

ANTON INFANT NEWSLETTER



FRIDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER 2026

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Every Child Always

Headteacher message

**Ready
Respectful
Safe**

Dear Families,

What a great first full week back! A very warm welcome to all our new Reception families — we are delighted to have you as part of our school community.

The children have settled in brilliantly and have been working hard, learning lots and already getting stuck into their new topics. It has been wonderful to see so much enthusiasm and curiosity across the school.

Families' Evenings – 13th & 15th October

Please pencil 13th and 15th October into your diaries for our Families' Evenings. This will be a lovely opportunity to meet your child's class teacher, talk about how they have settled into the new school year, and take a look through their books and learning. We will let you know closer to the time when and how to book an appointment, so please keep an eye out for further information.

As we begin our new autumn term, we are thinking about fresh starts and new beginnings — a chance to open a new page in our school story and make it a great one! We have also been refreshing our understanding of our 3 school rules and what it means to be: *Ready • Respectful • Safe*

These three simple expectations help us all to create a happy, positive and safe environment where everyone can learn and thrive.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Skeates

Office Open Hours

Monday and Tuesday

8.30am - 3.45pm

Wednesday and

Thursday

8.30am - 3pm

Friay

8.30am - 3.30pm

Inset Days

4th January

12th April

7th June

Upcoming Events

October

6th Oct - Show and Share *

7th - Yr 2 Rooksbury Mill Workshop *

7th - New Starters Open Event

13th - Families Evening *

15th - New Starters Open Event

15th - Families Evening *

19th - New Starters Open Event

23rd - Last Day of term

26th - 30th - Half Term

November

2nd - First day of term

- Further information to follow

Sickness

If your child is off school due to illness, we kindly ask that you inform us each day of their absence. You can do this by phone or email.

Please note that if your child has been sick or had diarrhoea, they must remain off school for 48 hours after their last episode of sickness or diarrhoea before returning.

Thank you for your support.

Whole School Attendance

7th Sept - 11th Sept

98 %

Please take a few moments to order your child's lunch on School Grid

Dinner Times	Week 1 31st Aug, 21st Sept, 12th Oct 2nd Nov, 23rd Nov, 14th Dec			Week 2 7th Sept, 28th Sept, 19th Oct, 9th Nov, 30th Nov			Week 3 24th Aug, 14th Sept, 5th Oct, 26th Oct, 16th Nov, 7th Dec		
	MONDAY Hand Stretched Margherita or Sweetcorn Pizza & Garlic Slice (V) (VG) Chinese BBQ Noodles (VG) * Creole Jambalaya (VG) * Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Green Beans, Sweetcorn Fresh Salad Selection, Homemade Bread Ice cream & Fruit (V) Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt			Hand Stretched Margherita Pizza & Spaghetti Hoops (V) (VG) Authentic Vegetable Curry & Steamed Rice (VG) (GF) * Creamy Cajun Pasta (V) * Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) (Including a Hot Topper) Sweetcorn, Green Beans Fresh Salad Selection, Homemade Bread Chocolate Mousse (V) Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt			Hand Stretched Margherita or Pineapple Pizza & Pasta Salad (V) (VG) Mushroom Carbonara (V) Mild Vegetable Tagine & Rice (VG) (GF) Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) (Including a Hot Topper) Green Beans, Sweetcorn Fresh Salad Selection, Homemade Bread Crispy Cake (VG) Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt		
	TUESDAY Macaroni Cheese (V) * Meatballs in Tomato Sauce & Steamed Rice (GF) * Chicken in Katsu Curry Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) (Including a Hot Topper) Carrots, Peas Fresh Salad Selection, Homemade Bread Marbled Cookie (VG) Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt			Bolognese Pasta Bake Shepherdess Pie (VG) (GF) Cheese & Tomato Panini Melt (V) Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Carrots, Peas Fresh Salad Selection, Homemade Bread Iced Carrot Cake (V) Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt			All Day Breakfast All Day Veggie Breakfast (V) (VG) Tomato & Herb Pasta Bake (V) Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Hash Brown, Baked Beans, Peas Fresh Salad Selection, Homemade Bread Peach & Apple Crumble & Custard (V) Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt		
	WEDNESDAY Roast Chicken (GF) Plant Based Sausages (VG) Baked Bean Melt (V) (GF) Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Savoy Cabbage, Gravy Fresh Salad Selection, Homemade Bread Fresh Fruit Salad (VG) Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt			* Roasted Chicken Fillet Burger * * Plant Based Burger * Salmon & Sweet Potato Fishcake Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Potato Wedges, Sweetcorn, Baked Beans, Ketchup Fresh Salad Selection, Homemade Bread Strawberry Jelly & Peaches (VG) Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt			Roast Chicken (GF) * Mild Vegetable Keema Curry & Steamed Rice (VG) * Potato, Cheese & Onion Pie (V) Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) (Including a Hot Topper) New Potatoes, Carrots, Savoy Cabbage, Gravy Fresh Salad Selection, Homemade Bread Lancashire Cookie (VG) Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt		
	THURSDAY Pasta Bar (V) (VG) Chili Con Carne (GF) Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) (Including a Hot Topper) Steamed Rice, Sweetcorn, Broccoli Fresh Salad Selection, Homemade Bread Apple Sponge & Custard (V) Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt			Oven Baked Sausages (GF) * Baked Bean Lasagne (V) * Hot Sausage & Onion Baguette Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Mashed Potatoes, Cauliflower, Carrots, Gravy Fresh Salad Selection, Homemade Bread Pineapple Upside Down Cake & Custard (V) Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt			Pasta Bar (V) (VG) * Spanish Chicken & Tomato Rice * Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Sweetcorn, Carrots Fresh Salad Selection, Homemade Bread Chocolate Fudge Pudding & Pears (V) Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt		
	FRIDAY Breaded Fish Fingers Crispy Crumbed Vegetable Grill (VG) * Cheesy Butternut Squash Sausage Roll (V) * Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Chips, Peas, Beans, Ketchup Fresh Salad Selection, Homemade Bread Banana Bread (V) Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt			Breaded Fish Fingers Cauliflower Cheese Tart (V) Quorn Dippers (VG) Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Chips, Peas, Beans, Ketchup Fresh Salad Selection, Homemade Bread Fresh Fruit Salad (VG) Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt			Breaded Fish Fingers Fishless Fingers (VG) Mixed Bean Enchilada (VG) Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Chips, Peas, Baked Beans, Ketchup Fresh Salad Selection, Homemade Bread Lemon Drizzle Cake (V) Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt		

V = Vegetarian, VG = Vegan
GF = Gluten Free *NEW RECIPE for 2026*

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.

If your child is off school due to illness, we would appreciate it if you could log onto School Grid and cancel their meal. You will have until 8.55am to do this. Thank you

Year R

We are so excited to welcome all the new Cygnets, Ducklings and their families to Anton Infant School.

During Autumn 1 we will be focusing on "where the story begins" we have lots of exciting activities to help us get to know your child and to support all the children to become familiar with the school day routines.

Please can we have PE bags with a pair of shorts and t-shirt in which will stay at school. You will be sent dates of when the children need to come into school wearing casual clothes for Forest School.

Keep your eye on Tapestry as we will regularly update you here on what we have been learning.

Please remember any questions Mrs Payne and Miss Sexton are always happy to answer. Thank you for all your support and making your child's first week at school such a success!

Year 1

This half term, our exciting topic is “**Who is a Hero?**” as we explore both fictional superheroes and the real-life heroes who make a difference in our world. In English, we will be inspired by the text *Supertato* by Sue Hendra as we learn to write about our own supertato creations. We will also be writing clear and detailed instructions for making a delicious crumble, while also thinking about the important roles of real-life superheroes within our community.

In Maths, we will develop our understanding of place value and numbers to 20, addition and subtraction, comparing numbers using more and less, length, and 2D and 3D shapes.

In History, we will discover the inspiring life of Florence Nightingale and explore how her work helped to shape history and improve healthcare.

Our DT learning will be wonderfully hands-on as we design and make our own tasty crumbles! In Science, we will learn all about the human body and investigate our five senses.

Finally, in Art, we will explore the work of famous superhero comic artists and use their ideas to inspire our own superhero artwork. It promises to be a fun-filled half term of learning, creativity and discovering what it really means to be a hero!

Year 2

Autumn 1 - Wolves

Welcome to Year 2!

We are really excited for the year ahead and all of the adventures to come!

This half term our topic is Wolves. In English we will be focusing on the traditional story of Little Red Riding as well as alternative versions of the tale. We will be using adjectives to describe the wolf to create a wanted poster and then focus on using these to write a character description and a setting description.

In maths our first unit of work is number and place value. We will focus on developing recognition of the number of tens and ones in numbers up to 100. We will be revisiting number bonds to 10 and develop our knowledge of addition and subtraction through learning number bonds to 20. We will then apply these skills in the context of measures, including money.

In science we will be starting our longitudinal study this week looking at how the weather changes through the seasons, as well as learning about the different habitats in our school grounds and in the local area.

Our focus within Geography this half term is to identify human and physical features in the local area as well as exploring maps and the symbols used.

FOREST SCHOOL

Here is a reminder of our Forest School days for this term:

CYGNETS - Tue 22nd Sept, Mon 5th Oct, Tue 13th Oct and Tue 20th Oct

DUCKLINGS - Tues 15th Sept, Tue 29th Sept, Tue 6th Oct, Mon 12th Oct and Tue 20th Oct

BUMBLEBEES - Mon 14th Sept, Tue 22nd Sept, Tue 29th Sept and Mon 12th Oct

LADYBIRDS - Mon 21st Sept, Mon 5th Oct, Tue 13th Oct and Mon 19th Oct

HEDGEHOGS - Wed 16th Sept, Mon 21st Sept, Wed 30th Sept, Wed 14th Oct and Mon 19th Oct

SQUIRRELS - Mon 14th Sept, Wed 23rd Sept, Wed 7th Oct and Wed 21st Oct

Please ensure your child comes to school on their Forest school day with their kits in a named bag, which we suggest should consist of the following where relevant:

- Top (long sleeve in winter, short in summer)
- Dark long bottoms (jogging bottoms or leggings)
- Suitable footwear (trainers or welly boots if wet)
- Jumper (weather appropriate)
- Waterproof coat (weather dependent)
- Waterproof trousers (not essential)
- Hat (sun hat when hot, woolly hat when cold)

Should you have any questions please either talk to your class teacher or contact the office.

NOTICEBOARD

Opportunity
Make a difference



Apply to be a parent governor

We are currently seeking applicants for the opportunity to join our school's governing body

Successful applicant(s) will:

- join a friendly and dedicated team;
- be supported to develop useful new skills and knowledge;
- work with school leaders to assist children and young people to fulfil their aspirations;
- give something of significant value back to our community.



Please get in touch to find out more about this opportunity

Closing date

Contact **Madeleine Killacky**
Telephone **01264 598546**
Email **adminoffice@anton-inf.hants.sch.uk**
You can find out more about the governing body on our website:
www.antoninfantschool.com

For more information about being a school governor in Hampshire visit:
hants.gov.uk/governors-volunteer





Anton Infant School



**Is your child due to start
reception in September 2027?**



Please attend one of our open events



Wednesday 7th October - 10am



Thursday 15th October - 1.30pm

Monday 19th October - 5.30pm



Saturday 14th November - 10am



'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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THE ROMANS ARE COMING!

Sunday 13th September, 11am - 3pm

Come and meet some Roman reenactors and learn about life in Roman Britain. Free event as part of Heritage Open Day!

Discover more: hampshireculture/museum-iron-age

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SAXONS Vs VIKINGS

Choose your side!

Autum Term Time

Choose the way of the Saxon or the Viking in our free family trail throughout the Autumn school term

Free Entry!

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