



Anston Greenlands Primary School



DECEMBER NEWSLETTER



Dates for your Diary

December	
Monday 4 th	Y5/6 War Museum
Wednesday 6 th	Infant Nativity (afternoon)
Thursday 7 th	Infant Nativity (afternoon)
Friday 8 th	Christmas Jumper Day (note – this is the day after the national day, due to the Nativity)
Monday 11 th	PTA Christmas Film event – after school
Thursday 14 th	Infant pantomime visit
Tuesday 19 th	Junior Christmas party (afternoon)
Wednesday 20 th	Junior Christmas Coffee Morning (hall open after drop-off)
Thursday 21 st	Infant Christmas party (afternoon)
Friday 22 nd	Last day – 2pm finish – return to school Monday 8 th January
February	
Friday 9 th	Last day – half term follows – return to school Monday 19 th February
March	
Thursday 7 th	World Book Day – dress as a book character
Thursday 28 th	Last day – Easter holiday follows – return to school Monday 15 th April
May	
Thursday 2 nd	INSET day (elections) – school closed to children
Monday 6 th	May Day – school closed to children
13 th – 16 th	Y6 SATs
Thursday 23 rd	Class photos (and individual Y6 photos)
Friday 24 th	Last day – half term follows – return to school Tuesday 4 th June (after INSET)
June	
Monday 3 rd	INSET day – school closed to children
WB 10 th	Y1 phonics screening check
July	
(to follow)	(dates for Sports Day and Performances to follow)
15 th – 23 rd	Non-uniform – Uniform Swap Shop to take place from Tuesday onwards
Tuesday 23 rd	Last day – 2pm finish – summer holiday follows

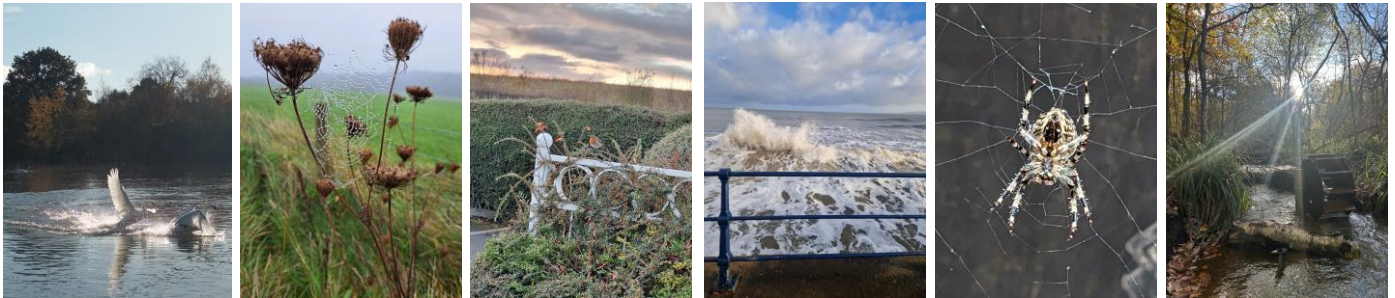
Parent Workshops

A big thank you to everyone who attended our parent workshops in November. We'll shortly be sending out all the slides from these meetings, so if you weren't able to attend you'll still be able to access the materials. Thank you.



Natural November

What an amazing response the Arts Champions had to their Natural November photography competition! It was so hard to pick a winner that in the end, the team had to choose a shortlist, then narrow it down to a top 3. As you can see, the standard was very high! The eventual winner was Sydney, with her incredible photo of swans taking flight. Thank you for taking part, everyone!



Children in Need

We raised £445 for Children in Need this year! Thank you very much for your generosity. The children loved their Bear Crawl challenge, and it was great to see how many people joined in at home!

Hockey Champions

Well done to both the Y5/6 boys and the Y5/6 girls, who both won their Dinnington Hockey Tournaments! Both teams went on to play at the Rotherham finals, where they played brilliantly. The boys were unbeaten and only narrowly lost out on the title, and the girls came joint second on goal difference. Well done everyone!

Christmas Fair and Santa Dash

Thank you to everyone for coming along to the Santa Dash and Christmas Fair. What a brilliant afternoon! A big thank you also to the PTA for their hard work in putting the fair together. Don't forget that raffle tickets will still be available at the Infant Nativity performances and the Junior Coffee Morning. We'll draw the winning tickets at the end of the Coffee Morning on Wednesday 20th.

Christmas Jumper Day

This Friday 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.



Is your child eligible for the Pupil Premium?

Did you know that your child may be eligible for the Pupil Premium – a government grant provided to schools to ensure all children make the best start in life? To receive Pupil Premium, your child must be **registered for free school meals**. This is where things get confusing, because all children in Wrens, Robins and Chaffinches already receive free school meals automatically! However, if you fit any one of the criteria below and you apply, our school will receive funding which is designed to have a direct impact your child. In the past, this grant has funded:

- Free places at breakfast and afterschool club;
- Specially targeted extra-curricular clubs;

- Educational support;
- Reduced price music lessons;
- Reduced price educational visits and residential etc.

Your child is eligible if you have been granted:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income related Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit and you have a gross annual income that does not exceed £16,190. Please note you will not qualify for Free School Meals if you receive Working Tax Credits
- Pension Credits (Guaranteed Credit)
- Asylum Seeker Status

The application process is straightforward and doesn't take very long. The online form can be found by searching for **Rotherham free school meals** on Google. If you'd like any support in applying, or if you have any questions about Free School Meals or the Pupil Premium, please don't hesitate to ask!

INSET Dates for This Year

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

Thursday 2nd May 2024

Monday 3rd June 2024