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**Every Child Matters
Every Moment Counts**

Newsletter Friday 13th February 2026

Dear families,

We have reached the end of another very busy and rather wet half term. We are hopeful that next half term will bring better weather so that we can spend more time learning and playing outside. Every single child has worked incredibly hard this half term, learning about the Earth, Vikings, weather, Egyptians, and so much more. We are extremely proud of their enthusiasm, curiosity, and effort across the curriculum.

This half term, we have also invested in a brand-new handwriting scheme, which we are very excited to launch next half term. This will further support our children in developing confident and fluent handwritingskills.

Please do sign up for the new music lessons if you are able to. This is a very exciting opportunity for our children, and I am really looking forward to seeing the formation of our first school band.

We are also very much looking forward to welcoming back Ms Jones after half term. She has been greatly missed by staff, families and pupils alike.

Have a wonderful and safe half term break.

Kind regards,
Miss Cannell

FAMILY EVENING

Mon 9th – Thurs 12th March

Appointments will be available for booking on
School Cloud from Tuesday 24th February

But please save the date below
appointments from 1pm onwards for SAP meetings

Monday 9th March

SAP for Year 2 and Year 4

Tuesday 10th March

SAP for Year 1 and Year 5

Wednesday 11th March

SAP for Year R, Year 3 and Year 6

Other appointments will be available across
these evenings after school like usual.

Thursday 12th March

Year R appointments only

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 R – Ducklings

What an amazing term! The children have all worked so hard in all areas and we are very proud of them all. The children have learnt about space, planets and have explored facts about space. They have written letters to an alien and have learnt about nouns, capital letters and full stops. In maths we have been looking at making numbers up to 7 in different ways as well as 2D shapes, patterns and weighing items in the classroom. Next term our topic is under the sea. Our question is: What can you find under the sea? PE will now be EVERY Tuesday morning as we don't have stow sports this term. The forest school will be every other Monday but we will send a reminder the week before so you know. The children have been given an extra book in their reading diaries, as well as their current book, so they can read them during the half term break. Have a lovely break and we look forward to seeing you again after half term ready to learn!

Year 1 – Puffins

Although this has been a short half term, we have managed to achieve so much! The children have really settled into formal learning now and their independence has grown so much! In English, we have been looking at the book 'There was an old dragon who swallowed a knight'. We have been working on the fundamental skills of capital letters, finger spaces and full stops and writing simple sentences. The children have used this to create a WANTED poster for the dragon and they wrote a poem about the dragon using super rhyming words. We ended the half term writing a story about a dragon and a knight. We included lots of shared writes where the children gave me the ideas and I modelled how to write them down. We have been learning about who the longest reigning monarch was in History. The children have loved learning facts about different monarchs.

In Maths, we have spent the half term doing lots of work on partitioning and number bonds. We have focused on what the whole number is and what the parts are. We have used lots of different resources such as numicon, multilink and rekenreks to make the numbers. The children have also really enjoyed learning how to login to our laptops and practice their typing skills. We have been using tuned and untuned percussion instruments in Music this half term to create music that sounds like dinosaurs - they absolutely loved it! I hope you all have a lovely break over the half term!



Year 2 - Penguins

Wow! We have had an exciting half term! The children have been exploring the topic question: how does the weather change the closer you get to the equator? We have created our own weather reports about the weather after exploring different countries and their weather. The children have used their geographical knowledge alongside their English, to write their own fantastic non-chronological reports. In art this term, the children used pointillism to create their own weather paintings. We have had lots of fun in computing this half-term, creating music on computers which the children have absolutely loved! I hope you all have a restful and enjoyable half term and I can't wait to see you all again in Spring 2 for more fun and learning!



Year 3 – Flamingos

We have had a very soggy half term, but that has suited us well with our class book 'Flood' inspiring some fantastic writing! Miss Cannell pranked us which led to us planning for a flood emergency, and we produced instructions, setting descriptions and a narrative around this book. We have been exploring more interesting vocabulary and using a range of word types to make our writing descriptive.

In Maths this term, we have used bar models to multiply and divide, and more recently been learning about fractions. We have continued to learn our times tables and improving our recall of the 4 times table.

We have experimented with liquid viscosity and turning ice into water vapour in Science, working collaboratively in gymnastics and made a giant shelter in DT to keep us dry. We have improved so much in our reading as a class, and that is thanks to reading more at home. Please keep this up, as the progress is fantastic!



Year 4 – Robins

Year 4 have had a busy half term learning all about the Vikings. Their project question was 'Were the Vikings raiders or traders?'. They thoroughly enjoyed their Viking workshop where they got to dress up in character and learn all about different aspects of Viking life. In English, they wrote a newspaper report about a dragon landing on the school. They were able to see a picture of a dragon landing on our school using AI. This inspired them to create some fantastic pieces of writing. In Maths this half term, they have been doing lots of work on adding and subtracting on a number line and problem solving around this. They have also been learning how to find different fractions of 10, 100, 1000 and 10000. We hope you all have a lovely half term and we can't wait to see you in Spring 2!



Year 5- Falcons

Year Five have been working super hard this half term and have made great progress. In English, the children have written an explanation text explaining how to mummify a body. As well as writing a discussion piece answering the question 'Is it ok to mummify people? Would you want to be mummified?' In Maths, we have been mastering telling the time and solving problems involving durations of time. In PE, we have really enjoyed learning gymnastic shapes, balances and rolls - they are a talented group of gymnasts! In History, the class have been learning what everyday life was like for Egyptian men, women and children and particularly enjoyed dressing up as Egyptians and creating scenes of their everyday lives. In design and technology, we have enjoyed developing our crafting skills, creating a model shaduf to understand how Ancient Egyptians moved water from the River Nile to their crops in the fields. Enjoy a restful and safe half term and I look forward to seeing you when we get back!
Miss Black

Year 6 - Kingfisher

Spring term One has come to a close and, as ever, it has been a very busy one in Year 6.

The half term's project was titled: Why is the Maya culture important? The children took time to explore and discover where the Maya civilisation was located, what achievements they had and compared their culture with that of the Anglo-Saxons, who were around during a similar time in history. Alongside this, the children enjoyed our book - The Viewer, where they wrote group poems and an alternative ending, inspired by the slightly unsettling feeling of the book. We also wrote first person narratives, in the form of a letter, inspired by the short film - The Alchemist's Letter. We have carried out a number of investigations in Science, discovering how voltage and current work and if the length of wires affect the way a component works in a circuit.

During our Computing sessions the children have been learning about web pages design, copyright and fair use - leading to them building their own small website, which they have really enjoyed doing. We have also been focusing on rolls and balance in gymnastics as well as trying to develop our vaulting skills in P.E. In Art, the children have looked at examples of Maya art and used this to develop their own works linked to their own 'way' - Maya spirit companion. They look amazing. We are looking forward to the break over half term, relaxing and resting before embarking into Spring Two.

As always, can your child read at home everyday, practice their times tables and spellings.





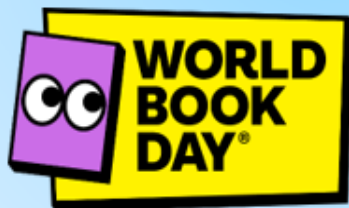
The Book Corner

World Book Day 2026

We are pleased to announce that Roman Way will be celebrating *World Book Day* on Wednesday 4th March. We can't wait to see children come to school dressed as their favourite book characters!

We are using this year's event to launch support for *The National Year of Reading*. This is a joint venture between the Department of Education, public libraries, book publishers and literacy charities. It has the aim of encouraging more families to read for pleasure.

We will be running two family-reading events throughout the day. KS2 are invited to a "Book Token and Bookmark Design Workshop" at 9.00am, with a "Chat, Play and Read" session for Year R and KS1 at 2.30pm. Invitations for both events have been sent home this week. Please return the reply slips to the school office if you would like to attend one or both.



Book Fair: 24th – 27th March

The Scholastic Book Fair is returning to school on 24th-27th March. Available in the hall after-school, there will be hundreds of the latest books available to buy. With prices starting at £2.99, every purchase will help us to get more new books for the library and classroom reading corners.

We are happy to confirm that children can use their £1 World Book Day tokens when buying anything at the fair. Read more [HERE](#).

APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN

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YOUR BAKING SKILLS A GO?

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!



LAST CHANCE TO APPLY 15TH MARCH 2026



Are you a parent/carer with pre-school or school-age children?
Are you looking for a bit of support from a friendly face?



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ACE

ANDOVER COMMUNITY ENGAGE

Family Support Workers from PEAS will be running a parent drop-in at ACE on Bridge Street, Andover Town Centre, on the following dates:

6 & 27 February, 20 March, 17 April,

01 May, 05 June, 10 July

For anything family related, if we can't help you directly, we can signpost you to someone who can.

No need to book

Just stop by and grab a cuppa.



Selected Friday's

When: 09.30 - 11.30

Where: 13-17 Bridge St,
Andover

