

Newsletter

28/11/2025



Good afternoon, families. I hope you are all well.

It has been another busy and enjoyable week in school. The children have continued to engage wonderfully with their learning. A particular highlight was the trips to Bury Hill: Year 1, Year 2, and Year 4 all spent a morning planting trees at Bury Hill —trees that will grow and remain long into the future, creating a lovely legacy for our pupils to be part of.

We also enjoyed our Dress Down Day this week. Thank you for all your generous bottle donations; these will be used for our raffle at the end of next Friday.

A reminder that our Christmas Market will take place on Friday 5th December, straight after school from 3:30–5:00pm. The choir will be performing outside between the two schools at around 4:45pm, when we will also be switching on the Christmas lights. We hope you can join us for what promises to be a festive and joyful event.

Managing You Child's Anxiety

Infant parents are invited to attend an anxiety workshop delivered by the MHST team on Friday 28th November 9am to 10am in the Infant school. The aim of the workshop is to offer information around what anxiety is and tips for how to support your child. Please look out for the information leaflet sent home with your child today. Alternatively, the MHST team are delivering an online anxiety workshop for parents of all primary age pupils on Monday 24th November - see the flyer attached with details of how to join.

Online/Internet Safety tips

As technology evolves quickly, it can be hard to keep up – but regular, open conversations make a big difference. There will be times when children need advice or support, especially when navigating the online world. They might come across harmful content or be contacted by someone they don't know, which can be confusing or upsetting. As a parent or carer, it's important to step in when you feel they need a nudge in the right direction. Whether it's about what they're sharing, who they're speaking to, or how they're feeling online, consistent conversations help build trust and confidence.



This week's house points

Portchester	Wolvesey	Carisbrooke	Donnington
398	352	403	362

Attendance

You can track your child's attendance on the Arbor App

If you have any questions regarding attendance, you can speak to Ms Hardy who is based at the Infants.

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. Further details can be found on our website.

[Is my child well enough to come to school? Handy guide](#)

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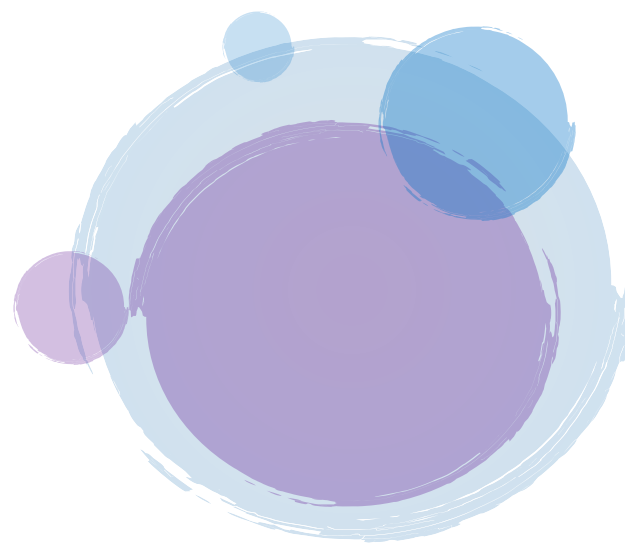
Weekly Attendance

Owls		Castles		Dragons 🏆		Knights	
79.2%		88.6%		92.5%		91.2%	
Dover	Leeds	Windsor	Edinburgh	Highclere	Arundel	Balmoral	
91.0%	92.4%	95%	92.4%	98% 🏆	93.5%	90.3%	

Key Dates

December 2025

W/C 1st Dec 25	Year 6 Bikeability Week
Thur 4th Dec 25	Be Bright Be Seen Day
Fri 5th Dec 25	Xmas Market after school 3.30 – 5.00pm
Sat 6th Dec 25	OPEN DAY (10:30am – 11:30am) for all year groups!
Wed 10th Dec 25	Year R/ 1/ 2 Nativity (1:30 – 2:30pm) – information has been emailed out
Wed 10th Dec 25	Year 6 Ukelele concert (2:30pm – junior hall)
Thur 11th Dec 25	Xmas Jumper Day
Tues 16th Dec 25	Year 3 Christmas Concert – more information has been emailed out
Wed 17th Dec 25	Xmas Disco (during the day)
Thur 18th Dec 25	Xmas lunch
Fri 19th Dec 25	Last day (Xmas holidays)
January 2026	
Mon 5th Jan 26	INSET DAY
Tues 6th Jan 26	Children return to school – Knights' Way Day – Collaboration Value





Supporting the Community



Christmas Fair

Date: 22/11/2025 Time: 10.00 - 15.00

Buy special gifts for your loved ones from a wide range of local stall holders, including jewellery, candles, original artwork and home furnishings.

Christmas craft activities available for children
Festive treats available in the Apache Café

Entry: Adults £3, Children £2

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01264 781086




Santa's Flying Visit!

Saturday 6th December
10.00 - 15.00

Meet and greet with the AFM elf
Professional Photo with Santa in the Scout helicopter
Christmas Craft Activity



Join our AFM elf to make magical reindeer food to take home for Christmas Eve

Drink and Christmas Treat from our Apache Café
Follow our Festive Trail
Collect your gift from the AFM elf

All for £20 per child
Adults £10 (Annual pass holder £5)
Children under 2 years or over 10 years (not participating) Free

If you wish for your under 2 year old to participate and receive a gift etc. please buy a child ticket

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Managing Your Child's Anxiety

An online workshop for parents and carers at Andover primary and junior schools offering information around what anxiety is and tips for how to support your child.

Date: Monday 24th November, 2025
Time: 12pm (lasting 45 minutes - 1 hour)
Location: Online via Teams using the link below:

[Join the meeting now](#)
Meeting ID: 376 824 739 913
Passcode: SF32w9VA

Topics covered:	What To Expect:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What is anxiety? When & why does anxiety become a problem? Causes of anxiety Maintenance of anxiety How to help your child Strategies and resources 	<p>This online workshop will be delivered by experienced mental health practitioners from your schools' Mental Health Support Team. They will talk through the topics listed and give strategies on how to support children who may be having difficulties with managing worry and anxiety. There will be opportunity for general questions.</p>

CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE


Donation Point
Donate new & unwrapped toys for children this Christmas

Deadline for donations 1st December

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7 Bridge Street, Andover
SP10 1BE

For More Information:
07804880072 or michaela@spotlightuk.org
Spotlight UK registered charity 1129258




The Big Christmas Give

Can you help Spotlight bring joy this Christmas by purchasing a toy for our Christmas toy appeal or making a small donation...

Use the qr codes below for ways to donate.

Amazon Wishlist 

Give As You Live 