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**Every Child Matters
Every Moment Counts**

Newsletter Friday 27th March 2026

Dear Families,

It has been a short but very busy term, and I would like to take a moment to recognise how hard all of the children and staff have worked. They have shown great effort, enthusiasm, and resilience across all areas of school life, and we are very proud of them all.

It was also wonderful to see so many of you at our recent family evening. Thank you for taking the time to come along and support your children's learning—it makes such a positive difference.

We are very grateful as well for your continued support of the FSA and all of their events. The FSA work very hard and are always on the lookout for more volunteers.

As the term comes to an end and holidays begin, we will share internet safety tips with the children as we always do. Please ensure you know what your children are accessing.

We hope you all have a restful and enjoyable Easter holiday. There are some Thrive Easter activities on the Thrive page of the school website. We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Monday 13th April.

With best wishes,
Ms Jones



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.



Year 3 at The Living Rainforest



Year R – Ducklings

What an amazing term! A huge well done to our whole class for working their socks off all term. We have been learning about under the sea with our question "what can you find under the sea?" Our maths, English and topics have all been about under the sea. The children have been practising their number bonds to 5 and 10, addition and subtraction to 10 and 20. The children have continued to learn new sounds, practise blending words and write words in phonics. They have also been writing sentences using capital letters, finger spaces and full stops.

Next term our PE days will be EVERY FRIDAY AFTERNOON. We are lucky to have Stow Sports next term. New reading books have been put into book bags for the holidays. Please record when you read, as we keep a record in class. We hope you have an amazing Easter break and we look forward to seeing you next term for our new topic.
"How does your garden grow?"

Year 1 – Puffins

Year 1 have had such a fantastic half term and they have loved learning about London and comparing it to Andover. We started the half term going on a walk around our area searching for human features. We found houses, flats, bungalows, parks and a community centre. The children were so well behaved and were great role models for the school. We continued our Geography by looking at the human features (man-made) of London and learning about the different buildings. We answered our project question by creating buildings we would see in Andover and in London out of lego and comparing them. In English, we have read the book 'The Queen's Hat' and we received a letter from her! We have written replies to her saying what we would do if we were in London for the day. They asked the Queen some great questions and extended their sentences using the conjunction 'and'. In Maths, we have been counting in 2s and 10s and using this to problem solve. We have also been finding $\frac{1}{2}$ of different shapes. We consolidated our learning on finding 1 more and 1 less and number bonds to 10 by solving reasoning problems. They really enjoyed our Art this half term which was learning how to use watercolours. We used this to create a background and then cut out silhouettes of London landmarks to stick on top. Their finished pieces look amazing!

I hope you have a fantastic half term!



Year 2 - Penguins

Wow! Year 2 have been so busy this half term. We have been learning all about Jamaica in our topic, where we have explored what life is like in Jamaica- looking at the food, culture and finding out where Jamaica is. The children have all written fantastic non-chronological reports about Jamaica and we even shared our knowledge in assembly to the rest of the school! The children have loved creating their own fruit kebabs and fruit smoothies in DT this half-term, focusing on keeping safe with equipment and picking a range of different fruit. We have had so much fun in music using the theme of toys to create our own music box composition on the glockenspiels. I hope you all have a fantastic Easter and we can't wait to see you again after the holidays for more fun and learning!



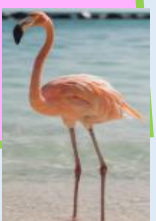
Year 3 – Flamingos

Our term has been filled with adventure and fun - all about the rainforest! Our trip to the Living Rainforest was so much fun and we learned all about deforestation and the impact on the wider world. Our English and Guided Reading linked into our Geography knowledge, and we wrote narratives, descriptions and a persuasive advert, all themed around tropical rainforests.

Our Maths this term has tackled fractions and geometry, which we have linked to our Computing topic of branching databases, where we have categorised and sorted shapes and other objects based on their attributes. Science has focused on plants, and we experimented with growing cress to see the effect of light levels on their development.

Our other foundation subjects include Greek Mythology in Music, Hockey and OAA (Team building) in PE, and our fabulous Art topic of mixed media, graffiti style. We have had another wonderful term, and we look forward to our Romans topic

after the Easter holidays.



Year 4 – Robins

This half term, Year 4 have been very busy across a range of exciting learning experiences. In English, they enjoyed reading *Tomek's Journey*, which inspired them to develop their writing skills by learning about subordinating conjunctions and prepositional phrases, as well as writing thoughtful and imaginative diary entries. In Geography, the children explored rivers, learning about the different parts of a river and even creating their own using natural materials. Their learning was brought to life in DT, where they designed and made their own boats, before taking a walk to Anton Lakes to test whether their creations would float on the river. In Thrive sessions, the class focused on understanding anxiety, learning valuable strategies to help manage this big emotion and support their wellbeing. In PE, they have also taken part in lots of fun team-building games, helping to develop their cooperation and communication skills.

We hope you have a wonderful half term!



Year 5- Falcons

It has been a busy half term for in Year 5. In English, we have enjoyed our book - *The Highwayman*, which has provoked some very interesting reading discussions about the actions of the characters within the poem. The children created their own versions of stanzas 1 and 2 for a different perspective. As part of our history work, we have been looking at how the power of the monarchy has changed over the course of British history from King John's signing of the Magna Carta up to Queen Victoria and her influence over Europe (and the world). In Maths we have been developing our knowledge of number and calculation skills, as well as focusing on learning about decimals and percentages too. In Science, we studied the topic of Making New Materials, looking at the differences between reversible and irreversible changes, separating mixtures and the difference between physical and chemical changes. In P.E. we developed our striking skills with Stow Sports, playing tennis and our volleyball session on a Monday. We have also been exploring the history of Rock and Roll music listening to and singing songs from Elvis Presley, Chuck Berry, Lulu, Buddy Holly and The Rolling Stones. Throughout the half term, there have been wonderful theme days that all the children have enjoyed - Science Day and World Book Day. We are all looking forward to the Easter break, where it will be important to be resting, relaxing and recharging.

Year 6 - Kingfisher

In English, we have thoroughly enjoyed studying *Bitter Chocolate* by Sally Grindley, a powerful narrative set in West Africa. The story explores the experiences of a young boy who becomes involved in child labour on a cocoa plantation, and how this changes him. The children used this text as inspiration for their own writing, producing narratives with integrated dialogue between the characters Pascal and Kojo, as they discussed life on the plantation and the possibility of escape. They also wrote diary entries from one of the boys' perspectives, describing the same events in a more personal and reflective way. In Geography, we have been working towards answering the question: "*Which countries grow cocoa, and how do we get chocolate?*" This has encouraged the children to develop their understanding of African geography, with a particular focus on Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast), where nearly 40% of the world's cocoa is produced. In Maths, we have continued to develop our number and calculation skills, alongside learning about decimals and percentages. There was even time to explore some algebra, which proved very popular! In Science, we completed our unit on electrical circuits, learning how they work and exploring concepts such as voltage and current. In Computing, the children have been developing their spreadsheet skills, using formulas to calculate the cost of journeys and learning how to format cells effectively. In P.E., we have been improving our striking skills through tennis with Stow Sports. We have also continued to build our dance skills, working collaboratively in groups to create disco routines using canon, unison and mirroring.

We are now looking forward to the Easter break, which will be a valuable opportunity to rest, relax and recharge. We look forward to welcoming everyone back for the Summer Term in a few weeks.





ROMAN WAY



AFTER SCHOOL CLUB AND BREAKFAST CLUB

- **Free Taster Session!!** If your child has not attended After School Club before, we are offering a free taster session from next term. Please contact the office to book your session.
- The clubs are run by school staff so children are familiar with the adults. Only open to pupils who attend Roman Way, so children already know each other.
- It's a lovely way for your children to get to know children in other year groups as well as their classmates.
- Want to use After School Club or Breakfast Club but find it too expensive? There is a UK government scheme called Tax free childcare that provides a 20% top-up for your childcare costs. For every £8 you put into an online childcare account, the government adds £2. Roman Way Primary School is an approved childcare provider and we are able to accept Tax Free Childcare payments. If you are a working family on Universal credit, you can claim back up to 85% of registered childcare costs. Please see more information on the Gov.uk website <https://www.gov.uk/help-with-childcare-costs/universal-credit>
- It's an easy process to sign up, simply call the office on 01264 352118 to add your child's name to the group on Scopay, and for After School Club, we can send you paperwork to sign, or pop into the office to sign up. Book and pay in advance on Scopay.
- Breakfast Club starts at 8am, and After School Club is until 5.30pm Mon to Fri, term time.



The Book Corner

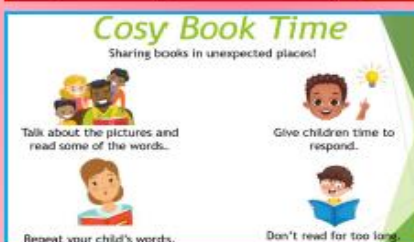
Thank You!

A huge thank you to everyone that has bought something at our *Book Fair* this week. We have already raised over £500 and we will be ready to reveal the full total after the Easter break. This money will go towards some exciting new books that children have recommended!



Chat, Play & Read

During our *Chat, Play & Read* session during *World Book Day*, we introduced a variety of ways to support reading for pleasure at home. We would like to share these with you again, as you may wish to try these over the Easter break.



ARMY FLYING MUSEUM

EASTER FUN AT THE MUSEUM!

Join us each week day from the 30th March to the 10th April for themed crafts - 10.00 to 12.30

Spot the **Easter Bunny** trail available throughout the holidays.

31st Mar & 11th Apr Model Making 10.00 to 15.00	3rd to 6th Apr Easter Weekend Easter Egg Hunt* Keep your eyes peeled over this weekend for the two golden eggs .	1st Apr Three Bees Project 10.00 to 14.00
2nd Apr Spring flower seed planting 11.00 to 13.00	11th Apr The Hampshire Reptile Trust 10.00 to 15.00	

armyflying.com 01264 781086

*please note, additional charges may apply

GLOBE FIT KIDS PRESENTS...

EASTER HOLIDAYS KIDS CLUB EXTRAVAGANZA!

7TH APRIL - 10TH APRIL
8.30 - 4 PM

HAF - FREE FOR CHILDREN RECEIVING FSM
£34 - FULL PRICE

EMAIL INFO@GLOBEFIT.CO.UK FOR MORE INFO

Augusta Park Community Centre, Hampshire

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www.bookwhen.com/globefitkidsclubs

Sports & Team Games, Themed Disco, Picnics, Scavenger Hunts, Nature Trails, Crafts and MORE!

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RS-1-2-1 FOOTBALL COACHING

EASTER FOOTBALL CAMP

Andover - The Sports Academy Astro
Wednesday 8th & Thursday 9th (Easter Half Term)
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM




- ✓ All abilities welcome open to boys and girls aged 7-13
- ✓ Skill based activities, dribbling, passing, shooting.
- ✓ Fun mini games
- ✓ Ball Launcher Activities.
- ✓ Matches and Tournament style football.

£45 for both days or £30 for one

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WHAT'S ON January - April 2025

Southampton City of Opportunity | SOUTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL

EASTER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

Hands on History: Off With Their Heads (6+) Mon 30 Mar 10.30am, 1pm Tudor House £8	Art For All: Wonderful Wooden Eggs (6+) Thu 2 Apr 10.30am, 12.30pm or 2.30pm Art Gallery £8	Hands on History: Titanic Science! (7+) Fri 10 Apr 10.30am, 1pm SeaCity £8
Art School Plus: Mind-blowing Mixed Media, inspired by artist Emma Richardson (11 - 16 years) Drop off your young people Mon 30 Mar 10.30am - 3.30pm Art Gallery £26	NEW FOR 2025 Toddler Time: Beautiful Butterflies (under 4s and friends) Thu 2 Apr 10.30am SeaCity £6	Junior Art School: Paint, Paint, Paint inspired by artist Emma Richardson (7 - 13 years) Drop off your young people Fri 10 Apr 10.30am - 3.30pm Art Gallery £26
Art for All: Perfect Peter Rabbit Puppets (4+) Tue 31 Mar 10.30am, 12.30pm or 2.30pm Art Gallery £8	Art for All: Paintsperimentation Workshop (6+) Tue 7 Apr 10.30am, 12.30pm or 2.30pm Art Gallery £8	CULTURE CLUB FOR KIDS ACTIVITY DAYS (Age 6½ - 12 years) Drop off your young people Three days per week 9am-4pm (drop off from 8.45) SeaCity £35 per day or £90 for all three days Get creative, explore our collections and learn new stuff while making really cool things at our themed activity days. Week 1: Spring Has Sprung Mon 30 Mar, Tues 31 Mar, Wed 1 Apr Week 2: Planet Earth Tues 7 Apr, Wed 8 Apr, Thur 9 Apr
Art for All: Fabric Print an Egg Hunt Bag (5+) Wed 1 Apr 10.30am, 12.30pm or 2.30pm Art Gallery £8	Art for All: Spring Decopatch Plant Pots (4+) Wed 8 Apr 10.15am, 11.30am or 1.15pm Tudor House £6	
Hands on History: WW2 Ciphers and Spies (7+) Thu 2 Apr 10.30am Tudor House £8	Art for All: Clay Axolotls (5+) Wed 8 Apr 10.30am, 12.30pm or 2.30pm Art Gallery £8	
Tour for All: Southampton and the Second World War Thu 2 Apr 2pm Tudor House £10 (accompanying children free)	Tour for All: Titanic Walking Tour Thu 9 Apr 11am Tudor House £10 (accompanying children free)	
	Art for All: MARVELLOUS Clay Superheroes (6+) Thu 9 Apr 10.30am, 12.30pm or 2.30pm Art Gallery £8	

See venue websites for further details on events and to book
seacitymuseum.co.uk | tudorhouseandgarden.com | southamptoncityartgallery.com



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www.riversideactivityzone.co.uk

NOTHING FOR THE CHILDREN TO DO IN ANDOVER?

JUNIOR LASER TAG LEAGUE

RIVERSIDE ACTIVITY ZONE

STARTING FROM 16TH APRIL 2026

EVERY THURSDAY
(TERM TIMES ONLY)

17:00 - 18:30

SCAN THE QR CODE TO LEARN MORE

Terms & Conditions:
Available during term time only. Participants must be 11m+ and spaces are first-come, first-served. Children under 12 must be supervised.

FUN ON EVERY LEVEL

Riverside Activity Zone is operated by Valley Leisure Ltd
Registered Charity No 642760



CK ANDOVER FOOTBALL CLUB



Are looking to create an U8s team for the 26/27 season
(School year 3 from September 26) Playing in the
Saturday Testway Youth League.

We are looking for coaches as well as players. Help and support will be provided to get the team up and running.

Come along to our open afternoon on 18th April 2026 at 2pm. Venue- Barrow Hill, Goodworth Clatford, Andover
SP11 7RQ

Experience or ability is not important
just a willingness to work hard,
learn and have fun.

For more details please contact the club secretary-
Kelly Gibson
ckandoversecretary@gmail.com



Paint Pots Barton Stacey.
Winchester, SO21 3RY

Paint Pots
nursery and pre-school

We are registering children aged between 2 and 3 years old to start preschool in September 2026. If you are interested in finding out about our amazing preschool and what we offer, please visit our website www.paintpotsnursery.co.uk or to contact us for more information or to book a visit, please email Nhena at: pp13@paintpotsnursery.co.uk or call: 01962 760039

www.paintpotsnursery.co.uk

Andover and Winchester Community Public Health 5-19 Drop-In at ACE

(Your local School Nursing Team)

... Need a bit of advice, support or reassurance?
We're here for you.

Our friendly Public Health team can help with:



Emotional wellbeing
& mental health



Healthy eating &
lifestyle



Toileting &
bladder/bowel concerns



Child development &
behaviour



Growth, height &
weight worries



Oral health &
hygiene



Parenting support &
guidance



Parenting support
& guidance



For parents, carers & young people (5-19 years)

No question is too small ❤️

📍 Drop in at ACE – no appointment needed

6 & 27 February, 20 March, 17 April,
01 May, 05 June, 10 July

📱 Prefer to message? Text a School Nurse:

07507 332 417

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grow, thrive and feel their best



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