



Anton Junior School Newsletter

Autumn 1

Headteacher Message



What a fantastic start to our new academic year!

I am so proud of all the children and how well they have returned after the summer break ... which feels a very long time ago now!

And of course, our wonderful new Year 3 children have settled incredibly well and are already modelling our values.

So despite it being just the first half term, we have already been super busy with lots of learning and enrichment across all year groups. There have been trips and visitors, sports events, competitions, PTA events and of course, lots and lots of learning.

A huge thank you to everyone who was able to attend our parents evenings and just to remind you, the teachers are always happy to have a catch up with you at any time should you need it. Just pop an e mail in to the admin office and a meeting can always be arranged.

Your support with our Topic Celebration events is also appreciated, the children love having you all in so they can show off their learning!

I am very excited for this year ahead as I can already see so much progress and the children are full of enthusiasm. With Christmas events, sports competitions, topic celebrations and much more coming up next half term, I hope you are all having a good rest this week.

I look forward to seeing you all again next Monday!

Stay safe

Mrs Bennett

Community and Enrichment

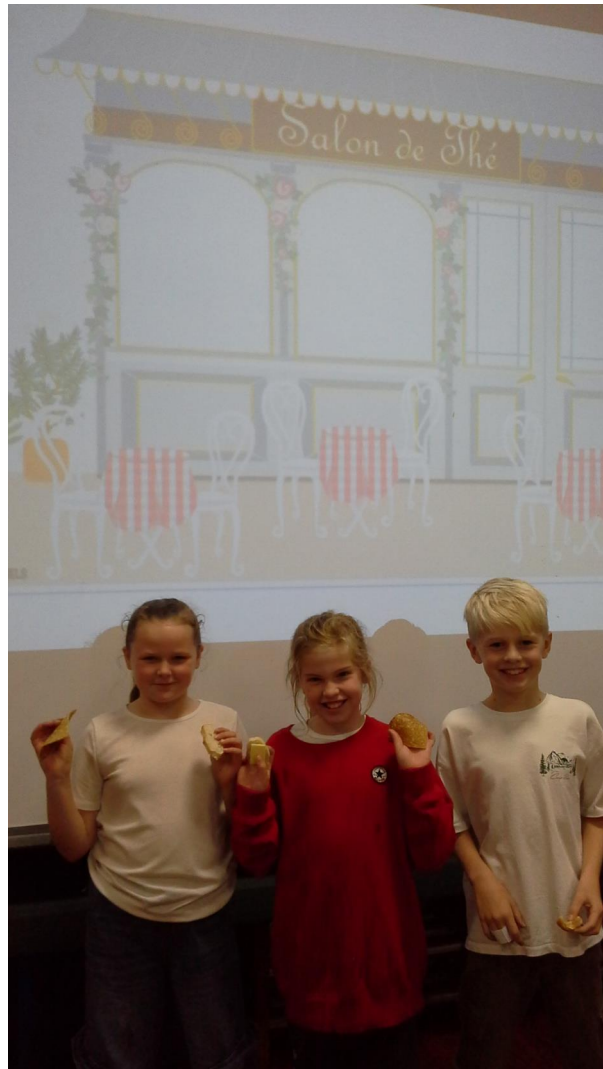


What have we been up to?

- ***Forest School***
- ***Topic Celebrations***
- ***Roald Dahl Day***

- *Y6 at Windsor Castle*
- *Parent Information Evenings*
- *1:1 Parents Evenings*
- *European Day of Languages*
- *Y4 to Ufton Court*
- *Football Events*
- *Zoolab for Y3 and Y5*
- *Book Fair*
- *Harvest Celebration at St Mary's Church*

... and much more!













Sports at Anton



Badminton Event

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 Qualifier and Fun run

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 1/2km, 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, who came fourth in the Year 3/4 Boys' event with a dominant and commanding performance.

'Yesterday, 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)

'Yesterday, 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)*



Year 3

In Year 3 this term we have explored the Lake District and how the water cycle works. We have been finding out how our bodies use muscles and bones to help us move, classifying animals and had the exciting opportunity to see (and even hold) some animals during our zoo lab visit. We have studied various units of mass and measure, as well as addition and subtraction, we are now all masters of the column method! We've written two stories, several Autumnal poems and were even visited by a bear!! We managed to try some French food and learnt how to identify and perform different pitches.





Year 4

Year 4 have had a brilliant start to the term. We are really proud of how well they have settled into their new classes. Some of our highlights this term have included: a trip to Ufton Court, languages day and our art gallery parent celebration. On our Ufton Court trip, the children represented the school well and got fully involved in all of the activities, embedding their history knowledge. The children have also been working very hard in other areas of the curriculum and we have been impressed by their efforts. We thank you parents for your support this term, particularly in regard to the homework; we have loved seeing the bug hotels and it is clear that a lot of thought and care has gone into these. We wish you a relaxing break and we look forward to welcoming the children back again next term. The year 4 team J









Year 5

What a fantastic start to the academic year! We are pleased with how quickly the children settled back into school in September and how hard they have worked this entire half term. The children have written some lovely diary entries, persuasive speeches and biographies using our book 'Unsung Heroes' as the stimulus. The children have enjoyed learning about the American state of Arizona and comparing its climate to our own. In PE, the children taking part in badminton and we really impressed with how they improved their hand eye coordination. It was great to see so many parents able to attend our Parent Celebration; the children really enjoy the parents getting involved in these events. We hope you have a lovely break, which you all have greatly earned!





Year 6

Year 6 have had a brilliant start to the year and been excellent role models for the school. We are so proud of how hard they have worked and we are already seeing some amazing progress – go Year 6! Some of our highlights have included our trip to Windsor Castle. It was such a fantastic day and the children represented the school brilliantly. We have also enjoyed Forest School this half term; it has been lovely to see them exploring nature and enjoying the outdoors. The children have worked their socks off in Maths and English and have really stepped up to the challenges that we have been giving them. It was also lovely to have so many parents in for our Parent Celebration, thank you all for your continued support and for the lovely artwork that was produced. We hope that you all enjoy a well-deserved break and we look forward to seeing you next half term! The Year 6 Team









Staff news!



We will be saying goodbye (temporarily!!) to Mrs Manton as she leaves to have her baby. I'm sure you will join me in wishing her the very best, and we will all be looking forward to meeting her new little person!

We are welcoming back Mrs Lawrence, who has been on maternity leave. She has been in a few times already, and on her return, will mostly be supporting the year 6 team with teaching and learning.

Anton Friends PTA



Following on from our first PTA meeting of this academic year, I would like to share the following report from our wonderful Chairperson, Lindsay Nock:

Chairperson's report - 25th September 2024

Anton Friends PTA AGM

Thank you everyone for coming and welcome to the AGM of Anton Friends. This last year has been another successful year for the PTA despite the ongoing current financial climate. Our biggest two events of the year remain the Christmas and Summer Fayres which are continuing to work well both being on the Friday afternoons after school. As all our PTA members have busy lives we have stuck to the formula of events that has worked well over the previous few years, keeping the Break the Rules event that was introduced last year, along with the discos/welcome party in the autumn and double disco in the summer, the Mothers and Fathers Day events, the Easter Egg raffle, Bags2School and the picnic that has become an annual event as well. As with all charities, we aim to raise the maximum amount that we can and as such we would always love to hear any new suggestions or ideas on fundraising for the schools that anyone may have. Whether that be this evening or if you want to message/email after that would be brilliant. Please keep coming to the meetings and supporting our events. The more people we have on the PTA the easier everyone's jobs are - many hands always make light work. If you have any questions please let me know. I would finally like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has helped on and with the PTA in this past year. Your efforts do not go unnoticed and we really do appreciate all that you do. I would particularly like to mention our deputy chair Jemma who, as her children have now moved onto Secondary school is standing down. Jemma has done so much for the over the years and I would just like to recognise and say thank you to her for all the hard work that she has put in over her time here. You will be missed. Thank you

Lindsay Nock

We had a few people attend the AGM but there is always room for more! The more volunteers we have, the more time we have, the more events we can run and the more income can be generated for the schools so please consider giving a little of your time to support this wonderful group.

This money supports us in providing lots of enrichment for our children. We use it to subsidise or pay for school trips, residential, visitors to school, workshops, theatre groups etc. as well as for equipment and resources that can't always be covered by the school's budget.

If you are someone that loves to make a difference and thrives on supporting others, then please do get in touch with the PTA via their Facebook page or e mail:

pta.antonfriends@gmail.com

Upcoming PTA events:

Wednesday 6th November - Junior Autumn Disco

Wednesday 13th November - PTA meeting

Friday 6th December - Christmas Fayre

Key Dates Autumn 2



Tuesday 5th November - Open Evening for September 2025

Wednesday 6th November - Y5 and Y6 NSPCC workshops

Wednesday 6th November - Autumn Disco

Wednesday 6th November - Y3 Autumn 1 Topic Celebration

Thursday 7th November - Lion Class Parent's Evening

Friday 8th November - Boys Football Event

W/B Monday 11th November - Anti Bullying Week

Tuesday 12th November - Odd Socks Day

Wednesday 13th November - Y5 and Y6 Girls Football event

Friday 15th November - Children in Need

Monday 18th November - Y3 Andover Trees visit

Thursday 21st November - Y3 Butser Farm visit

Thursday 21st November - Lion Class Parent's Evening

Wednesday 27th November - Football and Hockey Festival

Thursday 5th December - Lower School Reading Cafe

Friday 6th December - Upper School Reading Cafe

Friday 6th December - PTA Christmas Fayre

Wednesday 11th December - Y5 and Y6 Basketball event

Thursday 12th December - Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 12th December - Christmas Dinner Day

Tuesday 17th December - Whole School Santa Run

Friday 20th December - Last Day of Term

23rd December to 3rd January - Christmas Holidays

Return to school

Monday 6th January 2025

Topic Celebration dates and other event dates will be sent at the start of next term.
