



# Anston Greenlands Primary School



## OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

<b>October</b> Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Individual photos *new date* Y6 visit to Crucial Crew Y3 & Y4 visit to Murton Park TT Rockstars Day *new date* PTA Spooky Disco *new date* INSET day – school closed to children (half term holiday follows)
<b>November</b> Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup>	First day back at school Y5 & Y6 visit to Gainsborough Old Hall Parents' evening Parents' evening
<b>December</b> Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>  Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Infant Nativity (afternoon) Infant Nativity (afternoon) Y5 and Y6 Christmas Party (afternoon) Junior Coffee Morning – A Greenlands Christmas Carol (morning) Infant Christmas Party (afternoon) Y3 & Y4 Christmas Party (afternoon) Last day of school – 2pm finish – Christmas holiday follows
<b>January 2026</b> Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> 19 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup>	First day back at school Bikeability (Y5)
<b>February</b> Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Last day of school – half term holiday follows First day back at school
<b>March</b> Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of school – Easter holiday follows
<b>April</b> Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	First day back at school Parents' evening Parents' evening
<b>May</b> Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Bank holiday – school closed Last day of school – half term holiday follows



<b>June</b>	
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup>	INSET day – school closed to children
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	First day back at school
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Day (weather dependent)
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Moving-up morning
<b>July</b>	
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of school – 2pm finish – summer holiday follows
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup>	INSET day – school closed to children

## Photos

A quick note to let you know that children will be having their individual and sibling photos taken next Thursday.

## TT Rockstars Day

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October is this year's Rock Star Day! Once again, we are inviting all children and adults to dress in their most rock'n'roll outfit, to celebrate the relaunch of TT Rockstars and Numbots. For the older children, there will be TT Rockstars competitions taking place during the surrounding days. There is no charge for this dress-up day, and no expectation that anyone should buy something specially. Rock stars wear all-sorts, so something from the wardrobe will be fine!



## Spooky Disco

The PTA are excited to invite the children to a Spooky Disco on the evening of Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October – the last day for children before half term. More info will follow from the PTA. Please note: although the school day will be non-uniform (as it always is on the last day before the holidays), spooky costumes may be worn in the evening only. Last year, we invited children to wear costumes all day, but hindsight tells us this was not our best idea!

## Doodle

Big news! We are delighted to let you know that our PTA have funded a whole-school subscription to Doodle Maths. We're confident you're going to love this as much as we do in school. Doodle is a school and homework programme that children complete on a tablet etc. After completing a baseline task in school, the software automatically sets children a series of quick questions which they can access each day (their "Daily Doodle") to reinforce the learning they do in their maths lessons. The children are rewarded for their work with stars that they can use to develop their in-game avatar. The really clever part is that the questions change over time to match the strengths of each child and the areas they need a little more work on. You can even make a parent log-in so that you can keep a track of your child's progress, just as we can in school. Keep a look-out for your child's login details, which will be sent to you in the coming weeks, after all the baselines have been completed.



## Lockdown Drill

Today, the children took part in a 'lockdown drill', so you may find that your child wants to talk to you about this (unless they're like mine and only ever say they've done "nothing" or "stuff"!)

As you know, primary children are now expected to do this occasionally, in line with national guidance. These work in a similar way to fire drills, but with a different response from staff and children. In the juniors, we talk to the children sensitively and reassuringly about why we do lockdown drills. In the infants, the children see this as a game. All the children did very well with it today.

## Drop-off and Pick-up

We've had requests from a few parents to mention the congestion around school, with adults congregating by the fence in such a way that children need to walk onto the road to pass. Please be mindful of this during drop-off and pick-up. Thank you very much for your support with this.

## PGL!

A huge congratulations to our Y5 & Y6 children for being so fantastic on residential. The staff at the centre were all incredibly complimentary about their behaviour, manners and positive attitudes. We were all extremely proud of them and loved spending the week with them. Look at some of the amazing things they got up to!



## INSET dates for next year

Here are our remaining INSET days for 2025-26. Please note that school will be closed to children on these dates:

24th Oct  
1st June  
20th July

## See next page for The Green Pages - a small business directory for our school community!

We are always looking for ways to support the school community, so we thought we'd try a new idea in our newsletters. Do you have your own small business? Perhaps you're a self-employed builder, electrician, accountant, web designer or plumber? If you work for yourself and offer a service that might be of use to other families at school, we'd love to support you by including your details at the end of the newsletter. This simple directory (like the Yellow Pages, for those who remember it!) is completely free and provides a network of local tradespeople and small businesses, which we hope will be useful for the school community.

# The Green Pages!

The following businesses are run by family members from our school community. Inclusion in this directory does not constitute an endorsement from school.\*

Business name: **Anston Pest Control Ltd.**

Services: **Pest control service - domestic & commercial**

Phone: **07969329396**

Email: [admin@anstonpestcontrol.co.uk](mailto:admin@anstonpestcontrol.co.uk)

Website: [www.anstonpestcontrol.co.uk](http://www.anstonpestcontrol.co.uk)

Business name: **Hanzen Security Solutions**

Services: **Installation and Maintenance of Intruder Alarms and CCTV Systems**

Phone: **07514267539**

Email: [joe@hanzensecuritysolutions.com](mailto:joe@hanzensecuritysolutions.com)

Website: [www.hanzensecuritysolutions.com](http://www.hanzensecuritysolutions.com)

Business name: **Portal Lifts Ltd.**

Services: **Installation of new / refurbished stair lifts; passenger lift repair etc.**

Phone: **07706555251**

Email: [info@portallifts.co.uk](mailto:info@portallifts.co.uk)

Website: [www.portallifts.co.uk](http://www.portallifts.co.uk)

*If you'd like to be included in the Green Pages, please get in touch! All we ask is that:*

- the business is owned by a parent / carer / grandparent of a child at Greenlands;
- you or a family member aren't employed by the school.

*If you'd like to be included in our directory (for free!) please email school ([AGP-office@nclt.ac.uk](mailto:AGP-office@nclt.ac.uk)) with:*

- Your business / company name;
- Your child's name (this will **not** be included in the directory – it's just to make sure we only receive entries from people who have children with us!)
- A very brief description of what you do – please note that this is a directory and **not** an advert, so this will simply appear as e.g. electrician, or electrician – rewires, lighting, fuse board installation etc. and will **not** include any other promotional information.
- Your contact details (phone number or email address – please remember that this will be visible to all parents via the newsletter)
- Your website / Checkatrade link or similar, if you have one.

## *\*Disclaimer*

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