

Newsletter

Friday 16th October 2026

Diary Dates

October

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

26th- 30th
HALF TERM

November

11th - Nasal flu clinic

26th – YR–Y2
Christmas Disco
4:15 - 5:15pm

26th – Y3-Y6
Christmas Disco
5:30 – 6:30pm

December

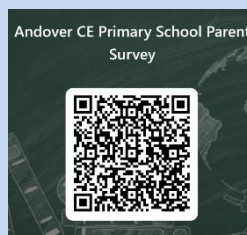
Christmas crafts
2.15pm

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we near the end of the first half term, we hope you enjoyed parents evening and hearing about how well your children are doing. It felt like a community event and I enjoyed seeing more parents who are not on the school runs. We have had really helpful and supportive feedback from parents about how the evening was run and we have decided all future parents' evenings will be run in the same way as it was so positive.

We are sending out a parent questionnaire and there will be QR codes around the playgrounds for parents to use and offer their views. These results will be collated and then shared with yourselves and governors. There is a prize draw of an amazon voucher should you wish to enter, otherwise the survey will remain anonymous.



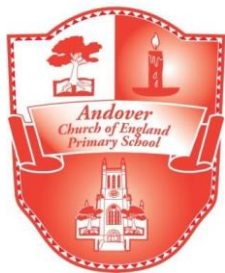
Our website continues to develop and we have added a Pupil tab where you can view class pages and other information for children.

We are very pleased to announce we have a new site manager who is starting on October 26th 2026. His name is Peter Jefferies and I am sure you will make him feel welcome when you see him around site.

We continue our outside development with the installation of a table tennis table at half term for all the children to access at play and lunch times. We have also invested in some new equipment called Kitcamp which is a resource for the children to den build and problem solve in teams.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Fiona Tickle
Headteacher



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16th- YR-Y2 Nativity
10am at St Mary's
Church

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

16th – Christmas
Fair 3:30 - 5:00pm

17th- Christmas
lunch and
Christmas jumper
day

18th- Break up for
Christmas at
1.30pm

January 2027

4th- Return to
school

House points

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

Danebury	Viking	Normans	Saxons
577	425	360	450

Flu clinic

We are delighted with the fantastic response to this year's flu immunisation programme!

An impressive 84.6% of families have completed the consent process, with 72.4% of our pupils due to receive their flu vaccination.

Thank you to all our parents and carers for your support in helping to keep our school community healthy.

If you haven't yet responded using the link provided, please do so as soon as possible, even if you do not wish for your child to receive the vaccine. It is important that we receive a response from every family, whether that is a **YES** or **NO**.

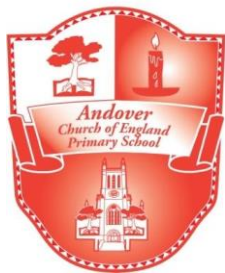
Thank you for your continued support!

Attendance

As we head into the colder months, we know that coughs, colds and seasonal bugs are more common. However, not every illness means your child needs to stay at home.

We want to encourage all our families to keep attendance a priority while making sure children are well enough to enjoy their school day.

- Mild coughs, colds, runny noses and sore throats? If your child is otherwise well and does not have a high temperature, they can usually still attend school.
- High temperature or feeling really unwell? Please keep your child at home until they are feeling better and their temperature has returned to normal.
- Sickness or diarrhoea? Children must remain at home until 48 hours after their last episode.
- A little under the weather? Sometimes getting up, seeing friends and joining in with the school day can help children feel better.



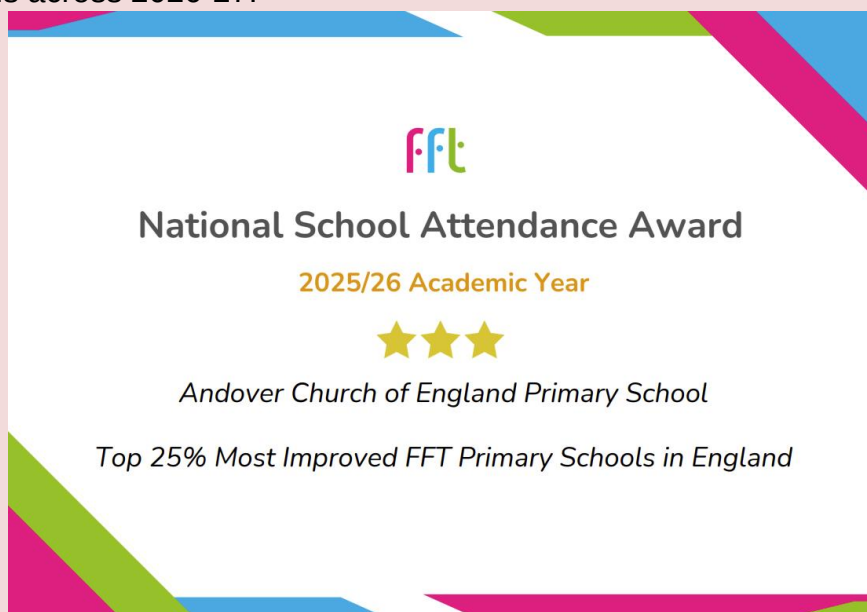
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If you are unsure whether your child is well enough to attend, please contact us. We are always happy to offer advice and support.

We are so pleased to be recognised for our whole school attendance. This was one of our Ofsted targets from our last inspection in June 2025. Thank you to the whole community who has worked on improving attendance including arriving on time!

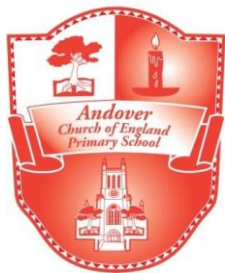
We continue to work with our families where attendance needs support so we can sustain this across 2026-27!



Andover Food Bank

Support Andover Foodbank by buying tickets to the Thruxton Glitter and Glow Firework Festival! Andover Foodbank is thrilled to be this year's charity beneficiary of this fantastic event, organised by Andover Community Events at the iconic Thruxton Race Circuit. With spectacular fireworks, a disco, market stalls, food, light-up tractors around the track, a bonfire and a fairground rides, it's set to be a brilliant family night out! Every ticket purchased helps support Andover Foodbank, so get yours today and enjoy a fabulous evening while making a difference in our local community.

<https://thruxtonracing.co.uk/event/firework-festival>



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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!

New Year R 2027 Open Days

22nd October 9.30-10.30am

3rd November 1.30-2.30pm

12th November 9.30-10.30am

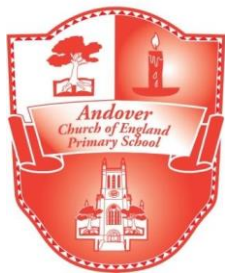
Inset Days

Monday 30th November 2026

Friday 12th February 2027

Monday 12th April 2027

Monday 7th June 2027



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Free funded spaces for
children adults £6.50

High Score Arcade Andover



Sunday 18th October

1pm-2pm

2pm-3pm

3pm-4pm

Under 7s must be accompanied by paying adult

Bookings must be in advance please email
activities@spotlightuk.org
www.spotlightuk.org Reg Charity 1129258



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**Funded by
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**BEST
START
IN LIFE**

**FAMILY
HUBS**

Your new 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.**

