

ANTON INFANT NEWSLETTER



Every Child Always

FRIDAY 9TH JANUARY 2026

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Headteacher message

Dear families,

A very Happy New Year to you all.

It has been lovely to welcome the children back to school this week, and we have all settled quickly back into our usual routine. In assembly, we have been talking about setting goals for the New Year and linking these to our school values of Independence, Creativity, Love, Curiosity, and Resilience. The children shared some wonderful ideas and showed great thoughtfulness in their discussions.

We are continuing to work hard on our school improvement priorities this half term, particularly writing and letter formation. The children are making excellent progress and are working extremely hard on their writing. We are very proud of their efforts. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Skeates

Upcoming Events

January

13th - Year R OPen Morning 9.30am

15th - Dolce Diner themed lunch

15th - Year R and Year 3

applications close at Midnight

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

February

13th - Last Day of Term

16th - 20th - Half Term

23rd - INSET Day

24th - First day back to school

Ready
Respectful
Safe

Inset Days

23rd February 2026

1st June 2026

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

Dinner Times	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3
	5th Jan, 26th Jan, 16th Feb 9th Mar, 30th Mar	12th Jan, 2nd Feb 23rd Feb, 16th Mar	19th Jan, 9th Feb 2nd Mar, 23rd Mar
MONDAY	Margherita Pizza & Potato Salad (V) (VG) Spinach & Potato Curry with Steamed Rice (VG) (GF) Cheesy Pasta (V) Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Mixed Salad, Sweetcorn Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Homemade Bread Ice Cream & Fruit (V) Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt	Margherita or Pepper Pizza (V) (VG) Cheesy Bean Wrap (V) Singapore Noodles (VG) Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Baked Potato Wedges, Mixed Salad, Peas Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Homemade Bread Chocolate Mousse (V) Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt	Margherita or Sweetcorn Pizza with Coleslaw (V) (VG) * Veggie-Ball Curry & Steamed Rice (VG) * Creamy Cajun Pasta Bake (V) Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Mixed Salad, Sweetcorn Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Homemade Bread Crispy Cake (VG) Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt
TUESDAY	Oven Baked Sausages Plant-based Sausages (VG) Fisherman's Pie (GF) Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Mashed Potatoes, Savoy Cabbage, Carrots, Gravy Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Homemade Bread * Peach & Forest Fruit Cobbler with Custard (V) * Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt	Spaghetti Bolognese Seasonal Vegetable Hot Pot (VG) * Spaghetti & Meatballs * Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Broccoli, Sweetcorn Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Homemade Bread Fruit Crunch & Custard (V) Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt	All Day Breakfast English Veggie Breakfast (V) (VG) Cheese & Tomato Panini Melt (V) 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
WEDNESDAY	Roast Chicken (GF) * Fish Finger or Quorn Dipper (VG) Wrap * Lancashire Hot Pot (VG) (GF) Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Peas, Gravy Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Homemade Bread Chocolate & Orange Cookie (VG) Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt	Roast Chicken (GF) * Butternut Squash Wellington (V) (VG) * Savoury Cheddar Turnover Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Mashed Potatoes, Cabbage, Peas, Gravy Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Homemade Bread Jelly & Fruit (V) (VG) Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt	Roast Chicken (GF) Roasted Vegetable & Stuffing Tart (VG) * Roast Chicken & Stuffing Baguettes * Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) New Potatoes, Carrots, Broccoli, Gravy Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Homemade Bread Hot Chocolate Fudge Pudding (V) Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt
THURSDAY	Mild Chicken Korma (GF) Tomato & Herb Pasta Bake (V) (VG) Pepperoni Melt Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Steamed Rice, Broccoli, Sweetcorn Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Homemade Bread * Jam Roly Poly & Custard (V) * Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt	Cheese Topped Cumberland Pie Shepherdess Pie (VG) BBQ Chicken Melt Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Green Beans, Carrots Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Homemade Bread Yorkshire Parkin & Custard (V) Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt	Chilli con Carne & Steamed Rice (GF) * Pasta Bar Selection: Cheesy (V), Hearty Tomato (VG), Tuna or Carbonara * Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Sweetcorn, Carrots Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Homemade Bread Dorset Apple Cake & Custard (V) Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt
FRIDAY	Breaded Fish Fingers Fishless Fingers (VG) * Cheddar & Broccoli Quiche (V) * Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Chips, Peas, Baked Beans, Ketchup Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Homemade Bread Banana Cake (V) Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt	Breaded Fish Fingers Crispy Crumb Vegetable Grill (V) Baked Sweet Potato Omelette (V) (GF) 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	Breaded Fish Fingers Crispy Golden Dippers (VG) Cheddar Cheese Pie (V) Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Chips, Peas, Baked Beans, Ketchup Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Homemade Bread Lancashire Cookie (VG) Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt

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

If your school has dietary requirements, such as halal, this will be automatically applied to your menu via SchoolGid and does not change the type of menu you select here. Please contact your Area Manager if you ever need to change this.

Thursday 15th January - Dolce Diner themed lunch.

*Please ensure you have ordered by 8.55am on
Thursday 15th.*

15th January 2026

CENSUS DAY

Dolce Diner

★ Mains ★

- Big City Burger**
- Route 66 Nuggets (VG)**
- Hand Stretched Hawaiian Pizza**
- Brooklyn Baked Potato Bar (V)**

★ Sides ★

- American French Fries**
- Boston Baked Beans**
- Sweetcorn**
- Stars & Stripes Salad Bar**

★ Desserts ★

- Ice Cream & Waffle Bites (V)**
- Snickedoodle Cookie (VG)**
- Fresh Fruit**

dolce

Spring Term 1 - Year R

How big is a beast?

This half term in Year R the Cygnets and Ducklings will receive a mysterious egg in which we will predict and share our thoughts on what might come out of the egg. This will support the theme of our half term around beasts. We will be reading lots of texts around eggs, dinosaurs, animals and monsters to broaden the children's knowledge and imaginations and story telling.

We will continue to support the Children to apply their phonic knowledge to their writing. Take part in a range of fine motor and gross motor activities to support our pencil grip and letter formation. Over this half term some of the planned writing opportunities include missing posters, dinosaur and animal fact files and descriptions of their very own mythical creatures.

In Maths we will continue to build on their understanding of numbers to 20, more and less and adding two numbers together. We will look at height and length and compare objects.

We are excited to see where the world of mythical creatures and beasts takes us this half term a large proportion of our learning will be based around the children's interests, so who knows how our learning will conclude this half term?

Please remember we need your child's PE kit on a Thursday and Friday every week and they need to have their book bags in everyday with their phonic folders.

Thank you for your continued support.

Spring Term 1 - Year 1

To infinity and beyond!

This term in Year 1, our topic is Space. In English, we will be reading lots of exciting, out-of-this-world adventure stories. We will also be linking our learning in History to space by finding out about significant people from the past, including Neil Armstrong and Mae Jemison. In Science, we are applying our materials knowledge from last term to access which would be the best materials to build our own spaceship!

The children will apply this learning in their writing while continuing to practise using capital letters, full stops and finger spaces. We will also be developing new skills, such as expanding our sentences by using 'and'.

In Maths, we are continuing to secure our number skills, including addition, subtraction, measure and shape. You can really support your child at home by practising number formation regularly.

If you would like some fun activity ideas to try at home, please speak to a member of the Year 1 team – we are always happy to help!

Thank you for your continued support.

Spring Term 1 - Year 2

This half term Year 2 will be learning all about The Great Fire of London. We have visited forest school this week to experience a real fire which was great fun.

In English, we are looking at different kinds of poems and using our senses to write our own poem about fire. We will also be writing a diary entry and a non-chronological report.

In Maths, we will be further developing our skills in addition and subtraction, measures including using money, telling the time to the hour, half past and quarter to and mass. We will also be focusing on exploring the two, five and ten times tables.

In RE, we will be thinking about the importance of remembering and linking this to the Jewish festival of Shabbat.

In history we will be investigating The Great Fire of London and look at how London today is different from London in 1666.

Our Science will focus on pushes and pulls, investigating how objects can move, change direction and change shape.

NOTICEBOARD

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



**YEAR R
OPEN DAY**

**Due to further
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**

**Tuesday 13th January 2026
9:30am**

Trauma

Understanding the impact of trauma on a young person's brain, body and behaviour and how we can guide them from surviving to thriving

4 June Basingstoke
7 October Havant

Anxiety

Understanding & strategies to support young people

28 January Basingstoke
11 November Havant

CHILDREN'S AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S MENTAL HEALTH INFORMATION & ADVICE SESSIONS



The first Wednesday of every month

10am - 2pm

The Arc, Jewry Street,
Winchester, SO23 8SB



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Hampshire Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services

PARENTS, CARERS AND PROFESSIONALS EVENTS

2026



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hampshirecamhs.nhs.uk/events

P.A.C.E. 2026

PARENT & CARER EVENTS

Free health & wellbeing events for all parents & carers who support or work with young people

DATE	LOCATION
26 February	Basingstoke
16 April	Eastleigh
8 May	Lyndhurst
25 June	Andover
5 October	Havant
23 October	Waterlooville



Scan this QR code to view our session itinerary for the day

EMBRACING AUTISM

Three days that focus on skills and strategies, for parents, carers and professionals supporting a child with Autism

4 February Havant
9 July Eastleigh
17 November Andover

UNDERSTANDING ADHD

Three days that focus on skills and strategies, for parents, carers and professionals supporting a child with ADHD

5 March Eastleigh
16 September Havant
3 November Andover

Stopping Avoidable Suicides Initiative SASI

Hampshire CAMHS are offering a one-day training event on suicide prevention across three different locations in Hampshire

27 February Andover
11 June Waterlooville
2 October Eastleigh

HOW TO COPE WHEN YOUR CHILD CANT

Three one-day events focused on parents/carers understanding their own needs, and learning strategies to look after themselves as they support a young person with their own mental health needs.

22 January Winchester
15 May Eastleigh
30 September Basingstoke



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