ANTON INFANT NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 9TH OCTOBER 2026

Every Child Always

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Ready

Respectful

Safe

Headteacher message

Dear families,
We have had another fantastic week filled with lots of exciting learning and adventures!
Year 2 have been getting ready for their Rooksbury Mill trip next week and were lucky enough to be visited by staff from the Wessex River Trust. The children enjoyed learning more about rivers and what they might discover on their upcoming trip. They are very excited for their adventure!
Year 1 have been learning all about significant women in history, including the incredible Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole. They have been finding out about their amazing lives and the important contributions they made to nursing and healthcare. What inspiring women to learn about!
And what a magical week it has been for Reception! They have been diving into the wonderful world of Jack and the Beanstalk. With lots of “Fee Fi Fo Fum!”, the children have been tasting beans and even planting their own! We can't wait to see whose beans grow into enormous beanstalks!
It was also so lovely to see so many families at our Show and Share this week! The children loved sharing their learning with you and were so proud to show you all the wonderful things they have been doing in school. It was fantastic to see their excitement as they shared their learning with you.
We are looking forward to seeing you all at Families’ Evening next week, for another opportunity to talk about your children, celebrate their progress and share their learning journey with you.
What a busy and exciting week of learning at Anton!
Have a lovely weekend everyone.

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

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.

Upcoming Events

October

12th - 15th - Harvest Collections for foodbank
13th - Families Evening
15th - New Starters Open Event
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19th - Pumpkin Entries to be handed in
19th - New Starters Open Event
21st - Pumpkin entries to be collected
23rd - Pumkin Winners to be announced
23rd - Last Day of term
26th - 30th - Half Term

November

2nd - First day of term
3rd - Year R Phonics Evening
14th- New Starters Open Event

December

8th - Year R Nativity (pm) *
10th - Christmas Jumper Day
10th - Year 2 Church Service (pm) *
11th - Year R Nativity (am) *
14th - Year 1 Carol Concert (am) *
15th - Year 1 Carol Concert (pm) *
15th - Dolce Christmas Lunch
17th - Ruldolf Run *
18th - Whole School Panto
18th - Last Day of Term

- Further information to follow
- All dates subject to change

Whole School Attendance

5th Oct - 9th Oct

94.5%

Please take a few moments to order your childs lunch on School Grid



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 12th Oct and Tue 20th Oct

DUCKLINGS - Tue 13th Oct and Tue 20th Oct

BUMBLEBEES - Tue 29th Sept and Mon 12th Oct

LADYBIRDS - Tue 13th Oct and Mon 19th Oct

HEDGEHOGS - Wed 14th Oct and Mon 19th Oct

SQUIRRELS - 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





Payment can be made via your ScoPay account



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Opportunity

Make a difference

Hampshire Services

GOVERNOR SUPPORT

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

Hampshire County Council

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

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**
DON'T MISS IT!

BEST START IN LIFE

For more information go to www.hants.gov.uk/admissions

Hampshire County Council

hants.gov.uk

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

NHS
Hampshire Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services

UNDERSTANDING ADHD

Tickets £20
Tea and coffee included

A day that focuses on skills and strategies, for parents, carers and professionals supporting a child with ADHD. Hampshire CAMHS Colleagues will be hosting this day alongside parents / carers with lived experience.

Topics include:

- Understanding your child with ADHD, support, strategies and tips.
- Support for SEN in education & what to do if it's not working.
- ADHD nervous system differences, sensory systems, emotional regulation, stress response, attention regulation, and executive functioning.

Discretionary tickets available to families on request.



3 November 2026
9.30am - 4pm
Andover Community Church
Charlton Road, Andover SP10 3JH

For more information scan the QR code or visit:
https://hampshirecamhs.nhs.uk/events/

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EMBRACING AUTISM

Tickets £20
Tea and coffee included

A day that focuses on skills and strategies, for parents, carers and professionals supporting a child with Autism.

Topics include:

- Supporting your autistic child to thrive - adapting to meet the needs of the autistic young person and practical strategies.
- Support for SEN in education & what to do if it's not working.
- Supporting Young People to Make Sense of their Experiences - empowering young people and putting them at the centre of their experience.

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