

Newsletter

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Dear families,

I hope you are all well and that you have had a lovely week.

This week, we have begun to embrace the Christmas spirit across both schools, with our decorations now up and bringing plenty of festive cheer. The children have been especially excited to discover what our mischievous elves have been up to each day!

As this newsletter is being sent out before the Christmas Market takes place, I would like to take the opportunity in advance to say a heartfelt thank you. Thank you to all the children and staff who have worked so hard to organise the event, and thank you to all our families for supporting the school, the PTA, and the brilliant work the PTA does with the funds raised.

On Thursday, the children also celebrated Be Bright, Be Seen, helping to promote the importance of staying safe and being visible while walking at night. We enjoyed seeing so many bright, imaginative and creative outfits! Thank you to all our families for supporting this important initiative, and well done to the winners of our creative costume competition.

From Monday, the children's Christmas Post Box will be open. Over the final two weeks of term, the children will have the opportunity to send Christmas cards to their friends. Please ensure that the recipient's first name—and, if possible, their second name and class—are written clearly on the front of the envelope, so that our helpful "elves" can deliver them correctly.

Looking ahead to next week, and continuing with the festive spirit, we will be holding Christmas Jumper Day on Thursday. Children should come to school in their usual uniform but are warmly encouraged to wear their Christmas jumper.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

This week's house points

Portchester	Wolvesey	Carisbrooke	Donnington
420	405	411	421



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%		92.5%		90.2%		90.2%	
Dover 	Leeds	Windsor	Edinburgh	Highclere	Arundel	Balmoral	
96.3%	92.4%	88%	92.4%	98%	93%	93.3%	

Key Dates

December 2025

Sat 6 th Dec 25	OPEN DAY (10:30am – 11:30am) for all year groups!
Wed 10 th Dec 25	Year R/ 1/ 2 Nativity (1:30 – 2:30pm) – information has been emailed out
Wed 10 th Dec 25	Year 6 Ukelele concert (2:30pm – junior hall)
Thur 11 th Dec 25	Xmas Jumper Day
Tues 16 th Dec 25	Year 3 Christmas Concert – more information has been emailed out
Wed 17 th Dec 25	Xmas Disco (during the day)
Thur 18 th Dec 25	Xmas lunch
Fri 19 th Dec 25	Last day (Xmas holidays)

January 2026

Mon 5 th Jan 26	INSET DAY
Tues 6 th Jan 26	Children return to school – Knights' Way Day – Collaboration Value

Supporting the Community

Christmas Fair

ARMY FLYING MUSEUM

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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Santa's Flying Visit!

ARMY FLYING MUSEUM

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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NHS

MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAMS

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: 376 624 739 913

Passcode: 5F3Zw9VA

Topics covered:

- What is anxiety?
- When & why does anxiety become a problem?
- Causes of anxiety
- Maintenance of anxiety
- How to help your child
- Strategies and resources

What To Expect:

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.

hampshirecamhs.nhs.uk



Christmas activities at Andover Museum & Museum of the Iron Age.

History Saves the World exhibition.

- 19th September 2025- 4th January 2026.
- Discover what we have learnt from the past to create a more sustainable future.
- From planting vegetables to mending clothes find out more at our family-friendly exhibition this autumn.
- Free exhibition.

12 Days of Christmas Family Activity Trail.

- 12th December 2025– 4th January 2026
- 10am- 4pm
- The 12 days of Christmas from the well know Christmas song have been jumbled up all over Andover Museum! Can you find them all, complete the activities and put them back in order?
- Complete the challenge and earn a Christmas prize!
- £1.50 per child.

Craft Club.

- 20th December
- Junk Shop Decorations - bring some junk and we'll help you upcycle it into festive decorations! Bring in plastic bottles, plastic bags, used wrapping paper, used Christmas cards, scrap paper and anything else you can think of!
- 31st December
- Fireworks Fun - create safe (and quiet!) fireworks in a jar and make a pop up fireworks display
- 11am- 3pm
- £2 per child. We also offer a loyalty scheme; complete 4 crafts and you get your 5th for free!

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Back to the Iron Age.

- 27th December 2025 & 3rd January 2026
- 11am- 3pm
- We'll be holding two sessions with our Iron Age reenactor celebrating the Winter Solstice, an important time for Iron Age people, celebrating the new year and fighting off the darkness!
- Included with annual admission to Museum of the Iron Age.

Andover Museum & Museum of the Iron Age.

6 Church Close, Andover SP10 2DP.

Holiday Opening Times: Open Saturdays and Sundays

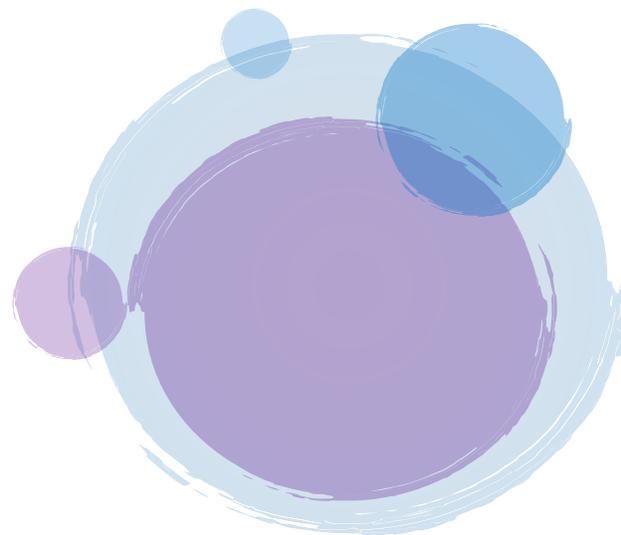
Closed Monday 22nd- Friday 26th December

Open Wednesday 31st December

Open Friday 2nd- Sunday 4th January.

www.hampshireculture.org.uk/andover-museum

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