

ANTON INFANT NEWSLETTER



Every Child Always

FRIDAY 6TH FEBRUARY 2026

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Headteacher message

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Dear families,

Rain, rain, go away! My goodness, hasn't the weather been grey and gloomy lately? Luckily, that hasn't dampened our spirits one bit. Our school is still bursting with joy, laughter, and a love of learning!

A big thank you to everyone who joined us for our Year 1 Phonics Evening. If you couldn't make it, don't worry – the PowerPoint will be popping up on our website next week, along with some handy resources to help support your child at home. If you'd prefer a printed copy, just email the school office and we'll happily send one home with your child.

Today we had lots of fun celebrating NSPCC Number Day! The children enjoyed exploring number-themed picture books and taking part in a variety of exciting activities inspired by the stories. There was plenty of counting, problem solving, and smiling all round!

I hope you all have a wonderful (and hopefully brighter!) weekend.

Mrs Skeates

Upcoming Events

Inset Days

23rd February 2026

1st June 2026

Whole School Attendance

26th - 30th January

95%

2nd - 6th February

97%

February

13th - Last Day of Term

16th - 20th - Half Term

23rd - INSET Day

24th - First day back to school

27th - Year 2 Trip *

March

5th - World Book Day

13th - PTA Dress Down Day *

18th - Year 1 Trip *

27th - PTA Break The Rules Day *

27th - Easter Bonnet Competition *

27th - Last Day of Term

April

13th - First day back to school

- More Information to follow.

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 Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (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 Sagettes * 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*

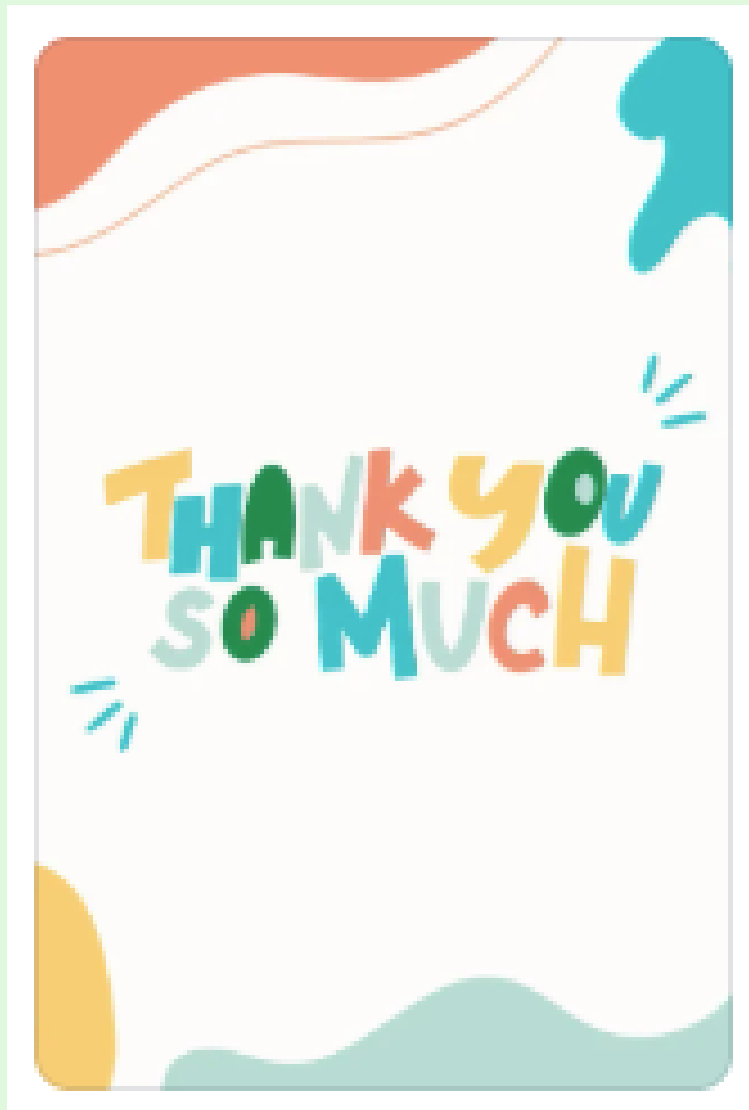
If your school has dietary requirements, such as halal, this will be automatically applied to your menu via SchoolGrid and does not change the type of menu you select here. Please contact your Area Manager if you ever need to change this.

Illness

If your child is ill, please notify the school office in the morning to inform us that they will be absent from school and provide details of the illness. A child not attending school is considered a safeguarding matter. This is why information about the cause of any absence is always required. **This is required on each day of illness until your child returns to school.** Please email adminoffice@anton-inf.hants.sch.uk, or you can leave a voicemail on the absence line.

Medical Appointments

When possible please arrange these out of school hours, at weekends or during school holidays. If this isn't possible, please contact the school office as early as possible to inform us of the date, time and reason for the appointment. You will be asked to provide a copy of the appointment letter / message for our files. We will then inform the class teacher of your child's absence.



Thank you to everyone who has donated to our Forest School Wish List and to our Breakfast Club requests recently. We are all very grateful for your wonderful generosity.

Road Safety

The Road Safety Team are responsible for educating young people and their families on the importance of keeping safe when travelling in a vehicle. Part of this education includes ensuring young people are travelling with correct restraints. Are you aware that 37% of children are in the wrong type of seat for their age and/or height? The Road Safety Team would like to share this car restraint leaflet with you to ensure you know how to always keep your child(ren) safe – in the correct restraint. There are also hints and tips about choosing the right seat, transporting other people's children and how to fit different types of car seat.

To read this informative leaflet, please visit – [in car safety](#)
[guide](#)

Our Rudolph Run raised an amazing...

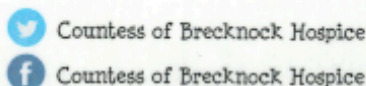
The Countess of Brecknock is our local Hospice



£ 1438.49

For The Countess of Brecknock Hospice

Thanks so much for taking part! We hope you had fun!



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Countess of Brecknock Hospice, Henry Gamman Drive,
Charlton Road, Andover SP10 5LB

www.cobh.org.uk
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NOTICEBOARD

Launching 2026



The PEAS group are Family Support and Pastoral Support Workers working in Andover town schools. Covering local primary, secondary and special education, we're venturing out into the community to offer impartial support, advice and guidance to parents/carers on a number of family related issues.

Keep an eye out for:

'PEAS @ ACE' – our new drop in at Andover Community Engage (ACE), Bridge Street.

Parenting courses including Nurturing Programme & Talking Teens

Themed workshops on family topics that matter to you

Plus much more...

All Andover town schools are part of our PEAS network – you can contact us through any school office



'If it takes a village to raise a child, it takes a village to support that child's parent'

- Ann Douglas -

Are you a parent/carer with pre-school or school-age children?
Are you looking for a bit of support from a friendly face?



ACE

ANDOVER COMMUNITY ENGAGE

Family Support Workers from PEAS will be running a parent drop-in at ACE on Bridge Street, Andover Town Centre, on the following dates:

6 & 27 February, 20 March, 17 April,

01 May, 05 June, 10 July

For anything family related, if we can't help you directly, we can signpost you to someone who can.

No need to book

Just stop by and grab a cuppa.



Selected Friday's

When: 09.30 - 11.30

Where: 13-17 Bridge St,
Andover

New Strategy Based Films for parents/carers and Professionals New for 2026

**What is Emotionally
Based School
Avoidance**



**Risk factors for
Emotionally Based
School Avoidance**



**Tips for Emotionally
Based School
Avoidance**



**Thriving with
ADHD in school**



**ADHD
and sleep**



**Reframing
ADHD**



Girls and ADHD



**ADHD – order out of
chaos**



**Growing older and
changing ADHD
symptoms**



**The importance of
sleep**



**Tips to support
sleep optimisation**



To watch the
videos, scan these
QR codes





DESTINATION IMAGINATION



Where imagination turns into action this February half-term



Multi-activity holiday childcare clubs

HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING




AT DESTINATION IMAGINATION THIS FEBRUARY HALF-TERM

Holiday HQ: Destination Imagination offers a mix of activities designed for children aged 4-11, keeping them engaged throughout the day. From **Hero Activities** and hands-on **Make & Take** creations to **Skill Zone** challenges that support confidence and teamwork, every day brings something a little different. Daily themed activities include:

 <h4>DEEP-SEA DISCOVERER</h4> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Sunken Treasure Quest ✓ Ocean Creature Cookies ✓ Sea Bottom Mini Golf 	 <h4>EXPLORER ENGINEER</h4> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Elements Endurance Towers ✓ Static Surge Dance ✓ Electric Paper Circuit
 <h4>RAPID RESCUE RESPONDER</h4> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Disaster Dash - Save the Town! ✓ Mini Parachute Buddy ✓ Emergency Airlift Landing Zone 	 <h4>INTELLIGENCE AGENT</h4> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Operation: Escape Room! ✓ Cipher keypad ✓ Operation: Stealth Trace
 <h4>SPORTS STAR</h4> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Super Sports Tournament ✓ Finger Football Frenzy ✓ Slam Dunk Snack Shootout 	<p>Holiday HQ by Junior Adventures Group provides trusted, Ofsted-registered holiday childcare. Flexible attendance options and a range of payment methods help families plan February half-term with confidence.</p>

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£27.50 PER DAY

10% SIBLING DISCOUNT

3G PLAYING SURFACE

ADVANCED TRAINING CENTRE

HIGH INTENSITY TRAINING DAYS TO WORK ON ALL ASPECTS OF THE BEAUTIFUL GAME

Daily Session Topics

- ✓ Receiving & retaining the ball
- ✓ Possession & defending
- ✓ Attacking & finishing
- ✓ Games sessions

TIMINGS- 9:00-3:00

DATES: FEBRUARY 19TH & 20TH

GROUP 1	GROUP 2
6 - 9 years	10 - 13 years

GANGER FARM SPORTS PARK
Ganger Farm Way, Romsey, SO51 0EE



Registration Site
360degreesportscoaching.ipalbookings.com

For More Information
02382 001430
james@360degreesportscoaching.com

Test Valley Borough Council



Private Landlords' Forum

Thursday 12 February 5pm to 7pm

The Lights, West Street Andover, SP10 1AH

Agenda to include:

-  **NRLA presentation on Renters' Rights Act**
-  **'Lets with Pets' advice and guidance for landlords**
-  **Panel Q&A**




Scan the QR code for more information and to register your attendance

 **HousingProjects@testvalley.gov.uk**



www.testvalley.gov.uk   **01264 368000**



Hampshire Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services

A free mental health & wellbeing event for all parents and carers who support or work with young people

THURSDAY, 26TH FEBRUARY 2026
QUEEN MARY'S COLLEGE, CLIDDESSEN RD, BASINGSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE RG21 3HF

WHAT CAN I EXPECT?

PACE events consist of two main components:


1. A number of introductory sessions on young people's emotional health and wellbeing.
2. Information stands from local organisations.

Attendees can choose which sessions they would like to attend; select as many or as few as you would like to attend.

NEW SESSIONS:

- Understanding Adolescence & Their Mental Health
- Introduction to Low Mood
- School Avoidance & School Transition
- Eight Skills to Support a Young Person
- Sleep Optimisation
- Understanding Suicide & Suicidal Thinking

To find out more and to book scan this QR code



BOOK YOUR SESSION SPACE AT:

hampshirecamhs.nhs.uk/events

PACE ITINERARY

TIME	SESSION 1	SESSION 2
9:30 - 10:45	New Understanding Adolescence & Their Mental Health What is adolescence & how can we understand teenage development. Brain development & the impact for young people at this stage of their lives. We will cover some ways to wellbeing for adolescents and consider how you as parents you can support your young person whilst maintaining your own wellbeing.	New Sleep Optimisation What is sleep and the importance of this. Why it may be difficult to sleep, & exploring what this is and how we can promote healthy sleep with some top tips.
11 - 12:15	A basic introduction to ADHD What is ADHD? Spotting the signs and symptoms from 5 years to 18 years. How to support a young person with symptoms of inattention, hyperactivity and impulsivity with or without an ADHD diagnosis.	New Understanding Suicide & Suicidal Thinking Understanding and increasing confidence in noticing and managing young people who may be distressed, not coping and at risk of self harm or suicide.
12:15 - 12:45	Lunch break	Lunch break
12:45 - 14:00	New Introduction to Low Mood Upskilling parents and carers to identify the signs of low mood in their young people and support them to break the cycle of low mood using activity scheduling and value based living techniques.	A basic introduction to Autism What is Autistic-Spectrum Condition? Spotting the signs and symptoms Diagnosis: the process and things to know about the diagnostic assessment How to support a young person with ASC
14:15 - 15:30	New School Avoidance & School Transition The session will aim to provide parents/carers an understanding of what emotionally based school avoidance is & the reasons why some young people find it difficult to attend school. Moving to a new school is a big life event we will cover common worries and how these might present in your child, strategies to manage worries that you can share with your child to help them build their resilience, as well as coping strategies to calm the physical symptoms of anxiety.	Parent Care - looking after yourself This session will focus on the needs and challenges for parents and carers, as well as provide a range of practical advice and strategies around how to look after yourself in order to better support the wellbeing of your child.
15:45 - 17:00	New Eight Skills to Support a Young Person This session will cover 8 different key skills and strategies that a parent/carer or professional can use to support a young person. It will be a practical and helpful opportunity to feel more confident and knowledgeable in supporting a young person.	Understanding & managing anxiety What anxiety is and how to spot the signs and symptoms of anxiety in children and young people. How to support a child and young person who experiences anxiety with practical strategies.
17:15 - 19:30	Understanding ADHD & the Strategies YOU need This session will include what ADHD is, practical strategies to support the child/young person with identifying their strengths, prioritising tasks, building resilience and has a focus on maintaining wellbeing. It includes evidence-based parent/carer skills to manage behaviour that can challenge using Non-violent resistance skills. Overall the event provides tools to support children and young people with ADHD to thrive.	Supporting your autistic child to thrive This two-hour session will consider what areas of life can be challenging for autistic young people. We will think about how we can adapt our communication and the environment around the young person to make life easier and more suited to their needs. We will discuss practical changes that can be made in all the areas and give example of what these look like in real life. We will support you to think about the specific needs of your child and develop the beginnings of an individualised plan, providing the opportunity for discussion with other group members and the facilitators.



KIDS AERIAL HOLIDAY CAMP! FEBRUARY HALF TERM!

Our half term Aerial Holiday Camp is suitable for young people looking to have fun and enjoy a variety of Aerial activities, including silks, hoop, trapeze, mini-hoop, rings, doubles, rope, sling and more!

Tuesday - Friday Options
17th - 20th February, 2026

From
10am - 3pm

JOIN IN!

kellysaerialacademy.com | 07760661020 | Unit 2, Parnell Crt, SP10 3LX

WHAT'S ON January - April 2025

Southampton City of Opportunity SOUTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL

FEBRUARY HALF TERM

Hands on History: Castles and Catapults (6+)
Mon 16 Feb | 10.30am, 1pm | 2.30pm | Tudor House | £8

Art for All: K Pop Demos
Hunters Clay Sculpture (6+)
Thu 19 Feb | 10.30am, 12.30pm or 2.30pm | Art Gallery | £8

NEW FOR 2026
Toddler Time: Characterful Dogs! (under 4s and friends)
Thu 19 Feb | 10.30am | SeaCity | £8

Hands on History: Awesome Egyptians (7+)
Fri 20 Feb | 10.30am, 1pm | SeaCity | £8

Junior Art School: Go Wild with Wool (7 - 13 years)
Drop off your young people
Fri 20 Feb | 10.30am - 3.30pm | Art Gallery | £28

Art for All: Great Fire of London Clay Scenes (5+)
Wed 18 Feb | 10.30am, 1pm | Tudor House | £8

Art for All: Bluey Inspired Pen Pots (3+)
Wed 18 Feb | 10.30am, 12.30pm or 2.30pm | Art Gallery | £8

CULTURE CLUB FOR KIDS ACTIVITY DAYS
(Age 6½ - 12 years)

Drop off your young people
Three days per week | 9am-4pm (drop off from 8.45)

SeaCity | £35 per day or £30 for all three days

Get creative, explore our collections and learn new stuff while making really cool things at our themed activity days.

Cruise Adventures
Mon 16, Tues 17, Wed 18 Feb

See venue websites for further details on events and to book
seacitymuseum.co.uk | tudorhouseandgarden.com | southamptoncityartgallery.com



★ February 2026 ★

These sessions are to give parent carers of young people 14-25 years with mental health, access to information to support their young person during transitions

All Online sessions:

- ✓ **11th February 12.30-1.30pm -A session with Afacic on Developmental Language disorder**
- ✓ **13th February 11-12pm - - Understanding Masking- with a guest speaker Ellie - Lived Experience Trainer/Autism & ADHD**
- ✓ **27th February, 11-12pm - RSD with a guest speaker Ellie - Lived Experience Trainer/Autism & ADHD**



Please book your **free** tickets here

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/hpcn>



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February 2026



5th February, 10 -12pm: Fleet Get Together- Fleet Town Football Club, Crookham Road, Fleet GU51 5FA - ****Hampshire Local Offer/FISH attending****

10th February , 10-12pm : Eastleigh - St Francis Hall, Nightingale Avenue SO50 9JH ****Hampshire Local Offer/FISH attending****

11th February , 10-12pm : Basingstoke Get Together - The Viables Craft Centre, 19 The Harrow Way, RG22 4BJ ****Hampshire Local Offer/FISH attending****

12th February, 8-9pm: online Evening Get Together- Meeting ID: 890 6612 2644 Passcode: GT

27th February, 10-12pm: Alresford Get Together - The Swan Hotel, Alresford, SO24 9AD ****SENDIASS attending****

Hampshire Local offer /FISH service member is joining our **Fleet , Eastleigh, Basingstoke** GT's - Introducing Connect to Support Hampshire: A New One-Stop Resource for Information, Advice and Support for Parents in Hampshire.



This month Hampshire SENDIASS will be attending the **Alresford** GT. 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

March 2026



5th March, 10 -12pm: Fleet Get Together- Fleet Town Football Club, Crookham Road, Fleet GU51 5FA -

11th March , 10-12pm : Basingstoke Get Together - The Viables Craft Centre, 19 The Harrow Way, RG22 4BJ

18th March , 10-12pm : Winchester - Badger Farm Community Centre, Badger Farm Road, SO22 4QB ****SENDIASS Attending ****

19th March 12-1pm: online Lunchtime Get Together- Meeting ID: 835 1332 0196 Passcode: GT

27th March, 10-12pm: Alresford Get Together - The Swan Hotel, Alresford, SO24 9AD

This month Hampshire SENDIASS will be attending the **Winchester** GT. 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.



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

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



SEND SURVEY 2026



PLEASE SHARE YOUR EXPERIENCES WITH US & ENTER OUR PRIZE DRAW



<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HPCN2026>

1
£150

2
£100

3
£50

★ WE NEED YOUR VOICE! HPCN'S ANNUAL SEND SURVEY IS HERE, AND YOUR FEEDBACK IS CRUCIAL TO SHAPING BETTER SERVICES FOR OUR COMMUNITY, AND YOUNG PEOPLE. PLUS, BY FILLING IT OUT, YOU'RE ENTERED INTO OUR PRIZE DRAW! 🎉

IF YOU'RE A PROFESSIONAL PLEASE DO FILL IT OUT ON BEHALF OF A YOUNG PERSON, OR PROFESSIONALLY.