

Newsletter

Friday 9th January 2026

Diary Dates

30th January

Y5 Trip to Windsor Castle

11th February

Y4 Residential to Minstead

16th–20th February

Half-term

23rd-24th February

Bikeability Year 5

25th February

Class photos

18th March- TBC

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

20th March

Year 1-6 school reports out to parents

23rd March

Pop in parents evening

25th March

Listen to Me concert
Year 3 at 11:00am

27th March

INSET day

Monday 30th

March-Friday 10th April

Easter Holidays

Inset Day

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the new school term and 2026. We look forward to working with our families over this year!

Whilst the children look so smart coming back for the new term in their school uniform, there has been an increase in children wearing trainers to school. When the weather was a challenge at the beginning of the week, I completely support wearing trainers or shoes with more grip for safety, but now the snow has passed, the expectation is for all children to be wearing black school shoes please. A reminder the children must have PE to wear on PE days. We do have some second hand PE tops should you need. If you need any support with uniform or shoes please do speak with Mrs Webb on the gate or via email.

The children have all started new topics and curriculum maps will be sent out to all parents. They will also be found on the school website. There will be information coming out about trips this term and the summer for those classes who have not yet been out of school. If you think you may like to help on one of these trips, it is useful to get your DBS check complete beforehand so we can take up your offer of help.

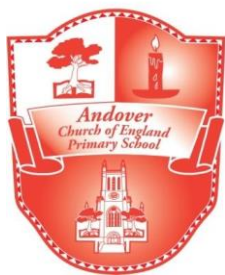
This half term we are focusing on Hope in worship and the children will be hearing stories about hope from the Bible, whilst reflecting on their own thoughts and how having hope affects their home and community. The Faith council will continue to be involved in planning and delivering worship this term.

Year 6 are working hard with their learning building up to SATS in the summer. They will be starting to bring home Maths homework in a revision book which needs to be completed and brought back to school. Mr Bown will share the details of this with the children. If you are able to contribute towards or pay for the revision book then please do this via Scopay.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the PTA for all their hard work this year to raise funds for the school. After the AGM in October, it was decided for the PTA to close for now, so those funds of £2487.21 have been transferred to the main school budget. We will be working to spend the funds on the reading pod as planned and school trips for this year. We will be asking for parents to support at future events by helping on the day of the event.

If you are having a clear out after Christmas and have good quality games, puzzles or toys, we would love to have them in school for wrap around care and other activities and wet play. Please bring these to the school office.

Mrs Fiona Tickle
Headteacher



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The clubs at our school

In Pokemon club we have been enjoying the games and doing activities (and winning prizes). In chess club, we have been doing a competition to see who will win the ultimate prize. In aces or after school club we can play games like playing with the bouncy ball or draw peacefully and eat delicious food for example wraps, pancakes, bagels and fruit. We hope this letter will persuade you to join our amazing after school clubs.

By Stas, Laura and Beatrice

Edited by Caleb

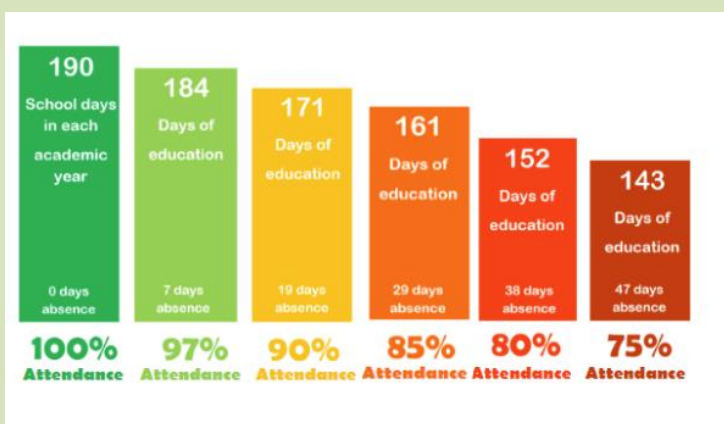
House points

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

Danebury	Viking	Normans	Saxons
45	45	40	35

Attendance

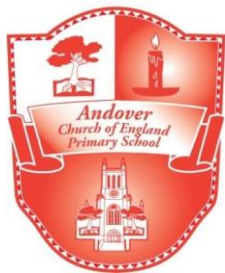
Every day at school counts. Regular attendance gives children the best start to the year ahead. Thank you for supporting positive routines and helping your child arrive ready to learn.



Direct phone number: 07513 105230

Or contact FAO FSW adminoffice@andover-pri.hants.sch.uk

We work in line with Hampshire County Council policy and do not authorise holidays during term time unless it is due to an exceptional circumstance. Should you choose to take a holiday of 5 days or more, you will be issued with a Penalty Notice.



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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.