



WEEKLY NEWS

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TIME TO ROAR!



This week we began to tell the story of *The Lion Inside*.

In the opening pages, we meet two very different characters. The lion is strong, confident and independent, while the mouse feels small, insignificant and easily overlooked. At first glance, it seems obvious who has the loudest roar.

But as we explored the story in assembly, we began to think about where the lion's confidence comes from. We decided that the lion knows who it is. It knows what it can do, understands its role and

behaves like a lion should. In other words, the lion has found its identity – and its roar.

For many children at Anson, this is already true. They know what they are good at, they approach learning with confidence and they believe in themselves. They have discovered their roar through subjects, hobbies, talents and the skills they are developing. They know when to roar loudly, when to listen and when to let others have their turn.

But not everyone has found their roar just yet – and that is perfectly OK.

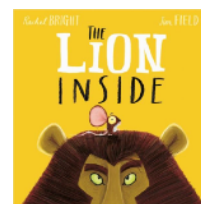
For some children, this term is about discovering what makes them roar with confidence. It is about developing an 'I Can' attitude, having a go when something feels difficult, learning

from mistakes and using the people around them to help them grow.

Our aim by the end of this half term is for every child to have found a little more of their inner lion: to find their voice, take greater control of their learning and recognise that they are capable of more than they sometimes think.

We don't need everyone to roar in the same way. Every lion has its own roar.

Our job is to help every child discover theirs – because when children believe in themselves, they don't just find their roar... they start to roar.



TICKETS ON SALE FROM MONDAY

friends of Anson **Movie Movers Disco**
Friday 9th October

Come dressed as your favourite film character.

EYFS/KS1	KS2
3:30pm	5:00pm
4:30pm	6:00pm

£3.50 per child

For safeguarding reasons parents are not able to stay for this event unless volunteering. Key Stage 2 pupils will need to leave school and return for 5:00pm

friends of Anson
YEAR 1
BAKE FOR BOOKS
FRIDAY 16TH OCTOBER 2026

We are asking all year 1 parents to "Bake or Buy" cakes or biscuits for the sale.

£100 from the sale will fund books for the Anson library.

THE FIRST BAKE SALE OF THE YEAR WILL BE YEAR 1



DATES

1st October

Black History Month begins
Honouring Our Communities

9th October

Movie Movers Disco
3:30pm - 4:30pm: EYFS/KS1
5:00pm to 6:00pm: KS2

16th October

Year One Bake Sale
3:30pm in the playground

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.

Brents' Festival of Cycling

September 18th-20th 2026

Events in Kingsbury, Cricklewood and Willesden

Scan QR code to book



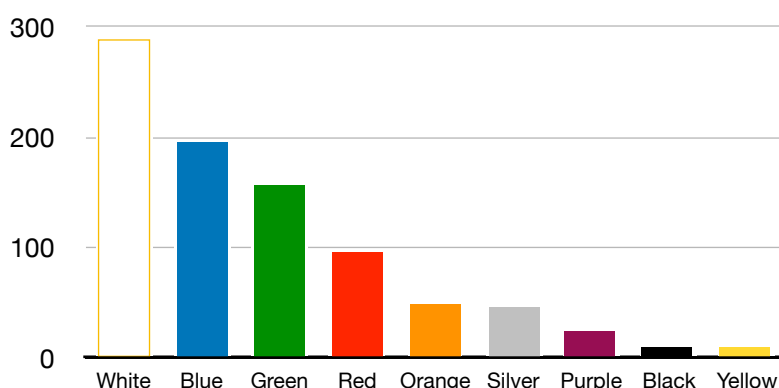
TOP OF THE TOPS AT ANSON

This week Alfie (Y6) has once again been top of the tops at Anson with his bottle lid donations.

Keep those bottle tops coming in every day so we can reach our target of 10,000 tops by Christmas. We are particularly keen to raise the number of red, orange and blue bottle tops in our collection so please keep an eye out for those colours. As I have said to many people this week I can't share the reasons for the collection yet. Consider it bottle-top secret!



We have collected 904 bottle tops in 3 weeks. Can we reach 10,000 by Christmas? Please hunt for those lids!



come and meet your neighbours

for a community litterpick & tea at rainbow park, rusper close, nw2

sunday 27 september

3pm litterpick

4pm snack & chat

- suitable for all ages
- equipment provided
- bring rugs & snacks to share



THIS EVENT HAS BEEN SET UP BY LOCAL RESIDENTS TO SUPPORT THE FRIENDS OF RAINBOW PARK.
WWW.RAINBOWPARKNW2.COM



Library Larks

A **FREE** choir for children in Year 1 & Year 2

Sing songs • Play musical games • Explore stories through music

THURSDAYS
(TERM TIME)
FROM **24 SEPTEMBER**
3.45PM - 4.30PM
THE LIBRARY AT WILLESSEN GREEN

Children may arrive from 3.30pm with a parent/carer.
Fruit and water available for children coming straight from school.

Parents/carers must remain in the library building during the session.

BMS Brent Music Service

Delivered by Brent Music Service in partnership with Brent Libraries

Brent

REGISTER NOW!

SCAN THE QR CODE

OR VISIT:
brent.eepos.fi/#/forms/11

SING SONGS

MUSICAL GAMES

STORY-INSPIRED THEMES

FREE TO ATTEND

Places must be booked in advance.



Anson is hosting a screening of the National Emergency Briefing on Tuesday 6th October at 6:30pm

We are inviting all parents and members of the community to the

event which will take place in the school hall. Members of the Council will be attending and we have also invited Dawn Butler MP. The film focuses on the challenges of climate change and it is not recommended for children under the age of 16 so we will run a film for any children who attend. Sign up through the Gateway app. More details below.

Hampstead School Open Events

For all families with children in Primary school

We love our school – and we think you will too! Join us at one of our open events to meet our Headteacher, explore our fantastic facilities, chat with our staff and students and discover what makes Hampstead School such a special place to learn.

Autumn Term Open Mornings - 9.15 to 10.00am
 Tuesday 22 September 2026
 Wednesday 23 September 2026
 Tuesday 29 September 2026
 Wednesday 30 September 2026
 Tuesday 6 October 2026
 Booking preferred - please register at www.hampstead.school/admissions/open-events

Open Evening - 4.30 to 7.30pm (doors close at 7.00pm)
 Tuesday 6 October 2026
 No booking required - just turn up!

Westbere Road, London NW2 3RT

THE NATIONAL CHILD MEASUREMENT PROGRAMME



Office for Health
Improvement
& Disparities

**This week
the school
received the
results of
the National
Child**

Measurement Programme for children in Reception and Year 6.

Across England, over 99% of eligible schools take part in the NCMP each year. The programme data (covering 2022 to 2025) shows that the prevalence of obesity in children in Reception (aged 4 to 5) and Year 6 (age 10 to 11) is

unacceptably high across the country.

So, the programme engages parents by sharing their child's measurements with them and prompting healthy lifestyle advice and support.

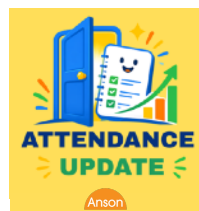
As a school we take proactive whole school action to improve health and educational outcomes. This includes lunchtime activities, programmes like Healthy Movers and increased club opportunities. We also teach pupils about the benefits of being physically active, eating healthily and having good

oral health through our curriculum.

As the winter approaches encouraging physical activity in all weathers is critical to maintaining a healthy lifestyle.

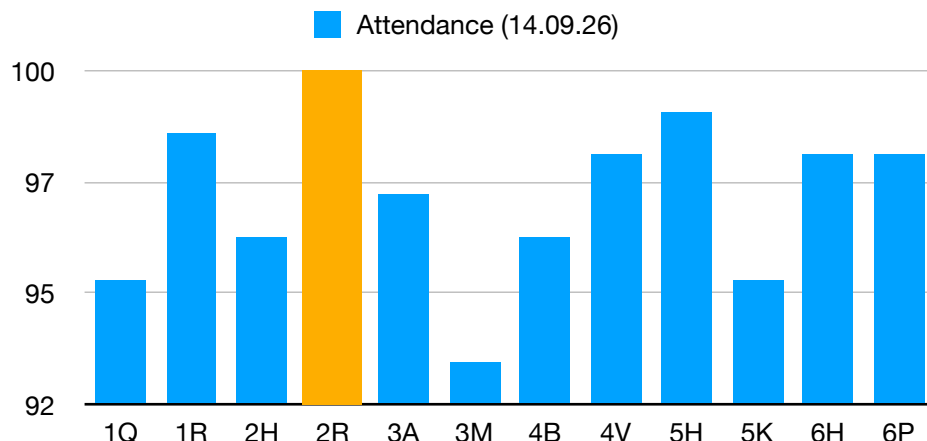
The data currently shows that the proportion of children who were overweight or living with obesity at Anson (2022-2025) in Reception was 19% (22% in England) while in Year 6 the percentage was 36% (36% in England).

ATTENDANCE - WEEK BEGINNING 14TH SEPTEMBER



**Congratulations
to Regent's
Class who
achieved 100%
attendance last
week.**

A total of 6 classes hit the target of 97% too. this is great so please ensure that you continue this excellent start to the school year.



Coming up next week in our local community:

The celebrations for members of the Jewish community continue as we enter the month of October.

2nd - Shemini Atzeret is a Jewish festival marking the end of Sukkot, celebrating togetherness, reflection and the special relationship between God and the Jewish people.

3rd - Simchat Torah is a Jewish festival celebrating the Torah, marking the completion of its yearly reading cycle and beginning it again with joy, dancing and singing.

As always, we come together to wish everyone in the community celebrating their religion and culture much joy and happiness.

We publish the newsletter as a text document on our website to make it easier for families to translate. Please share this with members of the community who may need translation so we can reach everyone with our news.



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

يمكنك ترجمة هذه النشرة الإخبارية إلى 41 لغة على العنوان أدناه

آپ اس نیوز لیٹر کو نیچے دیئے گئے پتے پر 41 زبانوں میں ترجمہ کرسکتے ہیں

Vous pouvez traduire cette newsletter en 41 langues à l'adresse ci-dessous

<https://tinyurl.com/APStranslatenews>

All children must be accompanied,
and supervised, by adults at all times!

Anson Big Dig

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'The Green Wall'

No skills
required –
just
enthusiasm!

**Saturday 10th October
2026 (10am to 4pm)**

Please come
and join us!
Help to
transform
out outdoor
space!



Creating a 'Green Wall'



Clearing weeds and overgrown areas



Levelling up some uneven spaces



Getting creative with pallets!

If you have the following,
that you don't need, please
bring:

- Heat treated pallets
- Railway sleepers
- Shrubs or larger plants (not trees)
- Compost

Our children are
passionate about the
environment and
want to connect with
nature.

Please bring any
power tools,
gardening tools and
gloves that you
have.

This film is aimed at 16+. It is recommended that you attend without children. If that is not possible then the school will run an age-appropriate film in a classroom while you participate in the main hall. The event should be done by 8pm.



People's Emergency Briefing

On the climate and nature crisis

**Anson Primary
School**



Film screening and discussion with our
local councillors and community members

Anson Primary School
Tuesday 6th October 2026 6pm

www.nebriefing.org