



# Anston Greenlands Primary School



## APRIL NEWSLETTER

### Dates for your Diary

<b>April</b> Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	FS2 visit to Butterfly House
<b>May</b> Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> 13 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>	INSET day (elections) – school closed to children May Day – school closed to children Y6 SATs Class photos (and individual Y6 photos) Last day – half term follows – return to school Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June (after INSET)
<b>June</b> Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> WB 10 <sup>th</sup> Friday 21 <sup>st</sup>	INSET day – school closed to children Y1 phonics screening check Sports Day (morning)
<b>July</b> Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> 15 <sup>th</sup> – 23 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Sports Day back-up date, in case of bad weather on the 21 <sup>st</sup> June Y6 Leavers' Assembly (morning) Non-uniform – Uniform Swap Shop to take place from Tuesday onwards Last day – 2pm finish – summer holiday follows

### Y1-Y6 Poetry Competition

Calling all budding poets! Our Academy Trust is running a competition this week, inviting children from Y1 to Y6 to write a poem on the theme "Nature and Me". There are prizes on offer for the best poems across the trust – these will be awarded by some Y12 students who will be judging the competition. Some of the entries will also be published in a booklet. **The deadline is this Friday.** If your child would like to take part, please email their poem to [office@greenlandsprimary.org](mailto:office@greenlandsprimary.org) with the title "poetry competition". Good luck!

### Family Rewilding Challenge 2024

A reminder that our Rewilding Challenge is now underway! To take part, all you need to do is allocate some part of your outdoor space to grow wild. It doesn't matter how big a space (although the bigger the better!) and if you don't have a garden, it could even be a space in a window box etc. Please don't tear down plants that are already making a good habitat for wildlife – the idea with rewilding is to take an area that *isn't* already useful for wildlife (like mown grass) and allow it to grow wild. That makes a vital habitat for small insects, which in turn helps small mammals and birds. There's lots of evidence telling us that rewilding is one of the most effective things we can do to help the environment and, in turn, help in the fight against climate change.

If you'd like any further info, the details are all in last month's newsletter, which is still available on the school website. Thank you!



### STEM Careers Fair - can you help?

As you may have seen in our recent letter, we are planning to host a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) Careers Fair for KS2 children, on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June at 2.30pm. More information about the fair will follow soon, but for now... we need your help! Do you have a job in a STEM area, or one that involves any elements so science, technology, engineering or maths? Or perhaps you know somebody who does? If so, we'd love to hear from you. If you think you may be able to help, please email us at school, for the attention of Mrs Adams. Many thanks.

### The Eggcellent Easter Concert

Well done to Y5 and Y6 for putting on a fantastic and memorable Easter concert just before the break! The event was a great success, and apart from the chaos caused by a bird flying into the hall (!) went without a hitch. What a talented bunch of performers, technicians and entrepreneurs we have! The concert was held in aid of the British Heart Foundation and Tiny Toes – two very worthy charities.



### The Science Fair

Y3 and Y4 put on an equally brilliant event for us – the Science Fair! The children's expertise was on display all afternoon as they showed us what they'd been learning. I think we have some future scientists in our ranks! Well done everyone.

If you'd like to keep up with the events that are happening in school, don't forget to check our website at [www.anstongreenlands.org](http://www.anstongreenlands.org).

### Breakfast and After School Club Update

Advance notice that club fees will increase slightly in September, to £2.90 for Breakfast Club (an increase of 15p) and to £8.20 in After School Club (an increase of 20p). This change is in line with rising costs.

### INSET Dates for This Year

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

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2024

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024