



Aston Tower Community Primary School Newsletter

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Resource Base

Our resource base for pupils with autism and an Education, Health Care Plan has opened. Mrs Rai-Moore has led the work to create this resource base. Birmingham City Council chose our school because of the excellent work it does to support pupils who have special educational needs. The money to build this purpose-built area has come from Birmingham City Council. Pupils have now started attending: some attended Aston Tower beforehand, but others have come from other schools. We welcome new families to our school and look forward to working with them. The children in the resource base will work in small groups with our staff to help them learn.



Online Safety

Mr Hasnat led three parent meetings about ways in which you can keep your child safe when online. It was good to see so many parents attend and learn about online dangers and ways you can keep your child safe. Below are some web links you can visit to find out more :

NSPCC <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/>

UK Safer Internet Centre <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/>

Internet Matters <https://www.internetmatters.org/>

E-Safety

Keeping children safe on-line at home

Being on time

School starts at 8: 35 am on Mondays to Thursdays, and at 8:30 am on Fridays for all children in Years 1 to 6. For children in the nursery and reception classes, school begins at 8:40 am. Please be on time so that your child starts their lessons at the right time.



Weekly Emails

We will send a weekly email to all parents every Friday morning. This will give you lots of information about the school and how you can help your child do well. Please look out for it; if you can't find it, check your junk mail folder. Newsletters will also be sent out by email on Fridays.

School Meals

Our caterers cook a hot meal every day for children. Please encourage your child to have a school meal. You can see the menu by clicking [here](#).

Online Payment

We used to use Squid for parents to pay for dinners, snacks, trips, uniform and book bags online. We are now moving to Parent Pay. We feel this is a great system and you will soon receive an activation code. You will need to use Parent Pay to pay for things from Monday 17th March 2025.

Library

The library is an important part of the school. We have spent a great deal of money on high quality books. Children have opportunities to go to the library to borrow a book. Please make sure children look after books at home. If they get damaged, you will have to pay for a replacement book.



Attendance

Please make sure your child comes to school every day unless they are very unwell. Congratulations to Miss Hopkins' Year 1 class for winning the weekly attendance award.



School Trips

Our pupils go on a lot of trips each year. Keep an eye out for your child's classes next trip. Year 6 will soon go to the Cannock Chase World War 2 Museum.

Friday Collection Times

These times will remain until the next term. From the summer term onwards, starting Friday, May 2nd, 2025, all pupils must be collected at 1:00 p.m.

Term Dates

School Year 2025—2026

Spring Term 2025

Term Starts: Monday 6 January 2025

Half Term: Monday 17 February 2025 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

Autumn Term 2025

Term Starts: Monday 1 September 2025

Half Term: Monday 27 October 2025 to Friday 31 October 2025

Term Ends: Friday 19 December 2025

Spring Term 2026

Term Starts: Monday 5 January 2026

Half Term: Monday 16 February 2026 to Friday 20 February 2026

Term Ends: Friday 27 March 2026

Please do not book holidays during school time.