

ANTON INFANT NEWSLETTER



Every Child Always

FRIDAY 14TH OCTOBER 2025

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Upcoming Events

November

WC 17th - Road Safety Week

21st - Time to Shine (Please see below on page 2 for more information)

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

16th - Christmas Lunch

19th - Last day of term

January

5th - INSET Day

6th - Return to School

28th - Year 1 Phonics Evening (more information to follow)

Headteacher message

Welcome back everyone!

I hope you all had an enjoyable half-term break. From the sounds of it, it may not have been the most restful week for many families, with late nights, fireworks, and Halloween fun keeping everyone busy! The children have returned a little tired but full of stories, and we're already seeing some brilliant learning taking place across the school.

As we head towards Christmas, our calendar is filling up with lots of exciting events and celebrations – please keep an eye out for upcoming dates and reminders.

This week we have been involved in Anti-Bullying Week, and this year's theme is "The Power of Good." We've been talking with the children about how small acts of kindness can make a big difference, and how we can all work together to create a caring, positive school community.

We've also launched our new Risky Play area in the playground, and the children are absolutely loving it! We are incredibly grateful for the generous donation of a kayak, which has already sparked some wonderfully imaginative play. Alongside this, we've introduced a range of loose parts—including tyres, planks, guttering, and crates—which have transformed playtimes. It's been wonderful to see creativity and teamwork flourish.

If anyone has additional loose parts or outdoor play items, they'd be willing to donate, they would be very gratefully received. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

We carried out our first Shelter-in-Place drill of the year this week, and your children were superb! Everyone was safely in position, accounted for, and completely silent within 2 minutes and 55 seconds – an outstanding achievement. I was so proud of the sensible, calm, and safe way the children conducted themselves throughout the drill.

Finally, as we are currently thinking about all things festive here at Anton I wanted to let you know about The Great Christmas Jumper Swap!

It's that time of year again—schools, clubs, and activities all seem to need a Christmas jumper at some point in December! Instead of buying new ones that children quickly grow out of (and often wear only once or twice), we're excited to host The Great Christmas Jumper Swap here at Anton Infants.

This free event invites families to donate Christmas jumpers from previous years and help give them a new home. It's a simple, sustainable way to reduce waste, save money, and spread some festive cheer!

We will begin collecting donations next week.- Please bring to the school office.

The Great Christmas Jumper Swap starts the week of 24th November—a rail of donated jumpers will be available in the school reception area.

All sizes welcome!

Let's make this December more eco-friendly—one sparkly jumper at a time!

And don't worry—you're very welcome to take a jumper even if you don't have one to donate.

Have a great weekend

Mrs Skeates

**Ready
Respectful
Safe**

Inset Days

5th January 2026

23rd February 2026

1st June 2026

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

Dinner Times

TRADITIONAL AUTUMN

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

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

Week 2
8th Sept, 29th Sept
20th Oct, 10th Nov, 1st Dec

Week 3
15th Sept, 6th Oct
27th Oct, 17th Nov, 8th Dec

LOCALLY SOURCED FRESH PRODUCE

BREAD AVAILABLE DAILY

Week 1 Menu:

- 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 Cookies (VC)
- Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt

Week 2 Menu:

- 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 Menu:

- 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 *
- Pepparoni 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 Crispi (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

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.


TIME TO SHINE DAY - FRIDAY 21 NOVEMBER

On Friday 21st November, children are invited to wear bright, colourful clothes to help promote road safety. We kindly ask for a tombola donation for the PTA

Christmas Fayre in return for taking part.

Further information about what items to donate will be shared early next week.

Thank you for your continued support



Tuesday 16th December

All children are invited to Christmas Lunch.

*Please ensure all orders are placed via
SchoolGrid.*



CHRISTMAS LUNCH

December
2025

MAINS

ROAST TURKEY, STUFFING & CHIPOLATA
PUFF PASTRY CHRISTMAS CRACKER (VG)

SIDES

ROAST POTATOES, CARROTS, PEAS, SPROUTS, GRAVY

DESSERTS

STICKY TOFFEE PUDDING & CUSTARD (V)
REINDEER SHORTBREAD (VG)
FRESH FRUIT

douce

Santa's
WELCOME
WELCOME

NORTH
POLE



Autumn Term 2 - Year R

Celebrating Traditions

This term, Year R will be learning all about Traditional tales, Rhymes and Family Celebrations.

The children will be learning traditional tales such as Three Little Pigs, Little Red Riding Hood and Jack and the Beanstalk. They will learn and explore a range of rhymes and songs which will include Polly Put the Kettle On and We Wish You A Merry Christmas, ready for our Christmas show.

In Maths, we will continue to develop our understanding of number and place value, including ordering numbers. We will be exploring 2D shapes to make firework rockets and comparing weight and patterns when decorating a Christmas stocking.

Linking to our wider curriculum we will be furthering our knowledge of significant events such as Bonfire Night, Remembrance Sunday and Christmas Day where we will explore how families have different traditions. We are also looking forward to investigating how Christmas is celebrated around the world!

We will continue to focus on the children's fine motor skills to support their hand control. We can not wait to create some festive art work to bring a sprinkle of festive fun to the Christmas season.

Autumn Term 2 - Year 1

I'll Huff and I'll Puff

This term, Year 1 will be exploring traditional tales with repeated patterns, focusing on stories that involve different materials. We'll be reading classic tales such as The Three Billy Goats Gruff and The Three Little Pigs, as well as many more.

In Maths, we will continue to develop our understanding of number and place value, including counting in increments and ordering numbers. We will revisit addition and subtraction to further develop their skills and build confidence and accuracy. Later in the term, we will be introducing the concepts and symbols of multiplication and division, helping the children to begin exploring these new operations.

Linking to our wider curriculum, in Science we'll be learning about everyday materials and their properties, discovering which materials are best for different jobs. We'll be connecting this to our English learning by thinking about the materials used by The Three Little Pigs to build their houses, and exploring why some materials are stronger than others. In Design and Technology, we'll be putting our knowledge to the test by designing and building a bridge strong enough for The Three Billy Goats Gruff!

Autumn Term 2 - Year 2

It's Cold Out There

This term, Year 2 will be exploring areas of our world that are cold. We'll be learning about different significant people, throughout history, that have explored the North and South Poles.

In English, we will continue to look at using different conjunctions with our writing, as well as 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 looking at festive poetry.

In Maths, we will be learning how to use a ruler to measure in centimetres, as well as comparing different lengths. We will then introduce multiplication and division, 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.

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 how to stay healthy. In Art, we will be studying Vincent van Gogh, focusing on the painting 'Starry Night'. We will be investigating blending colours using oil pastels to create our own artwork inspired by 'Starry Night'.

Hampshire's consultation on school admission arrangements for 2027-28

Hampshire County Council, in accordance with statutory requirements, is consulting on the 2027-28 admission arrangements for community and voluntary controlled schools within its area and would like to hear your views.

The consultation will run from Monday 10th November to Friday 26th December 2025.

To view the consultation click on the link below:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/aboutthecouncil/haveyoursay/consultations/admission-arrangements27-28>

**Is your child due to
start school in
September 2026?**



**YEAR R
OPEN DAY**

**Due to demand,
we are hosting an
additional Year R
open day.**



**Come along to meet
our staff, explore the
classrooms, and find
out what makes our
school a wonderful
place to start your
child's learning
journey.**

**'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**

**Saturday 22nd November
2pm**



Thank you!

Anton Infants School

For your incredible Harvest Festival fundraising efforts in support of Andover Foodbank.

Your donation of 126.30kg is fabulous and will enable us to help our local community.

Katie Vincent
 Foodbank Manager

Registered charity number 1199568. Registered in England and Wales.

NEW TICKET WAVE



BRICK FESTIVAL
TICKET

14TH DEC 2025
 PLACES LEISURE EASTLEIGH
SOUTHAMPTON BRICK FESTIVAL
 MORE LEGO THAN YOU CAN DREAM OF

TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW!

AMAZING LEGO DISPLAYS
NEW & RETIRED LEGO SETS
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ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES
CHARITY TOMBOLA
MILLIONS OF LOOSE BRICKS
PLUS SO MUCH MORE!!



SOUTHAMPTON BRICK FESTIVAL
14TH DEC 2025
 PLACES LEISURE EASTLEIGH
SOUTHAMPTON BRICK FESTIVAL
 MORE LEGO THAN YOU CAN DREAM OF

HOWDEN

Free reflector stickers for kids!



Available in your local branch now.

Howden is a trading name of A-Plan Holdings, which is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority.

Free holiday activities & meals for eligible children this winter!

Children in Reception to Year 11 receiving benefits-related free school meals can enjoy fun activities and healthy meals for free this Christmas through Hampshire's Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme!

Spaces are limited - book now! Scan the QR code below to check if you're eligible, find local HAF schemes, and book your child(ren)'s place



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TEST VALLEY WINTER HAF SCHEMES (1/2)



360 Degree Sports Coaching

Andover Leisure Centre (SPI0 1QP)
Anton Junior School (SPI0 2HA)
Romsey Rapids (SO51 8AF)

CM Sports

Cupernham Junior School (SO51 7JT)



Globe Fit

Augusta Park Community Centre (SPI1 6RD)

Gol Elite

Vigo Primary School (SPI0 1JZ)



TEST VALLEY WINTER HAF SCHEMES (2/2)



KOOSA Kids

Portway Infant School (SPI0 3PE)

Personal Best Education

Knights Enham Primary School (SPI0 4BS)
The Mountbatten School (SO51 5SY)



Your Sports Education

Romsey Primary School (SO51 7PH)

Please keep an eye on the FISH website as it will be regularly updated with available HAF schemes:

<https://fish.hants.gov.uk>

FUN, ACTIVE HOLIDAY CLUBS FOR CHILDREN AGED 4-13

Winter WONDERLAND

Your children are invited to up to 4 Holiday Activities & Food Sessions from 22nd, 23rd, 29th & 30th December

We are delighted to inform you that KOOSA Kids Holiday Club at Portway Infant School will be offering a number of **Fully Funded** holiday club places, as part of the Connect 4 Communities Holiday Activities & Food Programme (HAF) this Christmas, funded by the Department for Education.

Apply Today for Fully Funded Holiday Activities & Food Sessions at KOOSA Kids Christmas Holiday Club at Portway Infant School

The fully funded, fun-packed holiday provision will include a **healthy, hot lunch and enriching activities**; eligible for children aged 4-13, who are in receipt of benefits-related free school meals.

Apply for up to 4 fully funded sessions per child (10.00am to 4.00pm). Simply call our Customer Service team on 01276 21884. Please note, places are limited and we may not be able to offer you all sessions requested.

You will need to obtain a **unique HAF code** for each child from Hampshire County Council, if you haven't already done so. You can apply for your code by completing this **simple form** online.

CONNECT 4 COMMUNITIES HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES & FOOD PROGRAMME

- ✓ Apply for up to 4 fully funded sessions per child this Christmas at Portway Infant School, Andover
- ✓ Eligible for children aged 4-13 who are in receipt of benefits-related free school meals
- ✓ Healthy, hot lunch & fun, active holiday club activities included (visit our website www.koosakids.co.uk for more information on our holiday club activity programme)
- ✓ Funded sessions provided on behalf of Connect 4 Communities Holiday Activities & Food Programme, funded by the Department for Education
- ✓ Ofsted registered, fun-packed high quality holiday club childcare

This opportunity is provided as part of the government's Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme being delivered across Hampshire County Council. The scheme is supported by Hampshire County Council, the Connect 4 Communities programme and is funded by the Department for Education.

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL 01276 21884 OR EMAIL INFO@KOOSAKIDS.CO.UK



You Are Not Alone - Free Parent Online Drop-In

Parenting an autistic child can feel amazing, confusing, and overwhelming, sometimes all in the same day. That's why we host our **no-cost monthly online drop-in sessions for parents and carers.**

Normally we run the monthly drop-ins on the 1st Tuesday of the month but in **DECEMBER we run 5 drop-in sessions from Monday 1st December - Friday 5th December.**

First Tuesday of every month
7pm - 8.30pm
Platform: Zoom



Erik Wagter - host of the drop-in

What these sessions are all about:

We've created a safe, non-judgemental space where parents can bring their questions, share worries and connect with others who 'get it'.

Topics often included:

- Understanding and responding to challenging behaviour
- Making sense of autism on a deeper level
- The ups and downs of family relationships and dynamics
- Working with schools and professionals
- Meeting like-minded parents and realising you are not alone



What parents say:

'Thank you so much for the group this evening. I can't tell you how grateful I feel, and I really do feel less alone and more validated. My hope is back'

Who runs the sessions?

I'm Erik Wagter, co-founder of Autism Family Support Service. Alongside being a social worker, trainer and Solution Focused family coach, I also bring over two decades of personal lived family experience of autism. Sometimes my wife Sally will join in as well.

If you would like to join please send an email to sallywagter@gmail.com and we will send you the Zoom link.

Autism Family Support Service
www.autismfamilysupportservice.com



CHARLTON AND DISTRICT PLAYGROUP

OPEN DAY INVITATION

Come and explore our warm, welcoming, and child-centred setting!

NORMAL OPENING HOURS ARE:

Tuesday & Thursday 9-3
Monday, Wednesday & Friday 9-12:30

OPEN DAY TOURS

8th and 10th December 2025

9:30-11 - 15 min tours to have a look around and get all the information you need to see if our home from home setting is right for you



No extra fees – transparent and affordable care



TERM TIME ONLY

Book an appointment by emailing charlton.district.playgroup@gmail.com

BOSCOMBE DOWN AVIATION COLLECTION
at OLD SARUM
CHRISTMAS MARKET

Sunday 16th November 2025
from 10.00h to 15.00h

Whether you are a buyer or seller, you will not want to miss our very popular annual **CHRISTMAS MARKET**

Over thirty stalls to browse for some unique gifts and decorations.

Or, sell your Christmas wares in this unique historic venue, surrounded by our fantastic collection of aircraft.

If you have items to sell and would like to book a pitch, now is the time to contact us.
Pitches 6ft x 4ft cost £10 including a 6ft x 2ft table and 2 chairs.
Don't delay because space is limited and the available pitches go quickly.

To book a pitch or enquire about this event, contact Hugh Sillett:
email; eventsatbdac@outlook.com
Mobile 07799113546

Entry fee for buyers is £2 per person

Boscombe Down Aviation Collection
Hangar 1 South, Old Sarum Airfield,
Old Sarum, Wiltshire, SP4 6DZ