

# Newsletter

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2025

## Diary Dates

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup>  
October**

Parents Evening

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup>  
October**

Harvest at the church 1.30pm

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup>  
October**

Parents Evening

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup>  
October**

School Photos

**27<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> October**

Half term

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup>  
November**

INSET day

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup>  
November**

Lunch for service children

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup>  
December**

INSET day

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup>  
December**

KS1 Nativity at the church 10.30am  
KS2 Carols at the church at 1.30pm

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we focused on Harvest in worship. We welcomed Katie from the Foodbank to tell us all about their amazing work and how we can give back to the community. We are launching our community champions and Andover Foodbank is our first one. Our school will be sponsoring a shelf in the foodbank and different groups of children, starting with the new school council, will visit and help pack boxes in the foodbank. You can support this by bringing in a food item on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October for Harvest. Katie and her team will be on the gates in the morning to receive your donations.

On Tuesday afternoon, we had our first prospective parent tour where we proudly showed off our amazing school. It was wonderful to welcome prospective parents and the comments about the school were really positive. Thank you to the children who spoke so articulately about their learning and what they enjoy about attending Andover CE Primary. There are more opportunities for prospective parents to visit with details below. Current parents, please do attend parents evening where you can to see your children's learning environments and enjoy sharing their learning in books.

We have had a brilliant week leading up to Election Day today and we would like to thank Test Valley Borough Council for lending us the polling booths and ballot boxes. There were so many applications from each class and there were posters and badges to campaign! Well done everyone who put themselves forward. Results were announced in worship this morning and badges given out to wear with pride. We have reassured the children if they were not successful this year, they can still have a voice to support the school. Congratulations to....

**School Council:** Zara, Praise, Robyn, Max, Imogen, Sarah, Amelia-Rose, Oscar, Ollie, Dinoj, William and Esmae

**Eco Council:** Maddox, Theo, Zak, Sienna, Willow, Olivia, Poppy, Charlie, Scarlett, Bella, Martha and Emmie.

**Faith Council:** Gwyneth, Joshua, Esme, Oscar, Samuel, Florence, Sophie, Ella, Alisha, Billy, Phoebe, Lola.

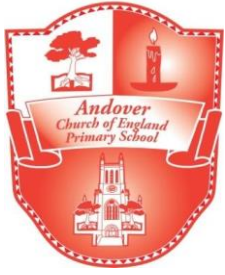
**Young Reporters:** Liliana, Mabel, Kate, Anna, Lydia, Savannah, Caleb, Stas, Laura and Beatrice.

**JRSO:** Kayla, Bonnie, Lilly, Isabelle.

**Digital Leaders:** Henley, Riley, Jonah, Adnan.

**Sports Ambassadors:** Charlotte, Alfie, Mariah, Aadhanyan

**Librarian:** Evangel and Lebiska



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**Friday 19<sup>th</sup>**

**December**

Break up for  
Christmas holidays  
at 1.30pm

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup>**

**January 2026**

Start of the Spring  
Term

Year 6 helpers: Jesse, Kendyll, Josie and Mark.



Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Fiona Tickle  
Headteacher

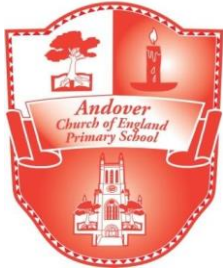
## HOUSE POINTS

As you know we have re- launched house points and if you reach top star, you gain 5 house points. House Captains for this year are:

Danebury	Viking	Normans	Saxons
Magdalena	Kirils	Orion	Austin
Finley	Zach	Jackson	Charlotte

This week's house points

Danebury	Viking	Normans	Saxons
201	130	156	192



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## ATTENDANCE

We know how hard our families are working with us to attend school and be on time. Our whole school attendance is 95.1% and overall lateness is reducing. However, lateness after the register has closed is still an area that requires improvement. This affects children arriving after 9am.

If you have any questions regarding attendance, you can speak to Mrs Webb, our Family Support Worker.

Direct phone number: 07513 105230

Or contact FAO FSW [adminoffice@andover-pri.hants.sch.uk](mailto:adminoffice@andover-pri.hants.sch.uk)

We work in line with Hampshire County Council policy and do not authorise holidays during term time unless it is due to an exceptional circumstance. Should you choose to take a holiday of 5 days or more, you will be issued with a Penalty Notice.

**Should you need guidance around when to send your child to school if they are unwell then please follow this link:**

[Should I keep my child off school guidance](#)

## Christmas

It is never too early to plan Christmas events! I hope by having all the dates it makes planning your diaries at home easier!



**Craft Afternoons** - come and join your child in class to create a Christmas craft and sing a Christmas carol. 2.15pm-end of the school day.

Year R- Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December

Year 1- Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December

Year 2- Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December

Year 3- Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December

Year 4- Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December

Year 5- Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December

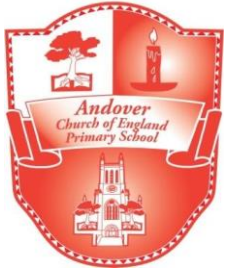
Year 6- Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December

**Christmas Lunch and jumper day- Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December**

**Church services- Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December**

KS1 Nativity at St Mary's church 10.30am

KS2 Carols at St Mary's church at 1.30pm



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## New Year R Open Days

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2025 1.30pm

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 9.30am

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2025 1.30pm

## Inset Days

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2025

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026

## 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
- Miss Chelsea Barrett
- Mrs Charlotte Down
- Mrs Claire Webb

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.