

# Newsletter

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2025

## Diary Dates

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup>  
September**

Year 5 Viking  
Workshop

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup>  
September**

Macmillan Coffee  
afternoon in the hall  
2.30-3.15pm

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup>  
October**

Flu clinic for all  
children

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

Wear Yellow for  
Mental Health  
Awareness

**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

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to another school year! If you are a returning parent welcome back and if you are new, we hope you feel welcomed by our school community. The children have all settled really quickly and look so smart, ready to learn. Please ask any questions should you need to.

The school was busy over the summer with many maintenance jobs being completed by Mr Robbins and contractors. I would like to express my thanks in making the school look so good. Another thanks to our wonderful gardeners who come into school every Tuesday and Saturday to maintain our grounds.

We were certainly spoiled with the weather this summer but with the return to school it feels very autumnal. The playground can be chilly and we go out rain or shine, so all children must have a coat to wear every day at school.

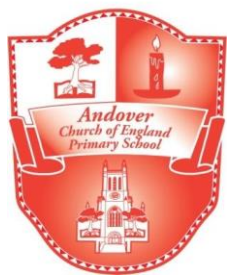
Thank you for purchasing our red logo'd jumper or cardigan. I know there have been supply issues at Stich- A-Logo with a lot of families having a delay in their orders. We are also waiting for our school order but we do have some second-hand uniforms which we will put out in the playground next week should you need. The children do need to wear a logo'd jumper or cardigan each day and a red logo'd PE t-shirt. We limit our uniform to these two branded items only to reduce the cost for our parents.

Dolce are continuing to provide our school dinners and there is a varied choice each day. Please ask in the office should you need more details. Meals are free for all children up until Year 3.

PE days will be coming out next week, if not already, but please ensure your child's PE kit is in school from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2025.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Fiona Tickle  
Headteacher



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**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

**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

## Wrap Around Care- ACES

Mrs Webb and Mrs Bonam are running our after school club provision every day from 3.15pm-5.45pm. We have spaces available on most days.

Please register with the office and then you will be able to book using Scopay. Childcare vouchers can be used and we are in the process of our application to be able to use military vouchers as well.

The children are provided with a snack and have a range of activities based in the hall and outside. The set-up is very different from school which the children need after a busy school day!

Benefits of using our wrap around care:

- The children know the school staff
- Onsite so hand over from class teachers and pick up for parents is easy
- Children can do normal clubs and then transfer at 4.15pm into ACES!

Please come and talk to us for more information!

## Snacks

Please can you provide your child with a healthy snack for morning play, such as a piece of fruit or snack bar.

Children cannot have bags of crisps, sweets or large chocolate bars in school. We are a nut free school so no products can contain nuts.

We are working towards our Healthy Schools award and look forward to working with you on this.

## Staff News

### Welcome

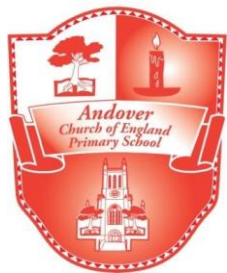
We are pleased to welcome 9 new members of staff to the Andover Team.

Miss Barrett our new substantive Deputy Head teacher.

Mr Morris joins us teaching in Year 3 and Mr Bown teaching in Year 6.

Mrs Smith, Mrs Hargrave and Mr James join as Learning Support Assistants working across the school.

Mrs Cambianica and Mrs Leavesley as MDSA's and Mrs Bonam as Wrap Around Care Assistant.



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## Family Support Worker

The first two weeks of school establish a routine with attendance and set the tone for the rest of the term. Starting the term on time allows students to reconnect with friends, build new relationships, and feel a sense of belonging.

Missing school, even for a short period, can lead to gaps in learning and make it harder to catch up. Research shows that students who miss school in the first week are more likely to be persistently absent throughout the year.

In summary, attending school regularly and arriving on time, especially in the first two weeks of term, is vital for students' success. We look forward to working with you to continue to improve our school attendance for all.

Direct phone number: 07513 105230

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



### MORNING MATTERS!

Arriving on time helps children feel calm, confident, and ready to learn.

**Let's make every morning count!**

## New Year R Open Days

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2025 9.30am

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

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2025

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