

Summer 1 Newsletter



Message from Miss Culver

The shortest term but the busiest!

Our Year 4s had a fantastic time on residential and represented our school amazingly. Year 6 have worked their socks off preparing for and taking the SATs and the number of children who have taken part in sporting events this half term has been incredible.

Despite the short half term, we have worked hard on embedding our new school values. We are working on 'Reaching for Excellence'. The staff team and the children have embraced changes brought in and new schemes have been put in place to continue driving our improvements forward. I am proud and excited to take on the role of headteacher here at Anton, because I can already feel the support and shared determination to develop our school and show how amazing Anton Junior School's children are.

I hope you have a lovely half term. Rest, regenerate, stay safe and we will see you on the 2nd June.

Miss Culver



Don't
Forget!

Reminders

- All children are to come to school in their PE kits on their PE days.
- Please only send healthy snacks for break time.
- All hair accessories should be small and in Anton colours. All earrings and jewellery should be removed for PE days.
- Please report your child's absence from school by 10am each day.
- Any changes to who may be collecting your child at the end of the day, must be reported to the school office.
- Please be mindful of where you are parking/ stopping for morning drop off.
- Year 4 will now be picked up from the main playground at the end of the day.
- Please remember to send in sun cream, hats and water bottles as the weather gets hotter. Please note that your child will need to apply sun cream themselves- staff cannot do it for them.
- Communications to the class teachers will be responded to within 2 days.



Easter Service

Early in the term the children took part in our Easter service at St Mary's Church. The whole school walked to the church together, where families and friends joined us to celebrate the Easter story.

The service began with a warm welcome, followed by three Easter songs sung by the children. The children's efforts to learn the words and melodies paid off, and their singing filled the church. This was added to by performances from the school choir, who performed

We were also treated to some thoughtful readings, which helped us reflect on the meaning of Easter and the message of hope it brings.

We'd like to thank St Mary's Church for hosting us and all the parents who joined us for the service. It was a lovely way to come together as a school community and celebrate this special time of year.

Break the Rules Day!

Today our school was filled with excitement, colour and a lot of cheeky smiles as the children took part in 'Break the Rules Day'. Organised by the PTA, the event was a huge hit and raised valuable funds for the school.

For one day only, the usual school rules were turned upside down – and the children couldn't have been more thrilled. They arrived in their favourite home clothes, with painted nails, wacky hairstyles, and some even came wearing their PJs! From wearing football kits to having colours in their hair, the children had the chance to bend the rules in the name of fun!

The atmosphere around school was full of laughter and joy, and it was clear just how much the children enjoyed the opportunity to express themselves in different ways. Even the staff joined in the fun, making it a memorable day for everyone involved.

A huge thank you to our PTA for organising the day and to all the families who supported it. We were able to raise money to go towards school resources and events.



A message from Year 3

Year 3 have had a fantastic half term, packed with creativity, discovery and adventure! In Art, the children explored shape and texture by designing and building their own 3D sculptures. Each piece was unique and full of imagination.

In Geography, they've been learning all about the Amazon Rainforest, discovering the animals, climate, and different layers of this important ecosystem. This learning was brought to life during a brilliant trip to Marwell Zoo, where the children had the chance to see some amazing rainforest animals up close and learn more about conservation.

A highlight in PE has been playing their own version of Quidditch! The children not only learned the rules and developed their teamwork skills, but also designed and made their own brooms—each one bursting with creativity.

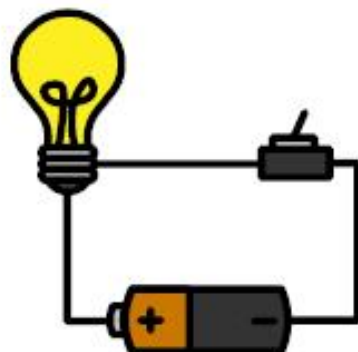
Well done to all our Year 3 pupils for their enthusiasm, hard work and adventurous spirit this half term!



A message from Year 4



Year 4 have had a short, yet busy half term! The children and adults enjoyed and fully immersed themselves in the activities during the residential trip. We were really proud of how much they matured during their time away, and their resilience on returning to school for the remainder of the week. The children have been practising their times tables regularly, in preparation for their Multiplication Check during the second week back after half term. Keep practising at home! We have also been really impressed with how the children are progressing in their writing- they have been very excited to write about their own imaginary civilizations. This term, science and DT have overlapped, allowing the children to explore circuits to enable them to make a torch. We hope you have a lovely half term break! Year 4 team.



A message from Year 5



What a brilliant (but short) half term. Despite being only five weeks long, the children have worked incredibly hard. We were especially proud of the way they were able to adapt to different classrooms during the SATs week and the Year 6 team were very appreciative of that. The children had a great time during our trip to the Winchester Science Centre and really enjoyed the planetarium. They have worked hard in their writing using Harry Potter as our stimulus and we have been pleased with how much the children have been challenging themselves in maths. We are sure that all the children will keep this amazing attitude going as we head towards the final term of Year 5!



A message from Year 6

Wow! Where has that half term gone!? We would like to start by just saying a huge well done and thank you to our wonderful year 6 pupils; you have truly outdone yourselves this half term and we couldn't be more proud!

As well as lots of SATs preparation, we have also managed to squeeze in some fun activities this half term too! The children have been working hard in PE, focusing on athletics and golf. It has been great to have some experts in the year group who have been able to show off their skills!

We have also been working on a DT project that has involved the children designing and sewing a case, which they can use for something of their choice.

We all had an amazing day on Friday at Paultons Park. The children represented the school brilliantly and it was so lovely to see them letting their hair down and having lots of fun; it was a truly well-deserved reward.

We have another busy half-term coming up: including our residential, sports day and our end of year production! As always, we would also like to take this opportunity to thank the parents and carers of our year 6 children for your continued support – particularly in this last half term around preparations for SATs.

We look forward to seeing you at our various celebrations next half term! We hope you all enjoy a wonderful week and we will look forward to welcoming the children back for their FINAL half term!

The Year 6 team.



DATES FOR THE DIARY

Tuesday 3 rd June	Year 5 - Swimming Lessons Start
Friday 6 th June	PTA Dress Down Day
Monday 9 th June	Year 6 - Residential
Monday 16 th June	Years 3, 4 & 5 - Assessment Week
Wednesday 18 th & Thursday 19 th June	SCARF Workshops
Friday 20 th June	PTA Dress Down Day
Tuesday 24 th June	Class Photos
Wednesday 25 th June	Sports Day
Friday 27 th June	Summer Fayre
Monday 30 th June	Year 5 Taster Day - John Hanson
Tuesday 1 st July	Shuffle Up Day
Tuesday 8 th July	Reports Published
Tuesday 8 th July	Year 5 - Harry Potter Studios Trip
Tuesday 8 th / Wednesday 9 th July	Year 6 - End of Year Show Performances
Wednesday 9 th July	Year 5 - Taster Day - Harry Way
Thursday 10 th July	School Disco (Sports Day Back Up Date)
Monday 14 th July	Year 6 Graduation (The Lights)
Tuesday 15 th July	Rocksteady Concert
Monday 21 st July & Tuesday 22 nd July	Inset Days
Wednesday 23 rd July	End of Term!



And finally...



This term we say a fond farewell to Mrs McNair, our much-loved Business Manager, who is leaving Anton Junior School after several wonderful years.

Mrs McNair has been a hugely important part of our school community, known and appreciated by both staff and pupils for her dedication, efficiency, and sense of humour.

Whether keeping the school running smoothly behind the scenes or helping children with their questions in the office, Mrs McNair has always gone above and beyond to support everyone at Anton. Her calm approach, cheerful personality, and smiles will be greatly missed.

We would like to thank her for everything she has done for our school over the years. While we are very sad to see her go, we wish her all the best for her next chapter and hope she looks back on her time at Anton with happy memories

*We will
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you*