

Anton Infant School

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Newsletter Friday 12th September 2025

Every Child Always

Dear families,

We've had a fantastic first full week back at school! It's been wonderful to see the children settling into their routines and embracing our school rules of being Ready, Respectful, and Safe.

Last week, I shared our School Improvement Priorities for the year, and we're already working hard to achieve these. One exciting development is the introduction of new writing stickers and stamps to celebrate the amazing writing happening at Anton Infants — the children are already working hard to earn them and I am so proud of their efforts!

A special welcome to our new Year R families! We're excited to begin this journey with you and look forward to seeing you at our New Year R Phonics Information Evening on **Tuesday 17th September at 5.30pm**. It's a great opportunity to learn how we teach early reading and how you can support your child at home.

With the ever-changing world of technology — and increasing research around its impact on childhood — we're also turning our focus to the importance of Risky Play in development. We're pleased to be hosting an Information Evening for families on **Tuesday 1st October at 5.15pm**, exploring the benefits of risky play. This session will be led by one of Hampshire's experienced SEND advisors, but the content will be relevant and valuable for all families. We would love for as many of you as possible to attend. More details will follow next week.

Safeguarding is our highest priority in school and underpins everything we do and every decision we make. Please see below some ways in which you can help us to keep everyone in school safe.

Nut free school

A reminder to everyone that our school is a nut-free environment. Due to the presence of children with severe nut allergies, we kindly ask that no nuts or nut products be sent in your child's lunch or snacks. This is an important safety measure, and your cooperation helps us ensure a healthy and inclusive environment for all our children.

Birthdays

While we love to celebrate birthdays and appreciate the kindness and generosity behind gift-giving, we ask that no birthday gifts or treats be brought to school to share with the class. This is to help us maintain an allergy-safe space for all children. We'll still make each child feel special on their big day in fun and meaningful ways! Don't forget your child can wear their own clothes to school on their birthday.

Bikes and Scooters

It's great to see so many children riding their bikes and scooters to school — it's a healthy and fun way to start the day!

However, we kindly ask that all children dismount at the school gate. Once inside school grounds, bikes and scooters should be walked, not ridden please.

This is especially important as we have vehicle traffic coming in and out of the school, which can pose a safety risk.

Thank you so much for your understanding and support in keeping our school a safe and welcoming place for every child

I can honestly say this has been the most wonderful start to the year and I am excited to see what the children can achieve.

Let's make it a brilliant year together!

Have a great weekend

Mrs Skeates

Diary Dates

SEPTEMBER

17th – New Year R ONLY – Phonics evening 5.30 – 6.30pm

24th – PTA AGM

26th – McMillian Coffee Afternoon 3.15 – 4.15pm

30th – Relationship & Health Education Workshop for families 5.30 – 6.30pm

OCTOBER

1st – Benefits of Risky Play Workshop 5.15pm

7th – School Photos

8th – Families evening

9th – Families evening

16th – Show and Share 3.30pm

20th – Pumpkin Competition

24th – Last day of term

NOVEMBER

4th – First day back at school

11th – Flu Vaccinations

14th – Children In Need

DECEMBER

10th – Year R Christmas show AM

10th – Year 1 Christmas show AM

11th – Christmas Jumper Day

11th – Year 2 Christmas Carol Service AM

12th – Year R Christmas Show AM

12th – Year 1 Christmas Show AM

16th Pantomime

19th – Last day of term

2025/2026 INSET DAYS

- 3rd November 2025
- 5th January 2026
- 23rd February 2026
- 1st June 2026

SCHOOL CLUBS

Mon – Fri – 360 After School Club
(Run by 360)

- **Ready**
- **Respectful**
- **Safe**

AUTUMN TERM 1

Year R

We are so excited to welcome all the new children to Anton Infant school. During this first half term we will be learning all about school life. We will be taking the opportunity to learn our school rules and routines as well as getting to know each other and make lots of new friends.

Key days- Forest school will be every Tuesday, please make sure your child has waterproof clothes and welly boots on this day. A spare bag is always useful for muddy wellies

PE is on Thursday. Their PE bags can stay in school on their pegs.

Any questions over the next few weeks please come and see Mrs Trenchard or Mrs Payne. We will keep you updated on all our adventures on Tapestry.

Year 1

Super Start for Our Super Year 1s!

What a fabulous start to the year it has been for our new Year 1 children – they've already grown so much in confidence and independence!

This term, our topic is *Superheroes*. We'll be exploring what makes someone truly super, celebrating the unique qualities in each of us, and learning about the real-life heroes who help and inspire our community every day.

We're looking forward to some exciting opportunities to meet real-life heroes and discover the amazing work they do!

Year 2

Welcome to year 2! We are really excited for the year ahead and all of the adventures to come!

This half term our topic is Wolves. In English we will be focusing on the traditional story of Little Red Riding as well as alternative versions of the tale. We will be using adjectives to describe the wolf to create a wanted poster and to write a character description.

In maths place value is our first focus ensuring children are secure recognising tens and ones for numbers up to 100. We will be revisiting number bonds to 10 and develop our knowledge of number bonds to 20. We will then move on to addition and subtraction and apply these skills in the context of measures, including money. We will be starting our longitudinal study looking at how the weather changes through the seasons in science as well as learning about the different habitats. Our focus within Geography this half term is to identify human and physical features in the local area as well as exploring maps and the symbols used.

SCHOOL GATE

For safeguarding purposes may we please remind you that under **NO** circumstances should our gate be left open during the day. Please do not leave it open for other parents. We have the buzzer now which will allow access to the site.

PARKING

Polite reminder when parking for morning drop off and afternoon collection please can you be courteous of residents and make sure you have allowed them access to their properties. Please could we ask that engines are not left running while you are waiting and remind you that the Zig Zag marking outside of the school should not be used as drop off zones for the safety of pedestrians trying to cross the roads.

BREAKFAST CLUB

If you would like your child to attend Breakfast Club please complete and return the Registration Form and Terms & Conditions attached on the link below:

<https://www.antoninfantschool.com/school-clubs>

LATE / ABSENCE PROCEDURE

The attached link details our Late / Absence Procedures. We would appreciate it if you could familiarise yourself with this.

<https://www.antoninfantschool.com/lateabsence-procedures>

THIS TERMS LUNCH MENU

Dinner Times

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

TRADITIONAL AUTUMN

V = Vegetarian, VC = Vegan
GF = Gluten Free *NEW RECIPE for 2025*

Week 1

1st Sept, 22nd Sept, 13th Oct
3rd Nov, 24th Nov, 15th Dec

Margherita Pizza & Garlic Slice (V)
Chinese BBQ Noodles (VC)
* Spinach & Potato Curry with Steamed Rice (VC) (GF) *
Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VC) (GF)

Green Beans, Sweetcorn
Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Homemade Bread
Vanilla Ice Cream (V)
Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt

Crispy Chicken Dippers & Tomato Based Sauce
* Quorn Dippers & Tomato Based Sauce (VC) *
Baked Bean Melt (V)
Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VC) (GF)

Steamed Rice, Sweetcorn, Broccoli
Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Homemade Bread
* Marble Sponge & Custard (V) *
Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt

Roast Chicken (GF)
Plant Based Sausages (VC)
Cheesy Pasta (V)
Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VC) (GF)

Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Peas, Gravy
Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Homemade Bread
Raspberry Jelly & Peaches (VC)
Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt

* Home Made Beef & Vegetable Pie *
Tomato & Herb Pasta Bake (V)
Shepherdess Pie (VC)
Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VC) (GF)

Mashed Potatoes, Savoy Cabbage, Carrots
Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Homemade Bread
Winter Fruit Crumble & Custard (V)
Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt

Breaded Fish Fingers
Vegetable Grill (VC)
* Indian Sausage Roll (VC) *
Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VC) (GF)

Chips, Peas, Baked Beans, Ketchup
Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Homemade Bread
Lemon Cookie (VC)
Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt

Week 2

8th Sept, 29th Sept
20th Oct, 10th Nov, 1st Dec

Margherita or Vegetable Supreme Pizza (V)
Authentic Vegetable Curry & Steamed Rice (VC)
Baked Sweet Potato Omelette (V)
Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VC) (GF)

Baked Potato Wedges, Sweetcorn, Green Beans
Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Homemade Bread
Ice Cream & Fruit (V)
Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt

Mild Fajita Chicken, with Nachos & Steamed Rice
Neapolitan Pasta (VC)
Cheese & Tomato Panini Melt (V)
Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VC) (GF)

Cabbage, Carrots
Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Homemade Bread
Fruit Crunch & Custard (V)
Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt

Sausage Stuffed Yorkshire Pudding
Cauliflower Cheese Loaded Yorkshire Pudding (V)
* Traditional Beef Exeter *
Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VC) (GF)

Mashed Potatoes, Carrots, Peas, Gravy
Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Homemade Bread
Lemon Drizzle Cake (V)
Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt

Cheddar & Chicken Pasta Bake
Vegetable Burrito (VC)
Pasta Bolognese
Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VC) (GF)

Broccoli, Sweetcorn
Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Homemade Bread
* Jam Sponge & Custard (VC) *
Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt

Breaded Fish Fingers
Salmon & Sweet Potato Fishcake
Cheese & Tomato Quiche (V)
Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VC) (GF)

Chips, Peas, Baked Beans, Ketchup
Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Homemade Bread
Chocolate Cookie (VC)
Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt

Week 3

15th Sept, 6th Oct
27th Oct, 17th Nov, 8th Dec

Margherita or Sweetcorn Pizza with Pasta Salad (V)
Italian Tomato Pasta (VC)
* Loaded Mexican Style Wedges (V) *
Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VC) (GF)

Green Beans, Sweetcorn
Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Homemade Bread
Crispy Cake (VC)
Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt

Macaroni Cheese (V)
* Chicken Tikka Biryani & Naan Bread *
Pepperoni Melt
Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VC) (GF)

Cauliflower, Peas
Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Homemade Bread
Apple Cake & Custard (V)
Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt

Roast Chicken (GF)
Baked Bean Cheesy Puff (V)
* Traditional Scouse (GF) *
Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VC) (GF)

New Potatoes, Carrots, Savoy Cabbage, Gravy
Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Homemade Bread
Strawberry Mousse (V)
Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt

The Dolce All Day Breakfast
The Dolce All Day Veggie Breakfast (V)
* Singapore Noodles (VC) *
Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VC) (GF)

Hash Brown, Baked Beans, Peas
Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Homemade Bread
Fresh Fruit Salad (VC)
Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt

Breaded Fish Fingers
Fishless Fingers (VC)
Cheese & Onion Gratin (V)
Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VC) (GF)

Chips, Peas, Baked Beans, Ketchup
Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Homemade Bread
* Hot Chocolate Fudge Pudding (V) *
Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt



BREAD AVAILABLE DAILY

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.

Please take a few minutes to ensure you have ordered lunches for next week.

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
11th July 2025



Contact: **John Honeybun**
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You can find out more about the governing body on our website:
antoninfantschool.com/governors

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

Macmillan Coffee

You're invited...

When: Friday 26th September 2025 @ 15:15pm

Where: Anton Infant School Hall

COFFEE,
CAKE AND
COMPANY



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YEAR R OPEN DAY!

Is your child due to start Reception in September 2026?

We would like to invite you to our open days to meet our team and find out more.

Saturday 11th Oct 2025	10.00am-11.00am
Monday 20th Oct 2025	5.30pm-6.30pm
Thursday 6th November 2025	1.30pm-2.30pm
Friday 7th November 2025	9.30am-10.30am

There is no need to pre-book a place on one of the tours. You are more than welcome to attend multiple tours—we understand that this is an important decision. Feel free to bring your child along as well.

Please be aware that during the school day the gates will be locked. A member of staff will come and open them 10 minutes before the start time.



We look forward to welcoming you to our school.



'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

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KIMPTON HOLIDAY CAMP



Kimpton, Thruxton & Fyfield School, Kimpton SP11 8NT

Monday 27th - Friday 31st October

Breakfast Club: 08:00 - 09:00

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Extended Club: 15:00 - 17:30

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Extended Club (15:00 - 17:30)	£10.50	£42.00



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UNDERSTANDING & SUPPORTING AUTISM IN CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

You are invited to join us for a coffee and chat around autism in children and young people. We aim to discuss what is autism, recognising the strengths of autism in your young people, autism and the impact on anxiety and how best to support an autistic young person.

Monday, 22 September 2025

9.30am - 11.30am

King Arthurs Hall, King Arthurs Way, Andover, SP10 4BS

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