May 2023 to Friday 2 June 2023

Term Ends: Friday 21 July 2023

Autumn Term 2023

Term Starts: Tuesday 5 September 2023

Half Term: Monday 30 October 2023 to Friday 3 November 2023

Term Ends: Friday 22 December 2023