



WEEKLY NEWS

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YOUTUBE TOP TIPS

For families with children under 13, YouTube Kids can be a much safer alternative to the standard YouTube app. Designed specifically for younger viewers, it offers age-appropriate content, stronger filtering tools and a range of parental controls that can help make screen time safer and more manageable.

One of the first things parents can do is choose the right age category in the app's settings. Options include Preschool (under 4), Younger (5-8) and Older (9-12). These settings help tailor the videos your child is shown so they are more suitable for their age and stage of development.

For even greater control, parents can turn on "Approved Content Only." This means your child will only be able to watch videos or channels that you have personally selected and checked in advance. It removes the risk of children stumbling across unsuitable content through recommendations.

HALF TERM SAFETY



Today Ofcom, the UK's communications regulator, have raised concerns about the safety of popular online platforms such as TikTok and YouTube for children.

While many social media companies have introduced safety features and stronger anti-grooming measures, Ofcom's latest findings suggest that harmful content can still appear in children's feeds and that age restrictions are not always being effectively enforced.

As we head into Half Term, when children may have more free time and increased access to devices, we encourage parents to remain especially vigilant about online activity. Many platforms use algorithms to recommend content, meaning children can quickly be exposed to material that may be inappropriate, upsetting or misleading, even if they did not actively search for it.

Simple steps can make a big difference: check privacy settings, use parental controls, agree screen time boundaries, talk regularly about what children are watching and who they may be interacting with online, and remind them to come to a trusted adult if something makes them feel uncomfortable.

Technology can be a wonderful tool for learning, creativity and connection, but children need guidance to navigate it safely.

A little extra vigilance over the holiday can help ensure that online time remains positive, safe and age-appropriate.



DATES

Friday 22nd May

INSET DAY: School Closed

Monday 25th May

Half Term

Monday 1st June

Children return to school

Thursday 11th June

Greenwich Class Assembly at 9:10am

Thursday 18th June

Richmond Class Assembly at 9:10am

Tuesday 23rd June

Sports Day
9:15am to 12:00pm

Thursday 25th June

Roundwood Class Assembly at 9:10am

Saturday 27th June

Summer Fayre
12pm to 3pm

Thursday 2nd July

Queen's Class Assembly at 9:10am

Thursday 8th July

Year 6 Show
CTRL. ALT. DELILAH at 2pm

Anson Primary School 2026 Summer Fayre

Saturday 27th June, 2026

12:00pm to 3:00pm



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ATTENDANCE AND THE NEED FOR A CHEAPER FLIGHT

Many of you will have read Miss Callaghan's attendance update this week. As we approach holiday periods it is our duty to remind everyone about the importance of regular school attendance and the Department for Education (DfE) guidance regarding holidays taken during term time.

We understand that many families face difficult decisions, particularly when air fares and travel costs can increase significantly during official school holiday periods. We recognise that these financial pressures are very real and that families often try to balance practical considerations with wanting to spend valuable time together. However, Anson Primary School must also follow national guidance and uphold the legal expectations placed on parents. The DfE is clear that **parents have a legal duty to ensure their child attends school regularly**, and schools should not normally authorise leave during term time unless there are **exceptional circumstances**. Family holidays, including those taken because travel is cheaper outside school breaks, do not *usually* meet this threshold.

As a school, we know that good attendance matters. Every day in school supports children's learning, friendships, routines and sense of belonging. Missing even a small number of days can mean missed teaching, gaps in learning and disruption to progress.

Having said that, as a school, we aim to work with families in a supportive and understanding way, while also following our statutory responsibilities. We encourage parents to plan holidays during published school breaks wherever possible and to speak to us if there are exceptional circumstances that may affect attendance. By **working together**, we can ensure that every child has the best possible opportunity to thrive inside and outside school.

INSET DAY

FRIDAY 22nd MAY 2026

SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS

SUMMER CLUBS AT ANSON

Just a reminder that the clubs continue straight after the Half Term break.

This means that Monday 1st June will be a club day.

CYCLING PROFICIENCY

Congratulations to all of the children who took part in the cycling workshops this term.

The sessions were very popular and have hopefully resulted in more children understanding how to ride safely in the local area, including on the roads.

We hope the programme will continue next year.



STUDIO Sessions
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STUDIO SESSION WITH NATHAN

Would you like to capture your family on film this Half Term?

Photographer and Anson parent Nathan Jordan is hosting a studio session on May 29th and is inviting Anson families to join him for a photography shoot.

If you are interested please visit <https://mymainshooter.as.me/> Nathan has also created a code for Anson families: use **ANSON10** for 10% discount.



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