

Newsletter

Friday 24th October 2025

Diary Dates

27th-31st October
Half term

**Monday 3rd
November**
INSET day

**Friday 14th
November**
Children in Need

**Thursday 20th
November**
Lunch for service
children

**Monday 1st
December**
INSET day

**Tuesday 9th
December**
KS1 Nativity at the
church 10.30am
KS2 Carols at the
church at 1.30pm

**Friday 19th
December**
Break up for
Christmas holidays
at 1.30pm

Dear Parents and Carers,

Here we are at the end of the first half term of the year. The children have had a brilliant first half term and enjoyed their learning. New curriculum letters will come home after half term. Thank you for all your support and helping the children at home with their reading or other learning.

We have an increasing number of volunteers coming in to school now which is so helpful and a fantastic way to be involved in school life. If you would like to be a volunteer, please speak to the School Office so that we can complete a DBS.

I am sure you will join me in giving thanks to Andy Fitchet who has been a fantastic Parent Governor over the past four years. As his term of office comes to an end, we are really pleased to announce that David Brambley will be our new Parent Governor, joining Anna Postans on the committee.

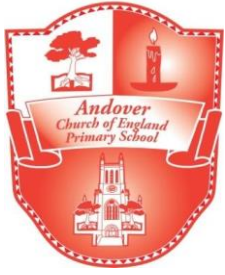
We will be selling poppies for Remembrance the first week back after half term. If you would like your child to support this, then please send their donation in a purse or envelope so it is safe until the poppies come to each class.

We are supporting Children In Need this year on Friday 14th November 2025. The children can wear their own clothes or any Pudsey clothing on this day in exchange for a donation. There will be Pudsey buckets on the gates in the morning.

As the weather turns colder, please make sure all clothing items including hats and scarves, etc. are labelled so they don't go missing!

The children are ready for half term and I hope you all enjoy a well-deserved week. Don't forget the first Monday back is an INSET day so we will see you all on Tuesday 4th November 2025.

Mrs Fiona Tickle
Headteacher



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Monday 5th January 2026

Start of the Spring
Term

Inset Days

03.11.2025
01.12.2025
27.03.2026
01.06.2026

New Year R Open Days

Wednesday 12th

November - 9.30am

Tuesday 18th

November - 1.30pm

Staff News

We welcomed Mrs Jeffery as our new Admin Assistant in October working alongside Mrs Wilcox who is now our Admin and Finance Officer. I am sure you will get to know her in person or on the phone!

We say goodbye and good luck to Mrs Allmark who leaves the school today.

Pride of Andover



Mariah in Year 6 has been highly commended in the Pride of Andover Awards. She started a small business, Sunshine Sips, which promotes wellness, creativity and kindness. Congratulations for this fantastic achievement.

HOUSE POINTS

This half term's house points- well done to Saxons who are leading the way!

Danebury	Viking	Normans	Saxons
1232	1167	1031	1245

ATTENDANCE

We are sending home attendance letters for those children whose attendance is lower than 90%. If you have any questions regarding this, you can speak to Mrs Webb, our Family Support Worker.

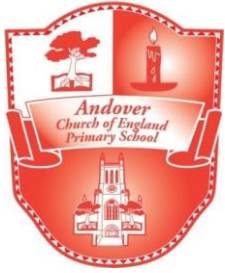
Direct phone number: 07513 105230

Or contact FAO FSW adminoffice@andover-pri.hants.sch.uk

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](#)



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Christmas

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 12th December
Year 1- Friday 5th December
Year 2- Wednesday 10th December
Year 3- Thursday 11th December
Year 4- Thursday 4th December
Year 5- Wednesday 3rd December
Year 6- Monday 8th December

Christmas Lunch and jumper day- Wednesday 17th December

Church services- Tuesday 9th December
KS1 Nativity at St Mary's church 10.30am
KS2 Carols at St Mary's church at 1.30pm

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) 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.