

Newsletter

Friday 2nd October 2026

Diary Dates

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

December

Christmas crafts
2.15pm

8th- Year 2
9th- Year 1
10th- Year 5
11th- Year 6
14th- Year 3

Dear Parents and Carers,

Coats- Please ensure you send a coat in everyday as the weather is so changeable at the moment.

PE kits- These are required for PE days - please check which day your class has PE if you are not sure! Logo'd PE top, shorts or leggings/ joggers and trainers. All children are required to get changed in school in the classrooms and this is done in a sensitive way in single sex spaces once they reach the second half term of Year 2. We follow the NSPCC guidelines around changing in schools. This also prepares the children for secondary school where they are often in a much larger changing room. If there are any individual concerns please speak to your class teacher.

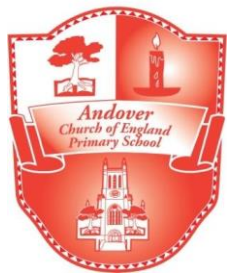
Parents Evening- This year for parents evening we are trialing a new system where all appointments will be held in the main hall. Entry will be via the main gates, the same way in as in the morning and you will follow the path round to the hall entrance. There will be tables and chairs in the middle to wait until your time slot and then you will be able to move over to where the teacher is. Your children's books will be available for you to look at. There will be an opportunity to sign up for separate SEND appointments with Mrs Down should you need.

Parent Questionnaire- it is always good to get up to date views of our parent community and we will be sending out a questionnaire for you to complete. This will come via email on Monday 12th October but will also be available on ipads during parents evening. Your participation helps us to continue to improve as a school but also share the positives about your experience of Andover CE Primary School. Results will be shared with parents.

Class pages- can be found this week on the schools' website. There are a few spaces in some clubs so please do enquire at the office if your child is not currently attending one yet.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Fiona Tickle
Headteacher



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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

Election Day

Next Thursday is School Council Election Day! The children should be coming home with application forms should they wish to apply for one of the pupil voice opportunities. Please see the list below to support your child. Results will be announced on Friday 6th October in worship and then shared on the website. We encourage the children to make posters, badges or any other advertising for their campaign!

Thank you in advance to Test Valley council for the loan of the polling booths and boxes and also to our school governors for counting the votes!

Years 1-6

School council
Faith council
Eco council

Years 3-6

Young Reporters
EARA- Equalities and Rights Advocates

Year 5 and 6

Digital Leaders
JRSO- Junior Road Safety Officers
Sports Ambassadors



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.

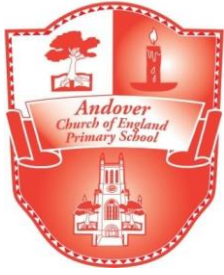
Please register with the office and then you will be able to book using Scopay. Childcare vouchers can be used.

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



Top Tips for Improving Attendance

Every day in school makes a difference. Here are a few simple ways you can help your child have good attendance:



Keep a regular bedtime and morning routine
so your child is rested and ready for the day.



Get organised the night before
prepare uniform, PE kit, school bags and packed lunches.



Arrive on time every day
Our doors open at 8:35am and close at 8:45am.



Book routine medical and dental appointments
outside school hours wherever possible.



Minor coughs and colds don't always mean a day off
If you're unsure whether your child is well enough for school, please contact us for advice.



Talk positively about school
and encourage your child to tell you about any worries so we can support them early.



Avoid holidays during term time
Every day of learning matters.



Please talk to us if you're struggling
If something is making it difficult for your child to attend school, we are here to listen, help and support your family.

Support First • Attendance Always • Every Day Counts



Thank You!

A huge thank you to everyone who joined us for our

MACMILLAN COFFEE AFTERNOON

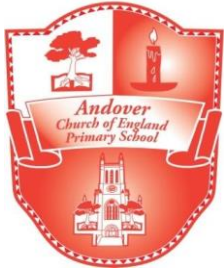
Together we raised

£107.50

Thank you to everyone who donated delicious cakes, cupcakes and treats, and to all our parents, carers, children and staff who came along and made it such a lovely event.

Your support will help Macmillan Cancer Support be there for people who need it most.





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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

ACEDomestics
The local family business you can trust!

Another name
for Excellence!

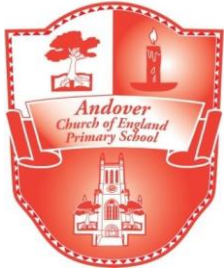
Thank You
Les from ACE Domestics

A huge thank you to Les from ACE Domestics for **stepping in and helping a family who were in need.**

Your kindness, support and generosity have made a real difference and are very much appreciated.



Thank you for always being there for our families in the community.



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School Age Immunisation Service

NHS
Hampshire and
Isle of Wight Healthcare
NHS Foundation Trust

Your child's Flu vaccine is due



The Immunisation team will be in the school on

FLU: 5 REASONS TO GET PROTECTED AGAINST FLU

1. Protect your child - The vaccine will help protect your child against flu and serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia.
2. Protect you, your family and friends - Having the vaccine will help protect more vulnerable friends and family.
3. No injection needed - The nasal spray is painless and easy to have. (A porcine free injection is available)
4. It's better than having flu - The nasal spray helps protect against flu and has been given to millions of children worldwide and has an excellent safety record.
5. Avoid costs - If your child gets flu, you may have to take time off work or arrange alternative childcare.

Scan the QR code to complete a flu consent form (even if you wish to opt out)

School Code

For more information, visit our website:
www.healthforkids.co.uk/hampshire/annual-nasal-flu-vaccination-programme/

Starting school in September 2027

If your child is 4 or will turn 4 before 1 September 2027, they can start school in September 2027

Applications open for Hampshire residents on **1 November 2026**

THE NATIONAL CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS IS **FRIDAY 15 JANUARY 2027**
DON'T MISS IT!

BEST START IN LIFE

For more information go to
www.hants.gov.uk/admissions

 Hampshire
County Council

hants.gov.uk

Funded by UK Government

Best Start Family Hub in Andover

Calling all parents and carers!

FREE opening day fun!
Tell your family and friends!

Your new Best Start Family Hub is opening at Spring Meadow on 29 October.

Discover a **free one-stop shop** of trusted information, advice and support to help you through your journey as a parent.

Come and chat with our friendly Hub Connector, who can signpost you to information, advice and support for families from pregnancy through to age 19, or up to age 25 for young people with SEND.

Whether it's health and wellbeing or childcare and education questions, you can find everything you need to support your child to have the best start in life.

Also part of the Best Start Family Hubs Network:
Andover Library
Chantry Centre,
Andover, SP10 1LT

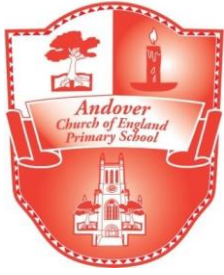
Lots of activities for children and families.
Best Start Family Hub at Spring Meadow
Smannell Road,
Andover,
SP11 6JP
29 October 2026
2 to 5pm

Scan the QR code to learn more about Best Start Family Hubs, including locations, services and opening times.



 Hampshire
County Council

ConnectToSupportHampshire.org.uk/BestStartInLife



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CHILD HEALTH CLINICS*

The Community Public Health Advisors from the Andover & Winchester Public Health Nursing Team(5-19yrs) are offering support with your primary aged child's health

Scan the QR code
to book a 30-minute slot at
Beech Hurst, Andover



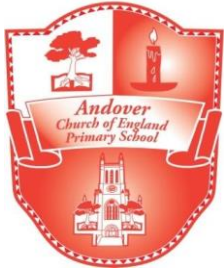
How do I manage
challenging behaviour?

Why does my child wet the bed?

Where can I access support
for my child's anxiety?

How do I encourage
healthy eating?

* These slots should not be used as a place to seek advice regarding specific medical conditions



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NHS
Hampshire and
Isle of Wight Healthcare
NHS Foundation Trust

Get the best out of family life

The Nurture Programme

from your local Health Visiting Service



Hello!

If you have a 3-4-year-old, come and find out how to get the best out of family life.

What is the Nurture Programme?

This programme will help you to:

- Understand your child's emotions and behaviour
- Build positive parent-child relationships
- Support healthy boundaries and manage behaviour
- Improve parental wellbeing and confidence by having the tools to help you

How long is it?

10 x two hour sessions with a tea and coffee break

It's important to come to all ten sessions to get the most out of the course, as they fit together like a puzzle. We know that life happens, if you can't make one, please let us know.

Best wishes,
Your local Health Visitors



Scan for places
and dates

To : The parents/carers
