

# Newsletter

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2024

## Diary Dates

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup>  
December**

Year 6 Christmas craft

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>  
December**

Christmas Lunch-  
non uniform day

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>  
December**

Year 1 Christmas craft

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup>  
December**

Break up for  
Christmas holidays  
at 1.30pm

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup>  
January**

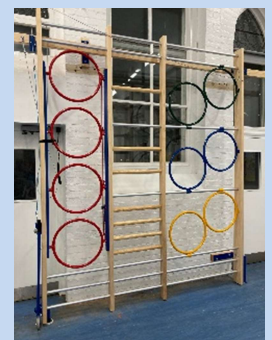
School Opens at  
the new time of  
8.35am

Dear Parents and Carers,

What an amazing week we have had at school! Year R, 1 and 2 wowed us with their Nativity at the church on Monday and showed such maturity with learning all their lines. Year 2 spoke confidently and clearly with every child taking a part telling the story. Annabel's solo was simply beautiful! Well done to all of Year 1 and R for beautiful singing. Thank you, parents, for all the effort with costumes. It really is a team effort.

KS2 Christmas carols is always a special afternoon at the church and this year was no different. Thank you to all the staff and children who worked so hard to make this so brilliant!

Our new PE wall bars in the hall were installed last week, alongside all new indoor PE equipment, with staff training being completed in January. This will enable all children to take part in full gymnastic lessons.



On Wednesday some children from Year 5 and 6 represented the school at a basketball tournament and were awarded certificates for teamwork, passion and respect. They were great ambassadors for the school and other coaches commented on their sportsmanship.



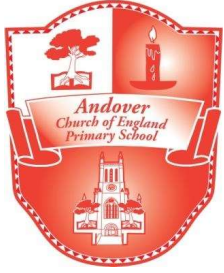
On Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December, it is Christmas lunch day and we are having a Christmas themed non uniform day! Children are encouraged to wear their own clothes, Christmas jumpers or dress in a festive theme!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support during my first term as your Headteacher.

Sending my warmest wishes for all our families for a restful and happy festive time.

Mrs Fiona Tickle  
Headteacher





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## Applications for a Year R place for September 2025.

Parents can apply online and applications close on **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025.**

[www.hants.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.hants.gov.uk/admissions)

## Staffing News

### Goodbye

We say goodbye to Mrs Morrell and Miss Grove at the end of term. We wish them both well in new ventures for Mrs Morrell and a relocation to the West Country for Miss Grove.

Miss Humphrey who has worked with many children in Year R and 1 is also leaving at the end of term.

### Welcome

You may have seen Mr Czerwinski, our new Site Manager on the gates in the morning. We are very pleased to welcome him to our team and he brings a wealth of experience as a Site Manager. Our school is in safe hands! I am sure you will stop and say hi in the mornings.

We are delighted to welcome two new Teachers to our team. Mrs Humphries is joining as our Year 1 class Teacher and Miss Bray will be teaching Year 5. Miss Russell is joining Year 1 as a Learning Support Assistant and Mrs Webb joins us from Hampshire County Council as our new Family Support Worker.

## New School Times

A reminder of the new school times from 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

Gates will open at **8.35am** and close at **8.45am**. After this time, children will be marked as late and you will need to come to the School Office to sign them in. Year R and KS1 will finish at 3.10pm and KS2 at 3.15pm.

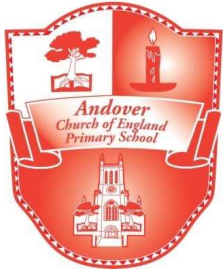
## School Uniform

If you require any items of school uniform, including PE T-shirts, Book Bags or Jumpers/Cardigans, these can now be purchased via Stitch-a-Logo. Please visit their website via the link below:-

<https://www.stitch-a-logo.co.uk/sal-school-orderform.php?sid=2>

## New Year R Open Days

If you missed the open days please do get in touch with the office to arrange a visit. [adminoffice@andover-pri.hants.sch.uk](mailto:adminoffice@andover-pri.hants.sch.uk)



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## Good Grub Club

The Lighthouse are running a Good Grub Club on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2024. Good Grub Clubs are free and families will learn how to make a simple one pot meal, create gingerbread decorations and make Christingle Bucks Fizz. Each family also gets a free recipe bag. For further information, please click on the link below:-

<https://stmarysandover.churchsuite.com/events/jbrpmxfy>

## Message from Fraser Portraits

As Christmas is just around the corner, we would like you to know that there is still time to order your school photographs in time to give as gifts to loved ones. If you no longer have your proof card, please call our office on 01202 692433, or email [sales@fraserportraits.com](mailto:sales@fraserportraits.com) and we will be happy to help. Please place your print orders by Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December for delivery to home addresses, digital downloads are instant. All at Fraser Portraits would like to wish you a very Happy Christmas.

## Inset Days

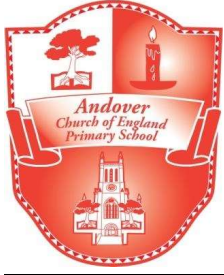
Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2025

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2025

## Lost Property

We have a selection of lost property in the School Office. If you recognise any of the items below, please come and collect it from the School Office before Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024. Anything not collected will be disposed of. Thank you.





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## WHO TO CONTACT IF YOU HAVE A CONCERN ABOUT A CHILD

If you are worried about a child's safety, please do not hesitate to contact any of the Designated Safeguarding Leads straight away.

The following members of staff are Designated Safeguarding Leads for Andover Church of England Primary School:-

- Mrs Fiona Tickle
- Mrs Samantha Scott
- Mrs Charlotte Down

They can be contacted through the school office via email ([adminoffice@andover-pri.hants.sch.uk](mailto:adminoffice@andover-pri.hants.sch.uk)) or telephone on **01264 352322**

Safeguarding Governor:- **Mrs Nicky Parker**

For a copy of the school's Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy, please visit our school website or ask at the school office.