



WEEKLY NEWS

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SO LOVELY TO SEE YOU AGAIN



When the gates opened on Thursday morning it was a joy to see the children and their parents entering the school with a spring in their step.

I am certain that many of the community find the long summer holiday a struggle on many levels and so it is always wonderful when we get to see everyone again and begin our work.

Our first assembly of the year celebrated all the things we did in the holiday for the first time. Children shared moments of swimming in the ocean, sliding down a big slide or cooking their first meal. Alongside this they shared their emotions of nervousness before the big drop, shock at the cold water, fear of the large ocean and failure in the kitchen.

On the first day it is often the same feelings we have entering a classroom. Excitement, nervousness, anxiety, joy and wonder hit everyone.

However our message was clear:



DATES

PARENT MEETINGS

10.09.26: Reception at 9am

11.09.26: Year 1 at 9am

14.09.26: Year 2-6 online at 7pm

we might not feel great, we might be scared, but if we have a go you'll be surprised at what you can achieve.

One thing is certain: together we are aiming to make this year the best year we've ever had!

THE ANSON BOTTLE TOP COLLECTION



We need your help for an ambitious project taking place later in the academic year.

We are looking for every member of the community to collect, wash and donate plastic bottle tops to Anson Primary School.

We would love for you to donate as many

white

red

blue

orange

green

bottle tops as humanly possible between September and January.

While we won't share the reason for this collection yet - rest assured it is for a very exciting initiative beginning in 2027.

So, don't recycle those bottle tops at home, save them and send them in to Anson.

BACK TO SCHOOL CELEBRATION

at Mapesbury Dell

Between 10 & 12 Hoveden Road, NW2 3XD

Sunday, 6th September
2:00 PM – 4:30 PM

- ★ Mr Marvel!
- ★ Storytelling
- ★ Books galore
- ★ Delicious cakes
- ★ Yummy ice cream

Bring your friends, family and school spirit — everyone is welcome!

THIS SUNDAY

Safeguarding is at the heart of everything we do at Anson, ensuring that every child feels safe, supported, valued and able to thrive both in school and beyond.

PARENT MEETINGS FOR THE 2026-27 SCHOOL YEAR

This September we are inviting all parents to meetings to find out about the coming academic year.

If you are an established parent you may notice a few differences to our Parent Meetings.

On Thursday 10th September at 9am we will host our Reception Parent Meeting in the school hall.

This is a chance to meet the teachers and find out more about your child's first year of formal education.

On Friday 11th September at 9am parents from Year 1 are invited to join the class teachers to find out more about the opportunities for their children and the statutory assessments which take place in

June. Then on Monday 14th September at 7pm we will host an online meeting for Year 2 to Year 6.

This is to try and reach as many parents as possible and to prevent many of you needing to sit through 2 or 3 meetings with the same content.

Details will be published very soon.



Coming up next week in our local community:

Rosh Hashanah: the Jewish New Year. It is a special time when Jewish people celebrate, think about the year that has passed, and look forward to the year ahead. Families and friends come together, share special foods, hear the shofar (a ram's horn), and wish each other a happy New Year.

Enqutatash: Ethiopian families love to celebrate their New Year too, which they call Enqutatash, 'gift of jewels', with presents and visits. They celebrate a four year cycle, in which each year is named after an evangelist. It is claimed that the Queen of Sheba was in fact an Ethiopian, and that when she returned from her visit to King Solomon, her chiefs welcomed her back by replenishing her treasury with enku, 'jewels'. Rastafarians throughout the world honour it too.

We wish everyone in the community celebrating next week much joy and happiness.



No Mobile Phone Zone



No child will be released to a parent who is on the phone.



TERM DATES 2026



Please make a note of the dates for this term at Anson

INSET DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED:
Friday 23rd October

Half Term
Monday 26th October 2026 to
Friday 30th October 2026

INSET DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED:
Monday 2nd November

Term Ends
Friday, 18th December 2026

Christmas Holiday
Monday 21st December 2026 to
Friday 1st January 2027

Spring Term Starts
Monday 4th January 2027

Lampards

We are delighted to announce that Lampards Estate Agents are once again sponsoring Friends of Anson. The support of Hussein, Oliver and everyone at the company makes a big difference to keep our events affordable for the community.

Puede traducir este boletín a 41 idiomas en la dirección a continuación

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Możesz przetłumaczyć ten biuletyn na 41 języków na poniższy adres

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PHONE FREE PLEASE

Please remember that we are a mobile phone free site at Anson Primary School.

The use of mobile phones in the school is also prohibited for parents. Signs are in place reminding parents that they must not use their mobile phone on site and especially during times when they are collecting their children from the school.

This is to ensure children are escorted safely off site and to model adult behaviours to children which reinforce our online safety messages.



INCREASING ATTENDANCE AT ANSON

Last year attendance at Anson was 94.7% - a drop on the figures from the previous academic year.

The percentage puts us 35th out of 59 schools in Brent and in the bottom 40% to 50% of schools nationally. There are always reasons for this. Our attendance was hit hard last year by Chicken Pox in the Spring Term, by the EID celebrations and by the hot

weather with some parents taking their children out of school. As the attendance is so low compared to other schools locally we will be expected to work hard to ensure attendance rises this year and we will need your support to make this happen. Our weekly attendance update will help you to know how you can support this work.

ROCK STEADY: ARE YOU READY TO JOIN THE ROCK REVOLUTION?

Do you want your child to experience the magic of playing music in their very own band?

Rocksteady Music School is the leading provider of in-school rock and pop band lessons for primary age children – and we're delighted to let you know the team are back this year for more rocktastic fun.

With Rocksteady, children learn to play an instrument through weekly band lessons. It's the perfect way to learn new musical skills, make friends and have fun – all at school! Rocksteady lessons are also shown to boost confidence, wellbeing social skills and academic achievement.

Your child will learn to play songs instantly through listening and playing. There's no music theory involved and lessons are designed to be fun, inclusive and accessible. They will be making progress in

every lesson and can also achieve an Ofqual-regulated Trinity Music qualification, without having to take a single exam!



Here's what else you need to know:

- Most lessons take place during the school day. There's no experience necessary and all instruments for lessons are provided.
- You can choose if they shine on vocals, keyboard, drums, guitar or bass.
- Proudly watch as your child performs in their end of term concerts, which are unique to

Anson, showing just how far they have come!

- Our Rocksteady band leader Tom is a professional musicians who inspires a passion for music and supports the children every step of the way.

This year places are limited with one space for a pupil in Year 1 or 2 and seven spaces for children in Year 4, 5 or 6.

There's a money-back guarantee for the first month and you can cancel at any time. For more details, visit rocksteadymusicschool.com and find Anson on the sign up page or call 0330 113 0330.

The first concert is on Friday, December 11th at 2:00pm



THE AUTUMN CLUBS

Clubs will begin in the week of the 21st September.

The clubs will be run by the team at DFY as well as members of the Anson staff.

Watch out for a message next week in the School Gateway app for full details of what is on offer this term.

Learning is a partnership. Schools, families and agencies all have a role to play in helping every child thrive.

At Anson, we developed **Help at Home** to show how simple activities at home can support the learning behaviours we develop at school. Our 50 activities include playing games, visiting the park, cooking together and much more.



You're probably doing most of them already, but take a look at see if you can **Help at Home:**

[Click for Help at Home](#)