

Anton Infant School

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Every Child Always

Newsletter Friday 10th October 2025

Dear families,

October is Black History Month, and across the school we are learning about the lives and achievements of inspirational Black individuals, past and present. Through stories, art, music and discussion, we are celebrating diversity and promoting inclusion. In assembly this week Key Stage One learned about Marcus Rashford and how he supported children to have enough food to eat when schools were closed during the pandemic.

It was lovely to see so many of you at Families Evening—thank you for taking the time to attend. These evenings are such a valuable opportunity to discuss your child's progress and to celebrate their successes together. If you were not able to attend please speak to your child's class teacher about an alternative appointment.

In other exciting news, we held our annual School Council elections this week, giving pupils the chance to nominate themselves and present their ideas to their peers. This is a wonderful way to introduce our children to the British Value of Democracy, and it was fantastic to see how thoughtfully the children approached the voting process.

To make the experience as real and memorable as possible, we turned the school hall into a proper polling station, complete with voting booths and official signage. A big thank you to Test Valley Borough Council, who kindly lent us voting equipment to bring the experience to life. The children were very excited to cast their votes just like grown-ups do!

Pupil Voice is incredibly important to us, and the School Council plays a key role in helping shape life at our school. Congratulations to all the children who took part, and a big well done to those elected to represent their classes this year!

A reminder about our upcoming pumpkin competition.

You can drop off your entries at the Anton Pumpkin Patch starting Monday, 20th October. Judging will take place on Friday, 24th October – so make sure your masterpiece is in by then! We can't wait to see your spooky, silly, or stunning creations!

We are excited to host our first Show and Share event next week on Thursday, 16th October. You should have received an email with all the details. We look forward to seeing you there as we celebrate the children's learning from this half term!

I would like to thank you all for your generosity in supporting the food bank through your food donations, and for getting behind our Macmillan fundraiser by buying lots of delicious cakes. We raised over £200 – an amazing achievement! A special thank you as well to everyone who baked cakes and made this possible.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Skeates

Diary Dates

OCTOBER

16th – Show and Share 3.30pm

20th – Pumpkin Competition

23rd – PTA Glow Party 4.45pm

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**



Updated Attendance Rules

1

I'm a parent and I want to take my child out of school for a full or half day – what do I need to do? Will it be authorised?'

You must fill out an absence request form. This form allows us to decide whether an absence is valid for authorisation based on The Department for Education's guidance. Holiday requests will not be authorised.

3

What happens if I get a penalty notice and then my child continues to have unauthorised absences?'

If in any period of not more than 3 years, your child has a 2nd or 3rd leave of unauthorised absence, or a pattern of irregular attendance, the fines increase without any discount for early payment.

2nd time charges with 2 parents

- 1 child = **£320**
- 2 children = **£640**
- 3 children = **£960**
- 4 children = **£1280**

3rd time

This time, a penalty notice will not be given. Instead, your case will be taken forward for prosecution. A magistrate can fine **each parent £2,500 for each child.**

5

What happens if the school suspect my child has been on holiday and no absence form has been completed?'

If you have phoned your child in sick, or have had their absence authorised and there is evidence of a holiday being taken, such as...

- Holiday photos from social media are brought to our attention
- We try to phone you and receive a foreign dial tone
- We conduct a home visit and you are not there

Your absence may be unauthorised.

2

'If my absence request gets denied and I take my child out of school anyway, what will happen?'

If your child misses 5 school days, you will be given a penalty notice fine. The fine is **£80 per parent, per child** if paid within 21 days. After 21 days it doubles to **£160 per parent, per child.**

If you remove your child for an unauthorised period and it is the belief of the school and Local Authority that you have done this in a way as to avoid being issued a Penalty Notice, the Local Authority reserves the right to authorise the issuing of a Penalty Notice before the national threshold is met.

4

'What about irregular attendance? Could I still be fined?'

If your child is absent (or late after 10 register closes) for more than **10 sessions in 10 weeks** and the absences are unauthorised, then according to the new guidance, you will be issued a penalty notice.

Remember, 1 day is 2 sessions (morning and afternoon).

6

What are the typical reasons given that won't be authorised?'

- A family members birthday
- Shopping for uniform
- Child being used as a carer
- Issues with transport
- Visiting relatives
- abroad Family holidays
- Non-essential appointments
- Travelling before a weekend
- or authorised holiday

Who do I speak to if I want more advice or information on attendance?'

Our Headteacher Mrs. Skeates, or Deputy Headteacher Mrs. Johnson, will be happy to speak to you.

Contact the school office via adminoffice@anton-inf.hants.sch.uk to arrange a time to speak to them.

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	Week 2 8th Sept, 29th Sept 20th Oct, 10th Nov, 1st Dec	Week 3 15th Sept, 6th Oct 27th Oct, 17th Nov, 8th Dec
<p style="text-align: center;">Margherita Pizza & Carlic Slice (V) Chinese BBQ Noodles (VG) * Spinach & Potato Curry with Steamed Rice (VG) (GF) * Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Green Beans, Sweetcorn Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Homemade Bread</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vanilla Ice Cream (V) Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">Crispy Chicken Dippers & Tomato Based Sauce * Quorn Dippers & Tomato Based Sauce (VG) * Baked Bean Melt (V) Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Steamed Rice, Sweetcorn, Broccoli Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Homemade Bread</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* Marble Sponge & Custard (V) * Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">Roast Chicken (GF) Plant Based Sausages (VG) Cheesy Pasta (V) Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Peas, Gravy Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Homemade Bread</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Raspberry Jelly & Peaches (VG) Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">* Home Made Beef & Vegetable Pie * Tomato & Herb Pasta Bake (V) Shepherdess Pie (VG) Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mashed Potatoes, Savoy Cabbage, Carrots Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Homemade Bread</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Winter Fruit Crumble & Custard (V) Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">Breaded Fish Fingers Vegetable Grill (VG) * Indian Sausage Roll (VG) * Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Chips, Peas, Baked Beans, Ketchup Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Homemade Bread</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Lemon Cookie (VG) Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Margherita or Vegetable Supreme Pizza (V) Authentic Vegetable Curry & Steamed Rice (VG) Baked Sweet Potato Omelette (V) Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Baked Potato Wedges, Sweetcorn, Green Beans Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Homemade Bread</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ice Cream & Fruit (V) Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">Mild Fajita Chicken, with Nachos & Steamed Rice Neapolitan Pasta (VG) Cheese & Tomato Panini Melt (V) Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Cabbage, Carrots Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Homemade Bread</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Fruit Crunch & Custard (V) Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">Sausage Stuffed Yorkshire Pudding Cauliflower Cheese Loaded Yorkshire Pudding (V) * Traditional Beef Exeter * Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mashed Potatoes, Carrots, Peas, Gravy Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Homemade Bread</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Lemon Drizzle Cake (V) Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">Cheddar & Chicken Pasta Bake Vegetable Burrito (VG) Pasta Bolognese Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Broccoli, Sweetcorn Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Homemade Bread</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* Jam Sponge & Custard (VG) * Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Margherita or Sweetcorn Pizza with Pasta Salad (V) Italian Tomato Pasta (VG) * Loaded Mexican Style Wedges (V) * Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Green Beans, Sweetcorn Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Homemade Bread</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Crispy Cake (VG) Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">Macaroni Cheese (V) * Chicken Tikka Biryani & Naan Bread * Pepperoni Melt Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Cauliflower, Peas Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Homemade Bread</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Apple Cake & Custard (V) Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">Roast Chicken (GF) Baked Bean Cheesy Puff (V) * Traditional Scouse (GF) * Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">New Potatoes, Carrots, Savoy Cabbage, Gravy Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Homemade Bread</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Strawberry Mousse (V) Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">The Dolce All Day Breakfast The Dolce All Day Veggie Breakfast (V) * Singapore Noodles (VG) * Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Hash Brown, Baked Beans, Peas Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Homemade Bread</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Fresh Fruit Salad (VG) Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">Breaded Fish Fingers Fishless Fingers (VG) Cheese & Onion Gratin (V) Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Chips, Peas, Baked Beans, Ketchup Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Homemade Bread</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* Hot Chocolate Fudge Pudding (V) * Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt</p>

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.

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Fireworks & Bonfire Night

5TH NOVEMBER 2025

MAINS

BONFIRE BANGER
VEGGIE BONFIRE BANGER (VG)
HOT BAKED POTATO BAR WITH A CHOICE OF FILLINGS (GF)
INCLUDING BANGING BBQ CHICKEN AND WINTER WARMER QUORN KORMA (V)

SIDES

WHIZZ-BANG WEDGES
SPARKLER SWEETCORN
FIREWORK SLAW
GUY FAWKES SALAD BAR
KINDLING KETCHUP

DESSERT

ROCKET LOLLY (VG) (GF)
CHOCOLATE CATHERINE WHEEL (V)
FRESH FRUIT

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

Fireworks & Bonfire Night themed menu – 5th November – now available to pre-order



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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

HAMPSHIRE
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NETWORK
enabling voices to be heard



Get Togethers



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 Viabes 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.

Hampshire
SENDIASS

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

THURSDAY 23RD OCTOBER

4.45-6PM

ANTON INFANTS HALL

GLOW

PARTY

RECEPTION, YEAR 1 AND 2
ALL WELCOME

TICKETS £5 PAYABLE ON THE DOOR BY CASH OR CARD
TICKET PRICE INCLUDES 2 REFRESHMENT TOKENS AND UNLIMITED SQUASH OR WATER. REFRESHMENT TOKENS CAN BE EXCHANGED FOR A PACKET OF CRISPS OR AN ICE CREAM. IF YOUR CHILD WOULD LIKE FURTHER REFRESHMENTS, CRISPS AND ICE-CREAM CAN BE PURCHASED ON THE NIGHT AT 50P EACH

Parents: if you are able to help on the night please get in touch with Anton Friends PTA via Facebook or email pta.antonfriends@gmail.com. We ask that parents only stay at the party if they are available to help



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360° SPORTS COACHING
HOLIDAY CAMP
HALLOWEEN HALF TERM
27TH - 31ST OCTOBER

ROCK CLIMBING **MULTI SPORTS** **ARTS & CRAFTS** **SWIMMING (8+)**

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- Train and build elite skills and boost your confidence, high energy environment!

KEY INFORMATION:
When- 27th-31st October
Where- Anton Junior School
Who- Children Aged 5-12
Time- 9:00am-3:00pm

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£15 per day!

WHY CHOOSE US?

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- Fun and Engaging Sessions
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PERFORMING ARTS ACADEMY

A SHOW IN A WEEK!

MUSICAL THEATRE WORKSHOP WEEK
27TH-31ST OCTOBER
09:00 AM-3:00PM
ANTON JUNIOR SCHOOL

AGES 6-12 **£75 FOR A WEEK**

WHAT?

- LEARN A SONG AND A DANCE
- JOIN TOGETHER FOR A SHOW STOPPING FINALE
- SHOWCASE SKILLS IN A PERFORMANCE FOR FRIENDS AND FAMILY AT THE END OF THE WEEK

WHY?

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

KIMPTON HOLIDAY CAMP



 **Kimpton, Thruxton & Fyfield School, Kimpton
SP11 8NT**

 **Monday 27th - Friday 31st October**

 **Breakfast Club: 08:00 - 09:00**
Camp Day: 09:00 - 15:00
Extended Club: 15:00 - 16:00
Extended Club: 15:00 - 17:30

**Childcare vouchers & Tax-Free
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