



Anston Greenlands Primary School



JANUARY NEWSLETTER

Dates for your Diary

January WB 27 th Friday 31 st	Bikeability Training for Y5 FS2 library visit
February WB 3 rd Friday 14 th Monday 24 th	Bikeability Training for Y6 Last day of school – non-uniform – half term holiday follows First day back at school
March Thursday 6 th Friday 7 th WB 10 th Wednesday 19 th Thursday 20 th Friday 28 th	Y5/6 Theatre visit World Book Day – dress as a book character *changed date - now one day after official World Book Day, due to Y5/6 visit* Science Week Parents' Evening Parents' Evening Last day of school – non-uniform – Easter holiday follows
April Monday 14 th Friday 18 th Monday 21 st	First day back at school School closed – bank holiday (Good Friday) School closed – bank holiday (Easter Monday)
May Thursday 1 st WB 12 th Friday 23 rd	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> Y6 SATs 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 – <i>*provisional date*</i> 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



Our New Projects

It's a busy time in school at the moment; everybody is hard at work on their new projects and there's a real buzz around the place! Wrens got 2025 off to a very exciting start with their visit from *Captivating Creatures*. What a way to kick off their "All Creatures Great and Small" work! In Robins and Chaffinches, the children are planning "The Retreat" and are already becoming experts at keeping their bodies and minds healthy. Merlins and Ospreys have a very difficult task this term: they're learning all about chocolate! Their Chocolate Extravaganza promises to be an event to remember. Finally, Golden Eagles and Snowy Owls have set themselves a straightforward task in their project, "How to Save the Planet". That's about as important as it gets – good luck everyone! Don't forget to keep checking the website for photos and updates from your child's class.



SEND Drop-ins

It's been lovely to see so many people making use of our SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities) drop-ins since Mrs Bratt introduced them earlier this year. These will be continuing on the last Wednesday of each month. There's no need to book – if you have any SEND concern about your child, you're welcome to call in and see Mrs Bratt on one of those days. This needn't be for a huge concern; if you just want to chat about anything that's worrying you, please feel free to come and talk to us.

Smart Watches

Some of our older children have started wearing smart watches to school, which are able to send messages etc. Please note that mobile-enabled smart watches may **not** be worn through the school day; they must be treated like phones and handed in at reception at the start of school. We strongly encourage parents not to send children with any valuable items, as this can often lead to upset if things get lost or damaged.

NSPCC

Staff from the NSPCC have visited school today to talk to children in Y2, Y5 and Y6. This follows assemblies last week throughout school. The staff told us how impressed they were by the children – well done everyone. If you or your child would like more information about the NSPCC, this can be found at <https://www.nspcc.org.uk>. We particularly recommend these pages, which offer support with things children may encounter as they grow up: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/> and the mental health challenges that can be associated with parenting: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/mental-health-parenting/>. As always, if you'd like to discuss anything about this, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Greenlands in the Press

We were proud to be named in the Advertiser's "top Rotherham Schools" list just before Christmas. If you didn't see us in print at the time, you can find the article online here...

<https://www.rotherhamadvertiser.co.uk/education/rotherhams-17-leading-state-primary-schools-4914723?page=3>

You can also read our Sycamore Gap article here:

<https://www.rotherhamadvertiser.co.uk/news/people/rotherham-school-gets-baby-sycamore-gap-tree-from-vandalised-remains-4891515>

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

