

Newsletter

Friday 20th March 2026

Diary Dates

20th March

Year 1-6 school reports out to parents

23rd March

Pop in parents evening Y1-6

25th March

Listen to Me concert Year 3 at 11:00am

Easter Egg hunt and family picnic

27th March

INSET day

Monday 30th

March-Friday 10th

April

Easter Holidays

Dear Parents/Carers

This week has had a real community feel! Our children have been out and about in the local community supporting our community champion The Foodbank. The Faith Council visited to help pack boxes and stock the shelves whilst learning about the work the Foodbank does. They represented the school fantastically and were so well behaved. Thank you for your contribution to the community.

It was fantastic to see so many family members at St Mary's church this week. We had over 180 parents and carers. Thank you for supporting the children and I hope you enjoyed sharing the message of Easter.

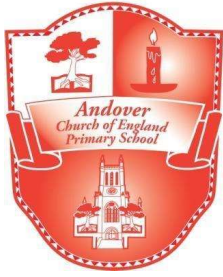
You will receive your child's school report today and there is an opportunity to pop in to speak with class teachers on Monday 23rd March if you have any questions about the report. Formal parents evening will be in the summer term to complete the year. It has been a privilege to read all the reports and share the children's successes. Year R is on a different schedule as we have to work to statutory timeframes so they had parents evening this week and their reports are in June.

There has been an increase in the number of Year 6 children on the playground from 8am which is lovely from a social point of view, but there are no staff supervising at this time. The behaviour is becoming increasingly boisterous and this impacts the calm start to the school day not only Year 6, but the wider school community. Please can Year 6 children be supervised or not arrive at school until 8.25am. If they are here before then, the children will be brought into breakfast club.

As the weather is getting warmer and sunnier, more children are at the park in the afternoons and weekends. We have had some younger KS2 children at the park unsupervised which whilst this is completely parent choice, we have reminded the children if they are wearing the Andover CE school uniform, they represent the school and therefore any associated behaviour reflects on the school. Our local PCSO team will be patrolling the park for everyone's safety following some reported incidents involving our children over the weekend.

Please can all parents be mindful of their driving and parking outside of school. There have been more incidents of speeding and parking on the double yellow lines which can cause problems for those who are walking to and from school. I would not want to see an accident involving our children and families.

I have been made aware of some children and adult WhatsApp groups. Please check your child's phone if they have one and the content of these group chats. As parents I am sure you would want to model kind behaviour within any adult chats. There is an Andover CE parent Facebook page, which is not run by school and therefore the content is not verified to be true or accurate. If you need information about school events or activities, please speak to class teachers



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as your first contact to ensure accuracy. I have attached the Hampshire police information sheet for all parents about social media use and age restrictions. If you need support setting up parental controls please do reach out to us.

Information about clubs is out today and the booking system on Scopay will open on Monday 23rd March at 5pm for you book onto. We hope the children will enjoy what is on offer next term.

Thank you for your continued support.

Fiona Tickle
Headteacher

AGE RESTRICTIONS ON MAIN UK SOCIAL MEDIA SITES	
 Facebook	13+
 Instagram	13+
 Snapchat	13+
 TikTok	13+
 YouTube	13+
 WhatsApp	16+

Spring into Action 2026 – Time to Walk, Talk, Listen

We are pleased to be sharing My Journey's Spring into Action Toolkit.

This year's theme is Time to Walk, Talk, Listen, and included in the Toolkit are fun activities and questions to help spark conversation while you walk or wheel, either to and from school or during your leisure time.

The Spring into Action Toolkit can be accessed via the following link: [Toolkit](#)

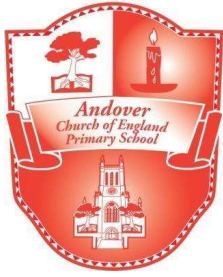
World Book Day 2026

At Andover Church of England Primary School, we celebrated World Book Day last week. Everyone came to school dressed up as different characters from their favourite books and all of the children and adults were very creative with their costumes. Miss Barrett, delivered a World Book Day worship, we had story swap in our house teams and the volunteer readers coming to visit at the end of the day. Each year group then completed their own World Book Day activities in class and enjoyed some reading for pleasure time and they also created their own bookmarks.

We would like to thank all of the children, staff, governors, parents and visitors for making the day successful and can't wait to spend our World Book Day vouchers in local bookshops.

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Easter Egg Hunt & Family Picnic – Wednesday 25th March

Join us on Wednesday 25th March, from the end of the school day, for our Easter Egg Hunt and Family Picnic!

Families are warmly invited to stay after school and enjoy a free family picnic and games on the school grounds. Please bring your own food and picnic blankets so you can relax and enjoy the afternoon together.

Children can also take part in our Easter Egg Hunt. Tickets cost £2 and are available on SCOPAY. You can purchase as many tickets as you like for children in school and their siblings. **Tickets must be bought in advance.**

There will also be a cake stall, bottle tombola and craft stall, so please bring cash (**small change preferred**) if you would like to take part.

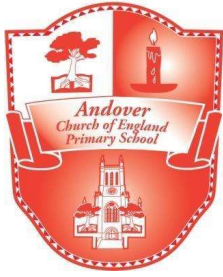
We will be accepting cake donations for the cake stall on the morning of Wednesday 25th March. Please drop these off to Mrs Davies in Year 5.

We hope to see lots of families there for a fun afternoon!

House points

This week's house points - Well done to Saxons who are leading the way!

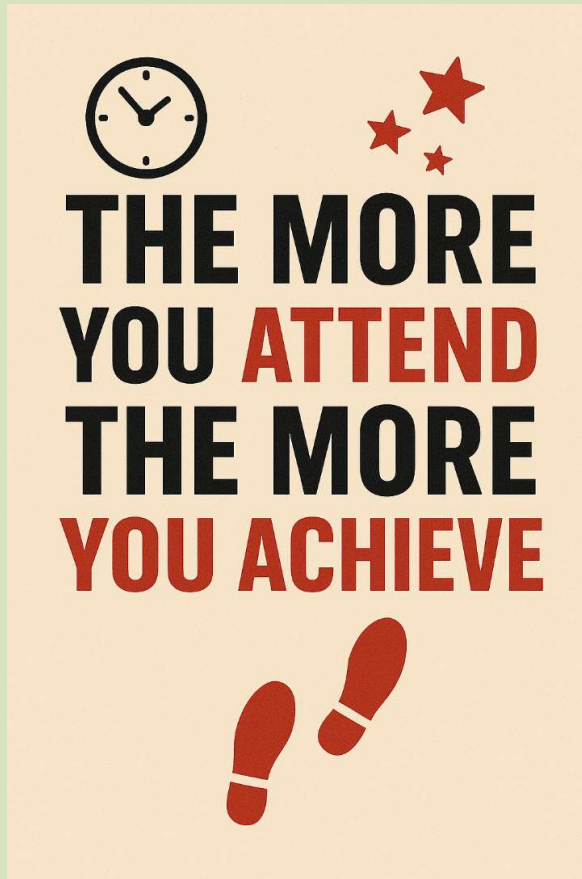
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Attendance



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.