



WEEKLY NEWS

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ANSON ANTI-RACISM CHARTER



At Anson, we want every member of our community to feel happy, confident and able to be themselves.

We know that children cannot truly thrive if they experience racism, prejudice or discrimination – or if they see others being treated unfairly.

This year, we are continuing our work with Leeds Beckett University as part of our commitment to becoming an actively anti-racist school. Our Anti-Racist Charter sets out the values and behaviours that we expect across our whole community. It is not simply something for children to learn

about in the classroom; it is a commitment for all of us.

That means pupils, staff, parents, carers and Governors all have an important part to play.

Being anti-racist means more than simply saying that we are against racism. It means being prepared to notice it, challenge it and act when we see it. Sometimes that may mean speaking up when someone makes an inappropriate comment. It may mean questioning a stereotype, listening carefully to someone else's experience or making sure that everyone has a voice and feels included.

Our Charter also reminds us that promoting harmony is everyone's responsibility. We want our children to grow up understanding that our differences make our community stronger. At Anson, we celebrate the many languages, cultures, faiths, identities and experiences that make up our school family.

We want our pupils to have the confidence to use their voice when something is not right, while also developing the empathy and understanding to listen to

others. We want adults to model the same behaviour.

Our vision is for *“Happy, Confident and Creative children with a lifelong love of learning”*. Creating an actively anti-racist school is an important part of achieving that vision. Happiness comes from knowing that you belong. Confidence comes from knowing that your voice matters. And creativity flourishes when people feel safe to be themselves and learn from one another.

Our Anti-Racist Charter is therefore a promise we make together: to challenge racism, to promote respect and understanding, and to make sure that every member of the Anson family can feel that they belong.

We all have a voice. We all have a responsibility. Together, we can make Anson an even happier, more confident and inclusive community.



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.

BHM: FIND THE PEOPLE WHO MAKE CRICKLEWOOD



This year, our Black History Month theme is **“Honouring Our Communities”** – a theme that feels particularly important to us at Anson.

Black History Month is often an opportunity to look back and learn about the achievements and contributions of Black people

throughout history. These stories matter. They help us understand the world we live in today and introduce us to people whose courage, creativity and determination have helped to shape our society.

But history is not just something that happened in the past. Black history is being made every day, in our communities, our workplaces and our schools.

This year, we want to shine a light on Black people living and working in and around Cricklewood who make a difference to our everyday

lives. They may not have statues or streets named after them, but they contribute to our community in countless ways – as teachers, artists, business owners, community leaders, trustees, carers, athletes, neighbours, volunteers and friends.

By celebrating these stories, we are helping children to recognise that history is not simply about famous people from the past. It is also about ordinary people doing extraordinary things every day.

Their stories are part of our shared story.

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 WILLESDEN 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.

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.

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What You'll Get

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- Partnership with a trained practitioner.
- practical and tailored ideas.
- support that fits your family.

How We Support You

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- Build routines (sleep, toileting, behaviour)
- Support learning through play
- Prepare your child for nursery or school

Sign up today!

Parenting doesn't come with a manual - but support is here!

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BEST START IN LIFE

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PARENTS EVENING BOOKINGS ARE LIVE AT ANSON

Booking for the Autumn Term Parents' Evening is now open for Reception to Year 6.

The event will take place over two days. On Monday, 19th October there will be a session running from 3:40pm to 5:00pm. Then on Thursday, 22nd October the session will run from 3:40pm to 7:00pm.

Parents' Evening is a great way to meet the teacher, hear how your child has settled in and any targets we have for your child. It's also a

time to look in the classroom and see some of their work.

Appointments last for no more than 10 minutes and are controlled by a large clock on the screen in the school hall. We ask the teachers to stick to the timings and arrange another time to chat if there are issues to discuss further.

To book your slot head to <https://www.ansonprimaryschool.com/parents-evening-info> - you will be prompted to log in by entering your email address and password.

If you have not yet set your password (or forgotten it) you can request a password reset email by clicking **'Forgot your password'**. You should use the email address you have registered with the school. If you need support identifying this password please call the office.

Please note that due to an issue with the platform Class 5H and both Reception classes do not appear in the main event. There are separate booking areas for those three classes.



CHANGES TO PUNCTUALITY AT ANSON

This is the second notice that changes are coming to the start of day procedures after Half Term.

From November, we will be running our **Smart Start**. This is a drive with the Education Welfare Service to get more children in class on time. The gates will continue to open at **8:45am**. At **8:55am the school bell will ring**. At this point the gates will close. **Any pupils not in school at this time will need to enter through the main entrance of the school.**

Next week, we will begin to ring the bell at 8:55am. This will give you an audible sign that if you hear the bell on your way to school you need to adjust your timings before November comes. While we need to address punctuality we are keen to support families adjust over the next two weeks.

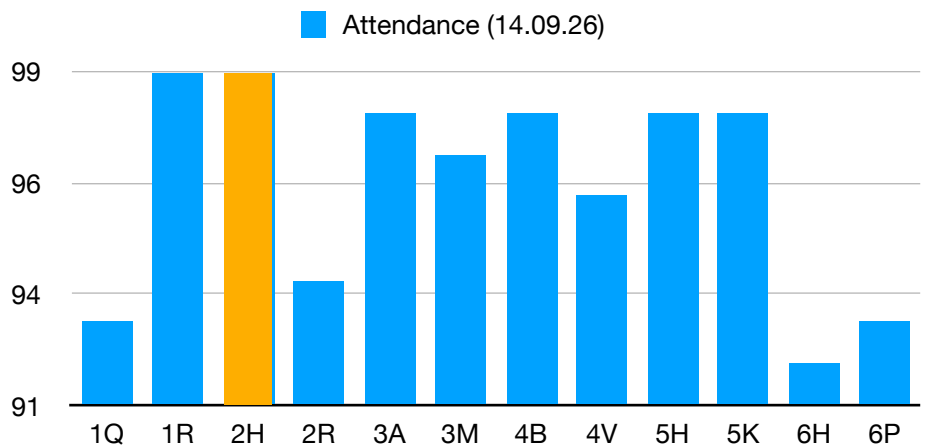
ATTENDANCE - WEEK BEGINNING 28TH SEPTEMBER



Hampstead won Annie the Attendance Bear this week by 0.3%.

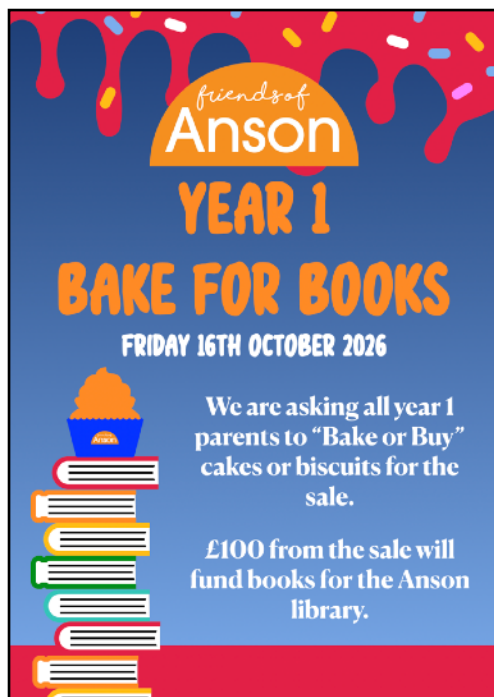
Congratulations to both Hampstead

and Roundwood for exceeding 99% in the week beginning 28th September.



BAKE SALE Y1

The next Bake Sale is next Friday at 3:30pm in the main playground. As a reminder, £100 from every bake sale goes towards new books and resources for our school library.



DATES

16th October

Year One Bake Sale
3:30pm in the playground

19th October

Parents' Evening
15:40 - 17:00

22nd October

Parents' Evening & Refill Shop
15:40 - 19:00

23rd October

SCHOOL CLOSED
INSET DAY

SCHOOL CLOSED: INSET TRAINING

**FRIDAY 23rd OCTOBER
MONDAY 2nd NOVEMBER**

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>

ELECTION OF PARENT GOVERNORS AT ANSON

Are you interested in joining our Governing Body? If you would like to know more before committing yourself, you can speak to Mr Pile and he will answer any questions. We can also arrange for you to speak to an existing Parent Governor if you wish – just let us know. If you are interested please read the governor's pack ([here](#)), which contains further information as well as the nomination form. Please return the completed nomination form via email to vacancy@anson.brent.sch.uk or by hand to the school office. This must be with us by no later than **9.30am on Thursday, 15th October 2026**.



ECORYS



Department
for Education

BREAKFAST

At the moment Anson is not part of the FREE Breakfast Club initiative from the Government.

This is largely due to the physical spaces available in the morning, funding and staffing of the scheme.

However, we know that your voice matters and so we want you to get involved in an important piece of research to find out what our community needs.

We are taking part in a national study about morning routines, breakfast and before school childcare.

The survey, by Ipsos, could see you win £100 by telling them about your family's morning routines

To take the 5-10-minute survey [click here](#).

Please complete the survey by 23rd October 2026. Your answers will help inform the national rollout of free breakfast clubs.

If completing the survey online does not work for you, please email

UK-PA-BreakfastClubs@ipsosresearch.com



There are no major celebrations in the community this week.

FREE SCHOOL MEAL FORMS

Thank you to everyone who has returned their orange forms following the changes to Free School Meals.

As you may be aware the Government has changed the qualification for Free School Meals so that households on Universal Credit with an income above £7,400 also qualify for the Expanded Programme.

The reality is that for pupils in London there is no change right now because the Mayor of London currently funds Free School Meals. However, this may change, particularly with an election coming soon in London. If the funding is removed then all those families with an income above £7,400 (from Universal Credit) are likely to see their Free School Meals continue if they have made the application. This is where we can help.

If you haven't filled in the form or checked yourself for eligibility please do. We do not want our families to miss out in the future should any current funding come to an end. If you have any questions please speak to Miss Houlihan.

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 10.30am
Tuesday 6 October 2026
Wednesday 14 October 2026
Wednesday 21 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

Secondary School Open Days next week:

Ark Elvin Academy:
JFS:

Newman Catholic College:

Preston Manor School:

Friday 16th October - 10:15am to 11:00am

Thursday 15th October - 4:30pm

Friday 9th October - 9:15am

Tuesday 13th October - 9:15am - 10:45am

Wednesday 14th October - 9:15am - 10:45am

Tuesday 13th October - 9:15am - 10:45am