

Newsletter

Friday 5th February 2026

Diary Dates

11th February

Y4 Residential to Minstead

16th–20th February

Half-term

23rd–24th February

Bikeability Year 5

27th February

The great Year 3 Soup Off!!

25th February

Class photos

18th March

Easter Service at St Mary's Church
1.30pm all year groups

16th and 17th March

YR parents evenings

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

Dear Parents/Carers

I need to start this weeks' newsletter by sharing how proud I am of our amazing Year 6 class. They have had a full practice SATS week where they have shown resilience, team spirit and fantastic work ethic. The progress the children are making towards the end of Year 6 is really good and the whole staff team want to say how proud we are. There have been many biscuits shared to keep energy levels up this week! Well done everyone!

Year 3 are busy prepping their different soup recipes, which they have designed and made in their DT lessons. Parents are invited in on 27th February at 2:20pm for the first ever Andover CE Soup Off! There will be tasters of all the soups made and score sheets with an overall group winner. We will share the recipes with our school community so you can try them at home too!

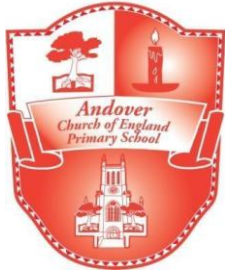
The excitement is building for Year 4's residential next week. I am hoping the weather is a bit kinder than it has been in recent weeks, but I know the children will have a brilliant time regardless. Thank you in advance to Mrs Whalley, Mrs Hooks and Mrs Souber who are going with the class.

Year 5 have designed their prayer stones funded by the school council. They are going to be varnished and placed in the Reflection Garden. Each class will also design their individual stones over the next few weeks.

A little reminder that the first point of contact for any queries or concerns is always the class teacher who can be spoken to on the door each day, or request a meeting at another time. Mrs Down is available for SEND appointments of children on the SEN register or concerns about possible SEND. If you need to speak to Claire or Mrs Down or myself, please book in through the office. In line with our communication policy, a response to email sometimes can be up to 48 hours. Appointments are usually booked one or two weeks from request. Thank you for your support with this.

We are looking for parents to join our events committee for the next school fund raising event of the year. On Wednesday 25th March, we are inviting families into school from home time for a bring your own picnic and Easter egg hunt. Tickets for the Easter egg hunt will be available through Scopay, where you will be able to select the number of tickets you require for your child and siblings. There is a prize for everyone who buys a ticket plus some golden eggs to find. There will be some game stalls and refreshments plus the very popular bottle tombola. If you can support this event either by helping set up in the afternoon, run a stall, or buy tickets then please do. All funds raised from this event onwards will help go towards the cost of coaches for school trips.

Have a lovely weekend,
Fiona Tickle



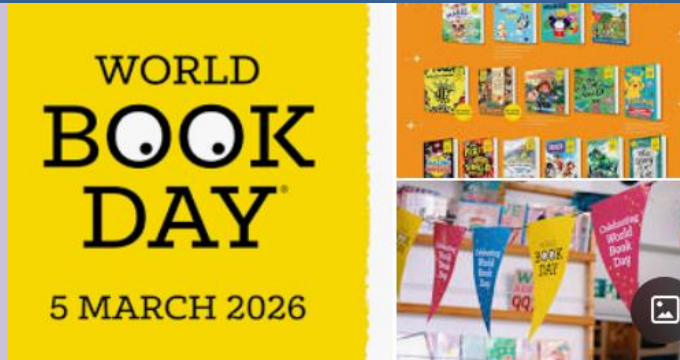
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27th March
INSET day

Monday 30th
March-Friday 10th
April
Easter Holidays

Inset Day
01.06.2026



WORLD BOOK DAY- THURSDAY 5th MARCH

2026 is the National Year of Reading. We love books and sharing stories at school, with every day finishing as a class with a story or the next chapter of a book. On Thursday 5th March the children are welcome to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. Over the half term holiday, if you come across a costume or accessories which are grown out of, please bring them into school for our costume swap on Thursday 26th March. This encourages reusing of clothing and helps reduce our carbon footprint, but also helps with the cost and time spent finding an outfit or accessories. There will be lots of activities being held in school this day. If any parents would like to come and read stories to small groups then please get in touch through the school office.

All about Year 6s Learning

This past term, we have been doing gymnastics and have been learning how to do cart-wheels. There were four stations and at the end we all asked Mr Bown to do a cart-wheel... AND HE DID!



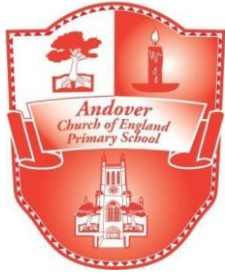
This week we've been doing our practice sats in year 6! Our aim is to improve from when we last did them, which was in November! Sats aren't scary at all in fact, WE GET BISCUITS!!! 2 each!

Written by Nevaeh and Beatrice
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House points

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

Danebury	Viking	Normans	Saxons
1249	1222	1140	1337



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Attendance

96% Attendance - Every Day Counts!

Did you know that **96%** attendance means only around **7 days missed** across the whole school year?
Every single day in school makes a difference to your child's learning, confidence and friendships.

Great Job!

Let's aim high together! Being in school, on time, every day helps children stay on track and achieve their very best.

Thank you for your continued support — together we can keep attendance

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Aim for 96%

Thank you for your continued support — together we can keep attendance strong and give every child the best chance to succeed.

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.