

Newsletter

Friday 27th February 2026

Diary Dates

5th March

World book day-
dress up as your
favourite book
character

13th March

Bring a bottle dress
in your own clothes
day!

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

27th March

INSET day

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope everyone had a lovely half term. Seeing the sunshine this week has been fantastic and the children are desperate to get on the field! A few weeks still to go as it is so muddy and soggy. This half term is going to whizz by as it is only 5 weeks. There are a lot of dates with different things happening in school so please do look carefully and ask if you need.

Year 5 have had a fantastic week learning to ride their bikes and developing their skills. Some children were able to progress onto the roads but all children made progress and most of all had loads of fun! It was lovely to hear so many positive comments about the children's attitudes, manners and general behaviour. Thank you, Year 5.

Year 4 had a great week at Minstead and I would like to extend thanks to Mrs Whalley, Mrs Souber and Mrs Hooks who enabled the children to go on this trip. Year 3 parents, please look out for a google form to complete to state your interest in this trip for next year.

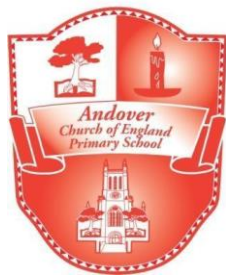


I am sending out all of the summer term dates with this newsletter so you can keep a copy and reference throughout the term. Year 6 has a separate list! Hopefully this will give enough time to organise work if you need to. I will be able to share the INSET days for next academic year at the end of this half term once they are approved by governors.

Club information will be coming out in the next couple of weeks and these will run all summer from week 1. If children are attending our wraparound care, then they can attend clubs and be taken to wraparound when these finish. The children will still get time to eat their tea.

Thank you for your continued support.

Fiona Tickle
Headteacher



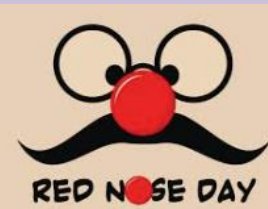
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Monday 30th
March-Friday 10th
April
Easter Holidays

Red Nose Day- Friday 20th March

The children are invited to wear something red in aid of Red Nose Day 2026. Buckets will be on the gates in the morning to collect donations.



Year 4 Residential Trip to Minstead

Before half term, Year 4 went to visit Minstead Study Centre in the New Forest and we had a brilliant time!

On the first day, we unpacked our luggage and then we went pond dipping. After that, we had a scavenger hunt and then we made our own lunch which was sandwiches with ham. They were scrumptious. We also had a two hour walk in the New Forest and it was very wet! We hope Year 4 children enjoy the trip next year.



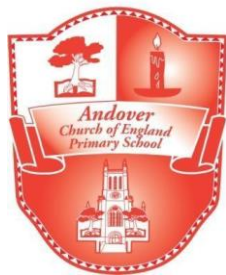
If you would like to find out about any particular topics from our Young Reporters, please let the school office know so that we can answer your questions about our fantastic school.

Written by Kate and Anna
Edited by Lydia and Savannah

House points

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

Danebury	Viking	Normans	Saxons
224	199	203	298



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Attendance

Why Attendance Matters: A Quick Guide for Families

Every school day counts

Coming to school every day helps your child feel settled, make friends, and keep up with their learning. Even a few days off can make it harder for children to catch up or feel confident in class.



What does attendance really look like?

95% attendance = 10 days off per year

Children can usually keep up but may miss important learning

90% attendance = 4 weeks off per year

This is called **persistent absence**. Children may struggle with gaps in learning.

85% attendance = 6 weeks off per year

The equivalent of missing half a term.

When to keep your child at home

- Sickness or diarrhoea- (48-hour rule)
- A high temperature
- Contagious illness confirmed by a doctor

If you're unsure, please contact us—we're always happy to help.

We're here to support you

If your child is finding mornings difficult, feeling anxious, or has an ongoing health need, please talk to us:

- Morning routines
- Worries about school
- Attendance plans
- Support from school health or other services



Small steps make a big difference

If you have any questions or concerns, please get in touch with the school office or speak to the **Attendance Champion**. We are here to support, not judge.



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.