

Newsletter

Friday 18th September 2026

Diary Dates

September

25th – McMillan
Coffee afternoon

30th – Individual
school photos

October

8th- School council
election day

12th - Parents
evening 1
3.30-5.30pm

14th - Parents
evening 2
3.30-6.30pm

21st – Harvest
service for Years 1-
6 at St Mary's
Church 1.30pm

26th- 30th
HALF TERM

November

11th - Nasal flu clinic

Dear Parents and Carers,

School is in full swing now and it is lovely to see how settled the children are in class. They are fulling immersing themselves in their learning and new opportunities. Year R have settled so well and are growing in confidence every day. Thank you to the parents who are supporting the morning drop off at the gate in Year R. This supports a calm transition into school for all children.

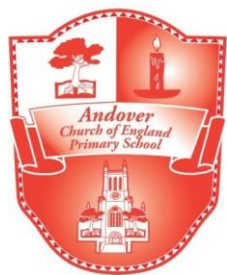
Class teachers are the first point of contact for any questions and you can chat on the door at the end of the day. A member of the class team is on the door in the mornings however sometimes this adult has supported a child into class which is why there is a short gap with no adult on the door. We encourage children to build up to stepping through the door on their own to grow independence where possible.

There has been lots of planning going on with the Early Years outside area. We are lucky the bottom area is so large and the children have been able to access all of their curriculum while we have been planning the redevelopment of the upper part. I am very pleased to share the governing board has approved the designs and signed off the costings to redevelop this whole space. This will involve removing all the old equipment and surfacing, levelling the space, re-surfacing and then installing new equipment and new fencing. It is a large project and has to be completed in a holiday period for Health and Safety reasons, so we are hoping this is completed at Christmas.

We will be starting 'Class pages' over the next week so keep an eye on the website where class teachers will share about the learning and any key messages. Found under Curriculum- Class pages- choose your year group. We hope you find them useful.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Fiona Tickle
Headteacher



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December

Christmas crafts
2.15pm

8th- Year 2
9th- Year 1
10th- Year 5
11th- Year 6
14th- Year 3
15th- Year 4
17th – Year R

16th- YR-2 Nativity
10am at St Mary's
Church

16th- KS2 Carols
1.30pm at St Mary's
Church

17th- Christmas
lunch and
Christmas jumper
day

18th- Break up for
Christmas at
1.30pm

January 2027

4th- Return to
school

Parking

We have received complaints from the local residents about parking on drop off and collecting times. Please do not part in the Eastgate House private resident's car park or block the entrance to this.

There has been dangerous parking on the corner of East Street as well where parents who are walking cannot see safely around cars.

I am sure you will all agree we do not want to see a child getting hurt in an accident on the road. Please park responsibly or walk to school from the car park at George Yard.



Holidays and absence

There has been an increase in holiday form requests, which is a concern early on in the school year. Children have 13 weeks annual holiday from school and school holiday dates are published well in advance online. As such, all parents/carers are expected, wherever possible, to plan and take their family holidays at this time so as not to disrupt their children's education. Education law states that parents do not have a right to take their child out of school for a holiday during term time. Only in exceptional circumstances may a headteacher grant permission for leave; and it is the Headteacher's decision on whether the absence is exceptional and how many days to approve.

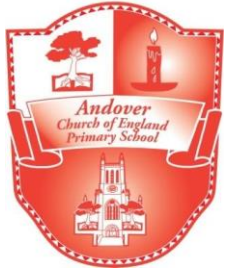
Parents/carers who take their child out of school without the absence being agreed and authorised by written permission from the school can be issued with a penalty fine.

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.



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Wrap Around Care- ACES

Mrs Bonam and Mrs Leaversley run 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.

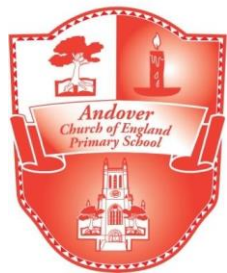
The children are provided with a snack and have a range of activities based in the hall and outside. The set-up is very different from school which the children need after a busy school day!

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!





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Attendance

PLEASE BE ON TIME

We are closely monitoring lateness and the amount of learning time missed. Even a few minutes late each day can quickly add up.

6 LATES – EMAIL HOME

We will send an email to make you aware.

8 LATES – PHONE CALL HOME

We will contact you to discuss your child's punctuality and offer support where needed.

10 LATES – NOTICE TO IMPROVE

You will be invited into school for a Notice to Improve meeting.

IF LATENESS CONTINUES

Further action may be taken in line with Hampshire County Council procedures, which could include a Penalty Notice (fine).

Being on time gives your child the best start to their school day.

New Year R 2027 Open Days

5th October 9.30-10.30am

13th October 1.30-2.30pm

22nd October 9.30-10.30am

3rd November 1.30-2.30pm

12th November 9.30-10.30am

Inset Days

Monday 30th November 2026

Friday 12th February 2027

Monday 12th April 2027

Monday 7th June 2027