



Anton Juniors Sports Newsletter ~ Autumn Term

This term we took part in a range of sporting events across Andover.

Our girls and boys football teams are growing in strength and skill with every game and working incredibly hard as a team.

See below write ups of our events and future events we will be taking part in in 2025!



Boys Football League

Hampshire Plate Competition

The Anton boys made the trip to Basingstoke for their knock out game against St Johns CofE Primary school. After a bit of a slow start all the boys gradually grew into the game putting in some important blocks and tackles. Unfortunately we lost 4-0 which means we are now out of the competition but despite this the boys are improving every week and growing together as a team. Bring on the Andover league!

POM goes to **Rhys (Bobcat)** for making some goal denying blocks.

Home Game Vs Vigo

What an incredible show of determination and solid teamwork! The boys played a fantastic first half entering half time 4 - 0 up. Second half Vigo stepped up their game and with some quick footwork snuck 4 goals passed us pulling it to a draw. Remembering to keep their chins up, the boys dug deep and Julien threw himself (literally) in to block any more.

POM goes to **Julien (Bobcat)** for a fantastic debut in goal.



Girls Football League

The sun was shining, the stage was set. The girls were set to start their Andover Girls League campaign. After a couple of minutes you could tell this was going to be a battle of the midfields. 10 minutes in Georgia won the ball on the half way line, sprinted past 1 player, sprinted past another and slotted it home into the bottom left corner with a finish Harry Kane would've been proud of.

The second half was very much of the same with Vigo coming close to equalising on several occasions. We rode our luck at times and with 2 minutes to go, Georgia was one on one with their keeper. Unfortunately the shot was straight at the keeper who made a decent stop. Full time 1 – 0 Anton.

All the girls played their hearts out and showed great resilience and determination to see out the win. Vigo were great hosts as always and we look forward to the boy's game against them at home.

POM goes to **Sophia (Zebras)** for being solid between the sticks.

"Edge of the seat" Tournament

On a cold November afternoon, the girls kicked off their Anton football journey with a tournament at Knights Enham. The girls were amazing, winning 6 out of their 9 games and coming 3rd overall. All were great ambassadors for our school and I know they are all excited to play their next game.

POM goes to **Georgia (Zebra)** for her constant pressing of the opposition.





Badminton

On Tuesday 15th October, we took 16 year 5s and 6s to Harrow way for a Badminton event, where they learnt lots of different racket skills and played lots of fun games. For all children, this was the first opportunity to compete for their school in badminton. They performed brilliantly and we are so incredibly proud of these children. A huge thank you to the parents for taking their children to the event. Harrow way were superb hosts yet again. Thank you!

'When I was at badminton, I really enjoyed every minute there.' **(Jacob, Zebras)**

'I loved everything because it was all so fun and the Harrow way sports leaders were so nice.' **(Autumn, Zebras)**



Cross Country

On 23rd October, a group of children from years 4 to 6 took part in the Andover Annual Cross-Country Competition. The year 5/6 race, which was run over a distance of 2.5km, was a qualifier for the county event in March. The year 3/4 race was intended to be a competitive race in preparation for when the pupils get into years 5/6. All children were also invited to take part in the fun race.

Yet again, our children performed brilliantly in spite of the distances involved.

Girls' team – Peyton, Esme, Amelia, Sienna, Georgia, Penelope and Heidi

Boys' team – Danny, Henry, Harry, Ryen and Eric

Qualification results are pending!

A special mention goes to **Eric (Lion)**, who came fourth in the Year 3/4 boys' event with a dominant and commanding performance.

'It was the most fun and tiring experience ever and I was glad to miss a bit of school for a while. My legs felt like they were going to fall off at the end of the race.' **(Penelope, Zebra)**

'We went to cross-country to compete against other schools. It was tiring but we all did our best.'
(Georgia, Zebra)



'The cross-country was a way for people to meet together and compete in a race. Anton brought 12 people, we all tried our best and did very well. It was very fun and we all enjoyed miss a bit of school. It was fabulous!' **(Henry, Zebra)**

Basketball

Well done to all the year 5/6 children that took part in the Basketball festival this week. It was great to see so much teamwork and encouragement from each other even when things weren't going our way, which is why it was no surprise that we won the determination award.

