

ANTON INFANT NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER 2026

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Headteacher message



Every Child Always

**Ready
Respectful
Safe**

Dear Families

What a busy and exciting week we've had at Anton!

Today was a very special day as we held our School Council elections!

The children were very excited to take part and we even transformed our spare classroom into a real-life polling station, complete with signs and voting booths kindly loaned to us by Test Valley Borough Council.

The children have been learning all about democracy, why it is important to have your say and how everyone has a voice that matters. It was wonderful to see our young voters taking their job so seriously as they made their choices and proudly cast their votes! We can't wait to find out who our new School Council members will be!

In assembly this week, we have been thinking about our school value of resilience. We talked about how sometimes things can feel tricky or difficult, but that's when we need to keep going, have another go and not give up! Learning to be resilient is such an important skill. As we grow up, there will be lots of times when things don't go exactly to plan, so learning how to pick ourselves up, try again and keep going is something we will need throughout our lives.

We are so proud of the children for showing such fantastic determination, courage and resilience this week. Keep going, keep trying and remember – you can do hard things!

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Skeates

Office Open Hours

Monday and Tuesday

8.30am - 3.45pm

Wednesday and

Thursday

8.30am - 3pm

Friay

8.30am - 3.30pm

Inset Days

4th January

12th April

7th June

Upcoming Events

October

6th Oct - Show and Share *

7th - Yr 2 Rooksbury Mill Workshop *

7th - New Starters Open Event

13th - Families Evening *

15th - New Starters Open Event

15th - Families Evening *

19th - New Starters Open Event

23rd - Last Day of term

26th - 30th - Half Term

November

2nd - First day of term

- Further information to follow

Sickness

If your child is off school due to illness, we kindly ask that you inform us each day of their absence. You can do this by phone or email.

Please note that if your child has been sick or had diarrhoea, they must remain off school for 48 hours after their last episode of sickness or diarrhoea before returning.

Thank you for your support.

Whole School Attendance

21st Sept - 25th Sept

94.6%

Please take a few moments to order your child's lunch on School Grid

Dinner Times	Week 1 31st Aug, 21st Sept, 12th Oct 2nd Nov, 23rd Nov, 14th Dec			Week 2 7th Sept, 28th Sept, 19th Oct, 9th Nov, 30th Nov			Week 3 24th Aug, 14th Sept, 5th Oct, 26th Oct, 16th Nov, 7th Dec		
	MONDAY Hand Stretched Margherita or Sweetcorn Pizza & Garlic Slice (V) (VG) Chinese BBQ Noodles (VG) * Creole Jambalaya (VG) * Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Green Beans, Sweetcorn Fresh Salad Selection, Homemade Bread Ice cream & Fruit (V) Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt			Hand Stretched Margherita Pizza & Spaghetti Hoops (V) (VG) Authentic Vegetable Curry & Steamed Rice (VG) (GF) * Creamy Cajun Pasta (V) * Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) (Including a Hot Topper) Sweetcorn, Green Beans Fresh Salad Selection, Homemade Bread Chocolate Mousse (V) Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt			Hand Stretched Margherita or Pineapple Pizza & Pasta Salad (V) (VG) Mushroom Carbonara (V) Mild Vegetable Tagine & Rice (VG) (GF) Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) (Including a Hot Topper) Green Beans, Sweetcorn Fresh Salad Selection, Homemade Bread Crispy Cake (VG) Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt		
	TUESDAY Macaroni Cheese (V) * Meatballs in Tomato Sauce & Steamed Rice (GF) * Chicken in Katsu Curry Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) (Including a Hot Topper) Carrots, Peas Fresh Salad Selection, Homemade Bread Marbled Cookie (VG) Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt			Bolognese Pasta Bake Shepherdess Pie (VG) (GF) Cheese & Tomato Panini Melt (V) Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Carrots, Peas Fresh Salad Selection, Homemade Bread Iced Carrot Cake (V) Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt			All Day Breakfast All Day Veggie Breakfast (V) (VG) Tomato & Herb Pasta Bake (V) Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Hash Brown, Baked Beans, Peas Fresh Salad Selection, Homemade Bread Peach & Apple Crumble & Custard (V) Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt		
	WEDNESDAY Roast Chicken (GF) Plant Based Sausages (VG) Baked Bean Melt (V) (GF) Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Savoy Cabbage, Gravy Fresh Salad Selection, Homemade Bread Fresh Fruit Salad (VG) Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt			* Roasted Chicken Fillet Burger * * Plant Based Burger * Salmon & Sweet Potato Fishcake Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Potato Wedges, Sweetcorn, Baked Beans, Ketchup Fresh Salad Selection, Homemade Bread Strawberry Jelly & Peaches (VG) Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt			Roast Chicken (GF) * Mild Vegetable Keema Curry & Steamed Rice (VG) * Potato, Cheese & Onion Pie (V) Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) (Including a Hot Topper) New Potatoes, Carrots, Savoy Cabbage, Gravy Fresh Salad Selection, Homemade Bread Lancashire Cookie (VG) Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt		
	THURSDAY Pasta Bar (V) (VG) Chili Con Carne (GF) Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) (Including a Hot Topper) Steamed Rice, Sweetcorn, Broccoli Fresh Salad Selection, Homemade Bread Apple Sponge & Custard (V) Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt			Oven Baked Sausages (GF) * Baked Bean Lasagne (V) * Hot Sausage & Onion Baguette Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Mashed Potatoes, Cauliflower, Carrots, Gravy Fresh Salad Selection, Homemade Bread Pineapple Upside Down Cake & Custard (V) Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt			Pasta Bar (V) (VG) * Spanish Chicken & Tomato Rice * Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Sweetcorn, Carrots Fresh Salad Selection, Homemade Bread Chocolate Fudge Pudding & Pears (V) Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt		
	FRIDAY Breaded Fish Fingers Crispy Crumbed Vegetable Grill (VG) * Cheesy Butternut Squash Sausage Roll (V) * Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Chips, Peas, Beans, Ketchup Fresh Salad Selection, Homemade Bread Banana Bread (V) Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt			Breaded Fish Fingers Cauliflower Cheese Tart (V) Quorn Dippers (VG) Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Chips, Peas, Beans, Ketchup Fresh Salad Selection, Homemade Bread Fresh Fruit Salad (VG) Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt			Breaded Fish Fingers Fishless Fingers (VG) Mixed Bean Enchilada (VG) Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Chips, Peas, Baked Beans, Ketchup Fresh Salad Selection, Homemade Bread Lemon Drizzle Cake (V) Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt		

V = Vegetarian, VG = Vegan
GF = Gluten Free *NEW RECIPE for 2026*

If your school has dietary requirements, such as halal, this will be automatically applied to your menu via SchoolGrid and does not change the type of menu you select here. Please contact your Area Manager if you ever need to change this.

If your child is off school due to illness, we would appreciate it if you could log onto School Grid and cancel their meal. You will have until 8.55am to do this. Thank you

Important Reminder About Safe Parking and Supervision Around School

A polite reminder that, when parking for morning drop-off and afternoon collection, please be considerate of our local residents and ensure that access to their properties is not blocked.

We would also kindly ask that vehicle engines are switched off while waiting, helping to reduce unnecessary emissions around the school.

For the safety of all pedestrians, particularly children crossing the road, please do not stop or park on the zig-zag markings outside the school. We would also remind families that parking on double yellow lines is not permitted and can create additional safety concerns.

In addition, please avoid parking too close to the school entrance, as this can restrict visibility and make accessing the site more difficult for families and staff. When parking, please also ensure that neighbouring vehicles are not blocked in by leaving sufficient space for drivers to enter, exit and manoeuvre safely.

While we appreciate that drop-off and collection times can be busy, we would ask all parents and carers to ensure that children remain closely supervised at all times when travelling to and from school. This is particularly important near roads, driveways, and crossing points, where visibility can be limited and traffic levels are high.

Thank you for your cooperation and support in helping to keep our school community safe.

FOREST SCHOOL

Here is a reminder of our Forest School days for this term:

CYGNETS - Mon 5th Oct, Tue 13th Oct and Tue 20th Oct

DUCKLINGS - Tue 29th Sept, Tue 6th Oct, Mon 12th Oct and Tue 20th Oct

BUMBLEBEES - Tue 29th Sept and Mon 12th Oct

LADYBIRDS - Wed 30th Sept, Mon 5th Oct, Tue 13th Oct and Mon 19th Oct

HEDGEHOGS - Mon 28th Sept, Wed 14th Oct and Mon 19th Oct

SQUIRRELS - Wed 23rd Sept, Wed 7th Oct and Wed 21st Oct

Please ensure your child comes to school on their Forest school day with their kit in a named bag, which we suggest should consist of the following where relevant:

- Top (long sleeve in winter, short in summer)
- Dark long bottoms (jogging bottoms or leggings)
- Suitable footwear (trainers or welly boots if wet)
- Jumper (weather appropriate)
- Waterproof coat (weather dependent)
- Waterproof trousers (not essential)
- Hat (sun hat when hot, woolly hat when cold)

Should you have any questions please either talk to your class teacher or contact the office.

NOTICEBOARD

Opportunity
Make a difference



Apply to be a parent governor

We are currently seeking applicants for the opportunity to join our school's governing body

Successful applicant(s) will:

- join a friendly and dedicated team;
- be supported to develop useful new skills and knowledge;
- work with school leaders to assist children and young people to fulfil their aspirations;
- give something of significant value back to our community.



Please get in touch to find out more about this opportunity

Closing date

Contact **Madeleine Killacky**
Telephone **01264 598546**
Email **adminoffice@anton-inf.hants.sch.uk**
You can find out more about the governing body on our website:
www.antoninfantschool.com

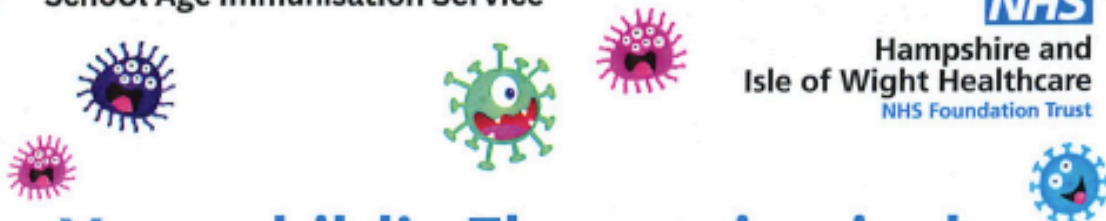
For more information about being a school governor in Hampshire visit:
hants.gov.uk/governors-volunteer



School Age Immunisation Service



Hampshire and
Isle of Wight Healthcare
NHS Foundation Trust



Your child's Flu vaccine is due



FLU: 5 REASONS TO GET PROTECTED AGAINST FLU

1. Protect your child - The vaccine will help protect your child against flu and serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia.
2. Protect you, your family and friends - Having the vaccine will help protect more vulnerable friends and family.
3. No injection needed - The nasal spray is painless and easy to have. (A porcine free injection is available)
4. It's better than having flu - The nasal spray helps protect against flu and has been given to millions of children worldwide and has an excellent safety record.
5. Avoid costs - If your child gets flu, you may have to take time off work or arrange alternative childcare.

The Immunisation team
will be in the school on

Wednesday

21 October



Scan the QR code to complete
a flu consent form
(even if you wish to opt out)

School Code

SH115973

For more information, visit our website:

www.healthforkids.co.uk/hampshire/annual-nasal-flu-vaccination-programme/



Anton Infant School

**Is your child due to start
reception in September 2027?**

Please attend one of our open events

Wednesday 7th October - 10am

Thursday 15th October - 1.30pm

Monday 19th October - 5.30pm

Saturday 14th November - 10am

'Anton County Infant School is a welcoming and inclusive community. Pupils enjoy coming to school each day and attend regularly. The school is ambitious for all pupils and has high expectations of their learning.' - Ofsted April 2025

Starting school in September **2027**

If your child is 4 or
will turn 4 before
1 September 2027,
they can start school
in September 2027

Applications open for
Hampshire residents on
1 November 2026

THE NATIONAL CLOSING
DATE FOR APPLICATIONS IS
FRIDAY 15 JANUARY 2027
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AND MANY MORE.

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For more information and tickets please visit our website.



Hampshire and Isle of Wight Healthcare
NHS Foundation Trust

CHILD HEALTH CLINICS*

The Community Public Health Advisors from the Andover & Winchester Public Health Nursing Team(5-19yrs) are offering support with your primary aged child's health

Scan the QR code to book a 30-minute slot at Beech Hurst, Andover



How do I manage challenging behaviour?

Why does my child wet the bed?

Where can I access support for my child's anxiety?

How do I encourage healthy eating?

* These slots should not be used as a place to seek advice regarding specific medical conditions