ANTON INFANT NEWSLETTER

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Every Child Always

Ready

Respectful

Safe

Headteacher message

Dear Families,

What a wonderful first half term we have had!

Year R have settled in beautifully and are really getting into the swing of school life. We are so proud of how well they have adapted to their new routines and surroundings.

Year 1 looked absolutely amazing in their Real-Life Superhero outfits this week! It was lovely to see everyone getting involved and celebrating the incredible superheroes in our everyday lives.

Year 2 seem to be getting taller and more mature by the day! It has been such a privilege to oversee their infant school journey and watch them develop and progress. They are doing so well, and we are incredibly proud of them!

We were absolutely blown away by the amazing pumpkins entered into our competition! A huge well done to all our families for their creativity, effort and fantastic ideas. Our School Council took their judging responsibilities very seriously, carefully considering each wonderful entry before making their decisions. Certificates were awarded during this afternoon's celebration assembly.

The children had lots of fun at the Glow Disco last night! If the weather had been better, we could have mistaken it for Ibiza, with the children showing off their amazing dance moves and waving their glow sticks!

Have a lovely half-term holiday. We look forward to welcoming you all back, refreshed and ready for another exciting half term.

Mrs Skeates

Office Open Hours

Monday and Tuesday
8.30am - 3.45pm

Wednesday,Thursday and Friday
8.30am - 3pm

Inset Days

4th January

12th April

7th June

Upcoming Events

October
23rd - Pumpkin Winners to be announced
23rd - Last Day of term
26th - 30th - Half Term
30th - Deadline for ordering School Photos
30th - Deadline for selecting Enrichment Clubs (Emailed 22.10.26)

November
2nd - First day of term
3rd - Year R Phonics Evening
6th - PTA Fireworks Dress Down Day*
14th- New Starters Open Event
27th - PTA Pyjama Day *

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

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

19th Oct - 23th Oct

95.61%

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

FOREST SCHOOL

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

CYGNETS - Tue 3 Nov, Mon 9 Nov, Mon 23 Nov, Mon 30 Nov, Mon 14 Dec

DUCKLINGS - Mon 2 Nov, Tue 17 Nov, Mon 23 Nov, Mon 7 Dec, Wed 16 Dec

BUMBLEBEES - Wed 11 Nov, Mon 16 Nov, Tue 24 Nov, Tue 1 Dec, Tue 8 Dec

LADYBIRDS - Tue 3 Nov, Tue 10 Nov, Mon 16 Nov, Tue 1 Dec, Mon 14 Dec

HEDGEHOGS - Mon 2 Nov, Mon 0 Nov, Tue 24 Nov, Wed 2 Dec, Wed 9 Dec

SQUIRRELS - Wed 4 Nov, Tue 10 Nov, Wed 18 Nov, Tue 8 Dec, Tue 15 Dec

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.

PUMPKIN COMPETITION ENTRIES



HALLOWEEN JOKES







Autumn Term 2

YEAR R

Celebration and Change

This half term in Year r we will be learning all about family traditions, traditional rhymes and celebrations.

Cygnets and Ducklings will be linking our learning to the wider curriculum and furthering our knowledge of significant events such as Bonfire Night, Remembrance Sunday, Diwali and Christmas. We will explore how different families have different traditions. We are looking forward to finding out how Christmas is celebrated around the world! If your family have any special celebrations or traditions that you would like to come in and share with the children, we would love this.

The children will focus on some traditional rhymes in English including Polly Put the kettle on. We will also continue to look at a range of stories and traditional tales. In Maths, we will build on our understanding of number and place value, make 2D shape fireworks and repeating pattern Christmas stockings. We are going to make splat tastic firework art whilst learning about the artist Jackson Pollack.

We will continue to focus on fine motor control, name writing and skills such as zipping our own coats up.

Thank you for your on-going support. We cannot wait to end the half term with a festive spectacular show..... more detail to follow

Autumn Term 2

YEAR 1

Our New Topic: Flight!

Next half term, our topic will be Flight, where we will explore how things fly and discover how flight has developed over time.

In English, we will be enjoying four exciting texts: The Dodo Who Dreamed She Could Fly by Catherine Emmett, Stuck by Oliver Jeffers, Blown Away by Rob Biddulph and Emily Brown and Father Christmas by Cressida Cowell, illustrated by Neal Layton. Through these stories, we will continue to develop our sentence-writing skills, using our knowledge of the 40 phonemes to spell words and write sentences independently. In reading, we will continue to practise recognising the 40 phonemes and applying our phonics knowledge to read words with increasing confidence.

In maths, we will revisit place value, addition and subtraction before exploring halves and quarters of shapes and quantities. In history, we will investigate the development of flight over time, discovering how flying has changed from early attempts to the aeroplanes we know today. In DT, we will explore structures and use our new skills to design and build our own kites. In geography, we will learn about human and physical features and how these can be represented on maps. In science, we will be exploring materials, investigating the properties of different materials and considering why certain materials are suitable for particular purposes.

We are looking forward to an exciting half term full of stories, discovery, creativity and plenty of opportunities to spread our wings!

Autumn Term 2

YEAR 2

Year 2 – It's Cold Out There

This term, Year 2 will be exploring which areas of the world are hot and which are cold. In history, we'll be learning about different people who have explored the North and South Poles and why they are significant.

In English, we will continue to look at using different conjunctions in our writing, as well as developing our use of expanded noun phrases and the past tense. We will be using these skills to write a letter and a setting description. We will also be reading and writing some festive poetry.

In Maths, we will introduce multiplication and division, starting with counting in 2s, 5s, and 10s. We will be doing this practically with concrete resources to support our learning. Later in the term we will introduce fractions, shapes and statistics and
continue to develop our knowledge of place value, addition and subtraction.

Linking to our wider curriculum, in Science we'll be learning about animals, including humans, and what they need to survive. This will also cover personal hygiene and what we need to do to help us to stay healthy.

NOTICEBOARD



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

Contact Madeleine Killacky
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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

Hampshire County Council

Hope for Hampshire's Children

Can you help by fundraising during
25th-29th January 2027
to raise money for children across Hampshire including children in care, children affected by domestic abuse, children affected by loss, children with mental health issues, children with physical disabilities and young carers.

The money raised will be used to provide **treats, days out to Legoland, Paultons Park, Chessington, Mental health care packs**



Stronger Children Brighter Futures

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Creating positive memories

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