



# Aston Tower Community Primary School Newsletter

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## Memorial Garden for Ms Roon Egal

Roon was an exceptional and long serving member of staff who sadly passed away in service in 2021. She was an amazing colleague, friend and family member to all in our school community. Roon was kind, caring, funny, she was a beautiful soul. Her roaring laughter is missed, her words of wisdom are missed along with her love, warmth and kindness.

We have created a memory garden in honour of Roon and the commitment she gave to Aston Tower. She will never be forgotten and forever missed. We were truly blessed to have had Roon in our lives.

Mrs Rai-Moore ❤️



## Resource Base

Due to the excellent work we do with pupils with special educational needs, Birmingham City Council and the Department for Education, have agreed for us to open a resource base for pupils with autism. This sixteen-pupil base will open in September and is now being built with money from Birmingham City Council. The building will include two classrooms, a sensory room and toilets for pupils. Pupils will be given a place by Birmingham City Council and will need a diagnosis of autism and an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP).



## Year 6—SATs

These are only weeks away. Children in year 6 must come to school every day to make sure they make the progress they need before taking their tests which start next month on 13 May. Tests last for a week, and then pupils will have their writing skills assessed for the rest of the term. On Election Day, on 2 May, year 6 pupils must come to school as usual in the morning.

## Year 4 Multiplication Test

Year 4 children will take a times tables test in June. Pupils must keep practising their times tables using TT Rock Star at home. Some children have been asked to attend the Thursday evening times tables club. They should come every week to improve their knowledge.

## Year 1 Phonics screening Test

As Mrs Rai-Moore explained to year 1 parents last term, children in year 1 will take a phonics test in June. Parents should keep supporting their year 1 children with their phonics over the coming weeks, and make sure children attend school every day.

# New Playground Markings for children's play at lunchtime

Mrs Rai-Moore has worked with a company to create playground markings on Tower Road. These will be used by children at lunchtimes to play on. Not only will children enjoy playing on these markings but they will help encourage children to be physically active which is so important for their health.



## Local Election Day

This takes place on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May. Year 6 pupils should come to school for the morning session only from 8:35am to 12:10pm. Year 6 pupils do not need to wear their uniform on this day. Children eligible for free school meals will be able to collect a sandwich meal on that day. All other children should stay at home on that day.

## Letters to Parents

Almost all letters will be sent to you by email. Please check your emails regularly for our letters and make sure the office team have your correct email address.

## School Year 2023 to 2024

### Summer Term 2024

Term Starts: Monday 8 April 2024

Half Term: Monday 27 May 2024 to Friday 31 May 2024

Term Ends: Thursday 18 July 2024

## School Year 2024 to 2025

### Autumn Term 2024

Term Starts: Thursday 5 September 2024

Half Term: Monday 28 October 2024 to Friday 1 November 2024

Term Ends: Friday 20 December 2024

### Spring Term 2025

Term Starts: Monday 6 January 2025

Half Term: Friday 17 February 2024 to Friday 21 February 2025

Term Ends: Friday 11 April 2025

### Summer Term 2025

Term Starts: Monday 28 April 2025

Half Term: Monday 26 May 2025 to Friday 30 May 2025

Term Ends: Thursday 17 July 2025