

Anton Infant School

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Newsletter Friday 26th September 2025

Every Child Always

Dear Families,

Another busy couple of weeks at school is complete — thank you, as always, for your continued support.

We've had such a positive start to the academic year, a brilliant September! The children have been demonstrating our school rules, Ready, Respectful, and Safe beautifully, and we are so proud of them all.

The PTA needs you!



Our recent PTA Annual General Meeting was well attended. A huge thank you to everyone who came along and showed their support!

The continued success of the PTA—and the amazing contributions it makes to our school community—depends on the involvement of our families. To keep building on this momentum, we need as much support as possible.

The PTA supports so many of the extra events that enrich school life — discos, fetes, subsidised trips, and much more. Without their help, we would have fewer opportunities and reduced funding for essential resources for our children. Some of these events would simply not happen if we lose our PTA and that would be such a shame.

Whether you can offer time, skills, or ideas, every bit helps. Let's keep working together to make our school the best it can be! Please consider joining our PTA. For more information, contact the school office.

New Year R phonics evening

It was lovely to see so many new families at the new Reception phonics evening. Reading is one of the most important life skills we teach, and your support at home makes a huge difference. If you have any questions about helping with phonics or reading, please do ask your child's teacher.

Census Day — Help Us Boost School Funding

Next Thursday 2nd October is Census Day, and the school receives important funding for every lunch ordered on that day.

Even if your child usually brings a packed lunch, we would really appreciate it if they could try a school meal on this day. It's a great opportunity for them to try something new and all infant school meals are completely free!

Please be assured, we would never force a child to eat something they don't want to. There's no pressure, just a chance to explore new tastes and help support the school at the same time.

Thank you for your support!

Risky Play Evening – Reminder

Join us on Wednesday at 5:15pm in the school hall for our Risky Play Information Evening. Childcare will be available — please contact the school office to book.

Playtime Donations – Can You Help?

We're working to improve playtimes and would be so grateful for any of the following donations:

Fancy dress items

Old pots and pans, wooden spoons, bowls and whisks (for the mud kitchen)

Picnic blankets

Guttering/ pipes

Your ongoing support means so much and we appreciate all that our families do. By working together as a strong, supportive community, with the children at the heart of everything we do, we can create the best possible environment for them.

Have a great weekend

Mrs Skeates

Diary Dates

SEPTEMBER

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**

THIS TERMS LUNCH MENU

Dinner Times

TRADITIONAL AUTUMN

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

V = Vegetarian · VG = 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 (VG)
* Spinach & Potato Curry with Steamed Rice (VG) (GF) *
Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (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 (VG) *
Baked Bean Melt (V)
Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (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 (VG)
Cheesy Pasta (V)
Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF)

Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Peas, Gravy
Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Homemade Bread

Raspberry Jelly & Peaches (VG)
Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt

* Home Made Beef & Vegetable Pie *
Tomato & Herb Pasta Bake (V)
Shepherd's Pie (VG)
Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (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 (VG)
* Indian Sausage Roll (VG) *
Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF)

Chips, Peas, Baked Beans, Ketchup
Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Homemade Bread

Lemon Cookie (VG)
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 (VG)
Baked Sweet Potato Omelette (V)
Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (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 (VG)
Cheese & Tomato Panini Melt (V)
Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (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) (VG) (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 (VG)
Pasta Bolognese
Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF)

Broccoli, Sweetcorn
Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Homemade Bread

* Jam Sponge & Custard (VG) *
Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt

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

Chips, Peas, Baked Beans, Ketchup
Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Homemade Bread

Chocolate Cookie (VG)
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 (VG)
* Loaded Mexican Style Wedges (V) *
Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF)

Green Beans, Sweetcorn
Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Homemade Bread

Crispy Cake (VG)
Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt

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

Hash Brown, Baked Beans, Peas
Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Homemade Bread

Fresh Fruit Salad (VG)
Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt

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

Chips, Peas, Baked Beans, Ketchup
Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Homemade Bread

* Hot Chocolate Fudge Pudding (V) *
Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt

LOCALLY SOURCED
**FRESH
PRODUCE**

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.

DAY AT THE MOVIES

2nd October 2025
Census Day

MAINS
MARGHERITA PIZZA (V)
BBQ CHICKEN PIZZA
PEPPERONI PIZZA
PLANT BASED FRENCH BREAD PIZZA (VG)
JACKET POTATO & CHOICE OF FILLINGS

SIDES
POTATO WEDGES
COLESLAW
SWEETCORN

DESSERT
POPCORN CRISPY CAKE
FRUIT YOGHURT
FRESH FRUIT

dolce

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

Thursday 2nd October is Census Day and we have a special menu



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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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October 2025



2nd October, 10 -12pm: Fleet Get Together- Fleet Town Football Club, Crookham Road, Fleet Hampshire GU51 5FA -

8th October, 10-12pm : Basingstoke Get Together - The Viables Craft Centre, 19 The Harrow Way, Basingstoke RG22 4BJ ****SENDIASS ATTENDING to offer 1:1 support****

14th October, 10-12pm: Havant Get Together - Horizon Havant, Civic Centre Road, Havant, Hampshire, PO9 2AY

21st October, 10-12pm: Eastleigh Get Together - St Francis Hall, Nightingale Avenue SO50 9JH

22nd October, 8-9pm: online Evening Get Together - - Meeting ID: 890 6612 2644 Passcode: GT

- Connect with other parent carers
- Relax over a cuppa in a friendly, non-judgemental space
- Share experiences & local issues
- Give feedback on services supporting your children & young people

This month Hampshire SENDIASS will be attending the **Basingstoke** session. They will be available to offer 1:1 time to discuss your personal journey and will offer in the moment guidance to help your young person 0-25.



For more information please contact: participation@hpcn.org.uk



Easy, fun family days out at The Wyne | National Trust

Halloween-Christmas 2025

Looking for easy, fun-filled family days out this autumn and winter? The National Trust's **The Wyne**, just outside Basingstoke in Sherborne St John, offers a fantastic line-up of activities for children and families during the school holidays. Once a Tudor palace and now a beautiful 17th-century home, The Wyne is the perfect place to explore, play, and relax.

Read on for half-term days out, Halloween cinema and Christmas adventures.

October half-term at The Wyne

'We're Going on a Ghost Hunt' Halloween Adventure

11 Oct - 2 Nov, 10am-3pm



We're Going on a Ghost Hunt™ this Halloween at The Wyne. We're going on a ghost hunt. Come and join the fun! Can we find them all? Yes! Run, run, run!

Based on the bestselling children's books, this Halloween the bunnies are setting off on an adventure to find the ghosts hidden around The Wyne with heaps of exciting things to see

and do along the way.

Pick your bunny name, play Halloween hoopla, race your broomstick and watch out for the warty toads as you cross the stepping stones, before joining the celebration party and collecting your sticker. This free trail is ideal for preschoolers and young children. Normal admission applies.

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Spooky outdoor cinema

Book essential online at <https://www.adventurecinema.co.uk/venues/the-wyne>

4 Oct | Hocus Pocus (PG) | Gates open 5.30pm | Film 7-8.32pm

5 Oct | The Nightmare Before Christmas (PG) | Gates open 5.30pm | Film 7-8.15pm



Enjoy a spooktacular movie under the stars on The Wyne's north lawn. Bring a blanket and, unless you have a Premium ticket, a camping chair. Picnics welcome and hot drinks and snacks available to buy.

Please be aware that there is a 10-minute walk between the carpark and the north lawn where the film is being screened. You'll need to make sure you can comfortably carry all your belongings. Assistance dogs only are welcome. All under 18s must be accompanied by an adult.



Tickets including booking fee (non-refundable)	Add ons
Under 12's £10.65	Sharing Snack Bag for 2 £12.95
Standard £17.37	Blanket £12.95
Premium (deckchair included) £25.21	

Festive family fun at The Wyne

A Fairytale Christmas

22 Nov 2025 - 5 Jan 2026 (Closed 24 & 25 Dec) | House 11am-3pm | Gardens 10am-4pm



On this family trail, all ages can explore The Wyne's gardens and the ground floor of the house. Sparkling trees laden with baubles will illuminate magical displays inspired by fairy tales. Free trail, normal admission applies.

As you wander the house, explore the realm of The Snow Queen in the Stone Gallery. Families can keep their eyes peeled for Little Red Riding Hood's wolf lurking in the Further Drawing Room. A nod to Beauty and the Beast, you'll find elegant teacups, teapots and clocks adorning the tree in the Large Drawing Room.

Find Rapunzel's golden braid cascading from one of The Wyne's lofty towers. In the Old Kitchen, all ages can join Goldilocks and the Three Bears to see if they can work out which bowl and chair belongs to whom. Finally, young adventurers can spot The Ugly Duckling transformed into a proud swan in the second-hand bookshop.



Wishing everyone a Halloween and Christmas filled with fun adventures!



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WHY?

- LEARN SINGING AND DANCING
- BUILD CONFIDENCE
- WORK AS A TEAM
- SHOWCASE TALENTS
- HAVE FUN AND BE CREATIVE



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