

Newsletter

Friday 14th November 2025

Diary Dates

**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

**Monday 5th
January 2026**
Start of the Spring
Term

Inset Days
01.12.2025
27.03.2026
01.06.2026

**New Year R Open
Days**
Tuesday 18th
November - 1.30pm

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have been focusing on Community Champions in school and what this means. As a school we are giving back to our community and have chosen to support Andover Foodbank and Andover Community Church this half term. We raised £40 and collected 64.58kg of donations at Harvest. Our school councils are going to be helping pack boxes in the Foodbank. Year 5 visited Andover Community Church last week to find out about worship in the community and we will be creating cards for residents of local care homes.

We are enormously grateful for the Andover Community Church congregation who have donated £3000 towards our outdoor reading pod initiative. This was an idea from last year's Y6 children about having a cosy place to curl up with a book during play and lunch time. This amazing donation will launch this project. Thank you!

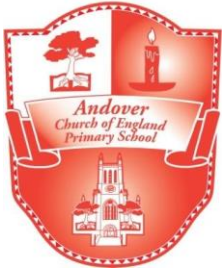
I am sure you enjoyed the Remembrance display which was inspired by Willow, one of our military families. She came up with the idea, made a sample poppy and showed the teachers how to make them.



Our pupil voice councils have been busy meeting up and planning their projects for this year. Faith Council met to discuss how to design a reflection garden in the grounds and School Council are going to be raising money for children to be able to paint a prayer stone. Thank you for your brilliant ideas!

It has been fantastic to see all the children having lots of fun today, looking very different all dressed up, for a good cause. We raised £140.38 for Children in Need. The children have learnt in worship about how this money helps other families in the UK.

I hope you have all enjoyed receiving the curriculum newsletter this half term. Please do ask your child's teacher if you have any questions about their learning. We have topics from Antarctica, Ancient Egypt to Digestion and World Trade.



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Each half term the work is hooked by a key driver of History, Geography or Science.

I finish with a little plea! As the days are so varied with sunshine, rain and wind, please make sure your child has a coat every day. We do go out for play at lunchtime unless it is torrential rain and it would help keep everyone warm and dry to wear a coat. Thank you!

Mrs Fiona Tickle
Headteacher

PUDSEY VISIT



ATTENDANCE

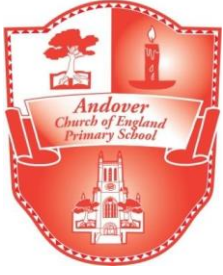
Our school attendance is improving each week and we have very few late arrivals now. Thank you to everyone for working with us to improve. Our whole school attendance is 94.4% and National is 95.2%. 57.2% of children now have 96% or higher attendance.

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.



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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.