

Newsletter

Friday 28th November 2025

Diary Dates

Monday 1st December
INSET day

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

Wednesday 10th December
Winter Fair at 3pm

Wednesday 17th December
Christmas lunch and jumper day

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we head into December, there is so much to celebrate at our school. This week we welcomed Rebecca Walker, our SIAMS inspector, and she had a fabulous day. The children were really excited to share their learning, classrooms, worship and the reflection garden. Thank you to all the parents who shared their views as well. She was really impressed by our special school. The report will be shared with parents and published before Christmas.

We would like to extend our congratulations to Mr Bown and his family as they welcome baby Oliver. They are excited to be going home as a family of 4!

Our focus in Worship this term has been generosity and the children were set a challenge this week to complete a generosity heart as a class. They had to spot different ways their classmates had showed generosity. The children have so many examples of how they can be generous at home, hopefully you may get some extra helpers over the lead up to Christmas! We move onto thinking about Advent and Christmas next week. The school is full of the sound of nativity songs and carols which we are looking forward to sharing with you soon.

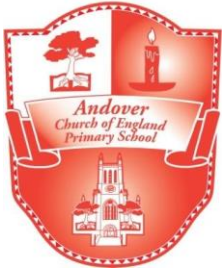
Next Friday, 5th December, we invite our children to wear comfy clothes in exchange for a bottle or chocolate treat for our Winter Fair tombola. There will be collection points at the front of school and at the classroom doors. Thank you in advance. We look forward to seeing you at the Winter Fair on 10th December from 3pm on the front playground.

Mrs Fiona Tickle
Headteacher

Andover CE Band and Choir

Our amazing brass band and some members of the choir shared their love for music at Tesco! The children really shone and it was lovely to share some early Christmas Spirit!





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House points

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

Danebury	Viking	Normans	Saxons
768	729	768	736

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 94.39% and National is 95%. 60.2% 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.

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.



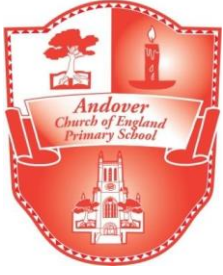
Year R- Friday 12th December
Year 1- Friday 5th December
Year 2- Wednesday 10th December
Year 3- Thursday 11th December
Year 4- Thursday 4th December
Year 5- Wednesday 3rd December
Year 6- Monday 8th December

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



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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
- 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.