



Anston Greenlands Primary School



DECEMBER NEWSLETTER



Dates for your Diary

December	
WB 2 nd	Y5/6 Escape Room in school
Thursday 5 th	Infant panto visit
Friday 6 th	Santa Dash
	Flu immunisations for Y3/4
Wednesday 11 th	Infant Nativity (afternoon)
Thursday 12 th	Infant Nativity (afternoon)
Friday 13 th	Christmas Jumper Day (<i>this is a day after the national day, due to our Nativity</i>)
	Christmas Dinner day
Monday 16 th	Y5/6 Christmas party (non uniform for Y5/6)
Wednesday 18 th	Christmas Coffee Morning (juniors) / Infant Christmas Party (non uniform for infants)
	SEND drop-in day with Mrs Bratt (morning only)
Thursday 19 th	Y3/4 Christmas party (non uniform for Y3/4)
Friday 20 th	Last day of school – non-uniform – 2pm finish – Christmas holiday follows
January	
Monday 6 th	First day back at school
WB 27 th	Bikeability Training for Y5
February	
WB 3 rd	Bikeability Training for Y6
Friday 14 th	Last day of school – non-uniform – half term holiday follows
Monday 24 th	First day back at school
March	
Thursday 6 th	World Book Day – dress as a book character
WB 10 th	Science Week
Wednesday 19 th	Parents' Evening
Thursday 20 th	Parents' Evening
Friday 28 th	Last day of school – non-uniform – Easter holiday follows
April	
Monday 14 th	First day back at school
Friday 18 th	School closed – bank holiday (Good Friday)
Monday 21 st	School closed – bank holiday (Easter Monday)
May	
Thursday 1 st	INSET Day – school closed to children – <i>please note, this date has not yet been confirmed; we have based it on the usual local election timetable and will confirm ASAP.</i>
WB 12 th	Y6 SATs

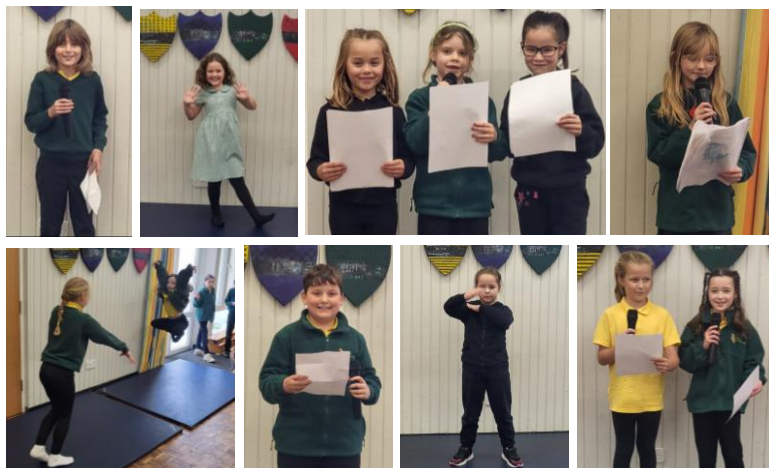


Friday 23 rd	Last day of school – non-uniform – half term holiday follows
June Monday 2 nd WB 9 th	First day back at school Phonics Screen (Y1)
July Wednesday 2 nd WB 14 th Monday 21 st Tuesday 22 nd Wednesday 23 rd	Sports day – afternoon – *provisional date* Swap shop week – non-uniform all week Last day of school for children – 2pm finish INSET day – school closed to children INSET day – school closed to children

Open Mic Tuesdays

We're having so much fun on Tuesday lunchtimes! Every Tuesday, we now have performances from children who've volunteered to entertain everyone in the hall. So far we've had songs and dances from a wide range of children and I must say the standard has been fantastic. We're so proud of everyone for having a go! There's a long list of children signed up over the next few weeks, and we're always on the look out for more; children can sign up at my (Mr Wirth's) office.

Well done, everyone!



Children in Need

We raised £476 for Children in Need this year! That's an increase from last year. Thank you very much for your generosity everybody.

Santa Dash

We're so excited about this Friday's Santa Dash! The event will start at 2.30pm. All children will be taking part, and as always, we welcome parents and carers to join in too. On the day, children should come in their normal uniform but are welcome to wear a Santa hat or any other festive headgear if they like (we usually have a few reindeer antlers and elf hats!) Of course, this is optional. We recommend that children wear their trainers rather than normal school shoes. After the fun run finishes, children will go back inside to collect their belongings and be dismissed. **The PTA will be selling refreshments and raffle tickets, so please bring a few pounds to spend!**

Whatsapp

We've been made aware of a number of conversations in class Whatsapp groups that have complicated or escalated situations that might've been solved by a quick phonecall or visit to school. Whatsapp groups can be a really useful tool for parents, but in some ways they can make things a lot more difficult than they need to be. I know this isn't just an issue at Greenlands, and that it's become the way of the world since Covid, but I really would encourage anyone with a concern or question to approach us at school in the first instance. Whatsapp makes it very easy for small grievances to become big issues, and in some cases this is beginning to have a tangible negative impact on the wellbeing of our staff. Please consider talking to us before turning to Whatsapp. We really are just people trying our best for your children!

Hockey Champions

Well done to the Y5/6 girls, who won the Rotherham Hockey Tournament! The team went on to play at the County finals, where they played brilliantly, and only narrowly lost out on adding that trophy to their collection. Well done everyone – what a great team performance!

Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 13th December is Christmas Jumper Day! Children are invited to wear their favourite festive jumper in support of Save the Children, with a suggested donation of £1 per family. Please note that this is the day after the national day, due to the nativity.



Dog Fouling

We've recently been contacted by a number of parents who are concerned about the amount of dog mess around school. I've been asked to pass on this form for reporting the issue and am happy to oblige:

<https://www.rotherham.gov.uk/xfp/form/182>

Thank you for your support with this.



Sycamore Gap

Finally, thank you to everyone who has been in touch following the news that Greenlands will be home to one of the 49 Sycamore Gap saplings. We're so pleased that you're as excited as we are! We'll keep you updated about developments as they happen. I'm expecting that the next step will be a visit from the National Trust to decide upon the exact location for the tree; it should be somewhere that's visible from the road, so that it can be enjoyed by the community for generations to come. P.S. – Keep an eye on this week's Advertiser!

INSET Dates for This Year

A reminder that this year's remaining INSET days are:

Thursday 1st May 2025

Tuesday 22nd July 2025

Wednesday 23rd July 2025