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**Every Child Matters
Every Moment Counts**

Newsletter Friday 11th September 2026

Dear families

Welcome Back!

It has been absolutely wonderful to welcome our children back to school this week. The school has once again been filled with smiling faces, laughter and excitement, and we have loved hearing all about the adventures, special moments and treasured memories made over the summer holidays.

A very special welcome goes to our new Reception children and their families as they begin their journey with us. Seeing them arrive in their smart new uniforms, full of curiosity and excitement, has been a real joy. They look absolutely adorable and have already made a fantastic start.

This school year will be particularly special for me personally, as it will be my final term before retirement. After so many happy years in education, I am looking forward to spending these last month's doing what I enjoy most: watching children learn, grow and thrive. I hope it will be a wonderful term filled with success, achievement and many memorable moments for our school community.

We are also excited about the many opportunities ahead, including events organised by our fantastic FSA. These occasions always bring our community together, and I look forward to seeing many of you at them over the coming months.

On behalf of all the staff, I would like to extend a very warm welcome back to every family. Thank you for your continued support. We are delighted to be starting a new school year together and look forward to helping your children flourish in the months ahead.

Here's to a happy, successful and rewarding year for everyone!

Thank you

Ms Jones



The Book Corner

The School Library



The School Library supports Roman Way's reading for pleasure culture, providing opportunities for children to develop a reading habit. Please read below to learn how our resources can be used to encourage reading at home.

Borrowing Books

Every week, children have time to visit *The School Library* to borrow books that are taken home to enjoy. These are different to the colour-banded books used to teach reading, as they are great for sharing and will reflect children's interests and diversities.

This half-term, children will be choosing new books on these days:



Year R – Tuesday or Friday

Year 1 – Tuesday or Friday

Year 2 – Monday

Year 3 – Friday

Year 4 – Wednesday

Year 5 – Tuesday

Year 6 – Thursday

All books will have either our logo inside or an *SLS* label on the spine (see photograph above). Please make sure any books are brought to school in your child's book bag every day, so they can be swapped regularly.

Sora Virtual Library

The *Sora Virtual Library* allows children to enjoy a wide-range of books and audiobooks at home using a phone or tablet.

- ❖ Download *Sora* onto your device or visit <https://soraapp.com/welcome>

- ❖ Enter the setup code: *hampshiresls*

Do you have a setup code?

Enter the code provided to you below.

Enter setup code
hampshiresls

Continue

- ❖ Search for *Roman Way Primary School*.

- ❖ For their *Username*, children must enter the first two initials of their first name and their whole surname. All in lowercase. E.g., *Harry Potter* – *hapotter*.

Sign into Roman Way Primary School

Username
hapotter

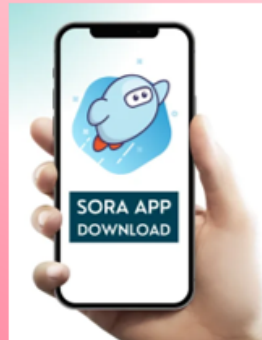
Password
book

Sign in

- ❖ Everyone's *Password* is *book*.

Additional information and a helpful video can be found here:

<https://help.soraapp.com/en-us/5033.htm>



Sharing Books – Top Tips

Here are some strategies to use when reading to, or alongside your child:

Explore facts in
non-fiction books!

Discuss the
pictures!

Use different
voices!

Talk about what
might happen!



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THE ROMANS ARE COMING!

Sunday 13th September, 11am - 3pm

Come and meet some Roman reenactors and learn about life in Roman Britain. Free event as part of Heritage Open Day!

Discover more: hampshireculture/museum-iron-age





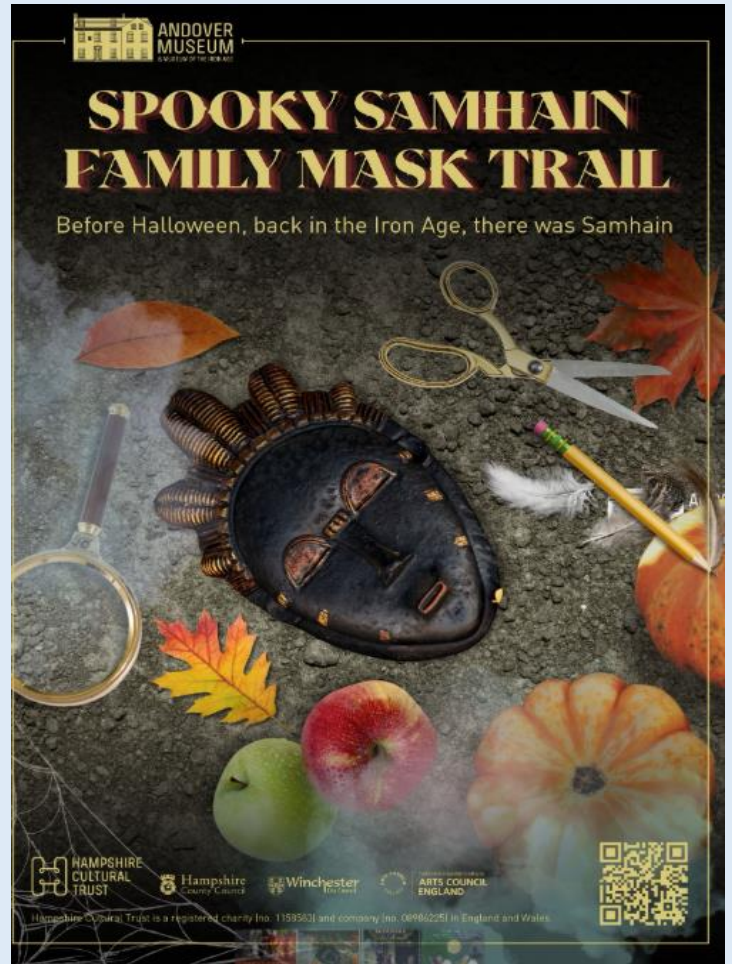

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SPOOKY SAMHAIN FAMILY MASK TRAIL

Before Halloween, back in the Iron Age, there was Samhain








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MUSEUM BY TORCHLIGHT PRESENTS

THE GHASTLY FUNFAIR...

31ST OCTOBER, 4.30-7PM

FREE ENTRANCE | FAMILY FUN | GAMES & PRIZES








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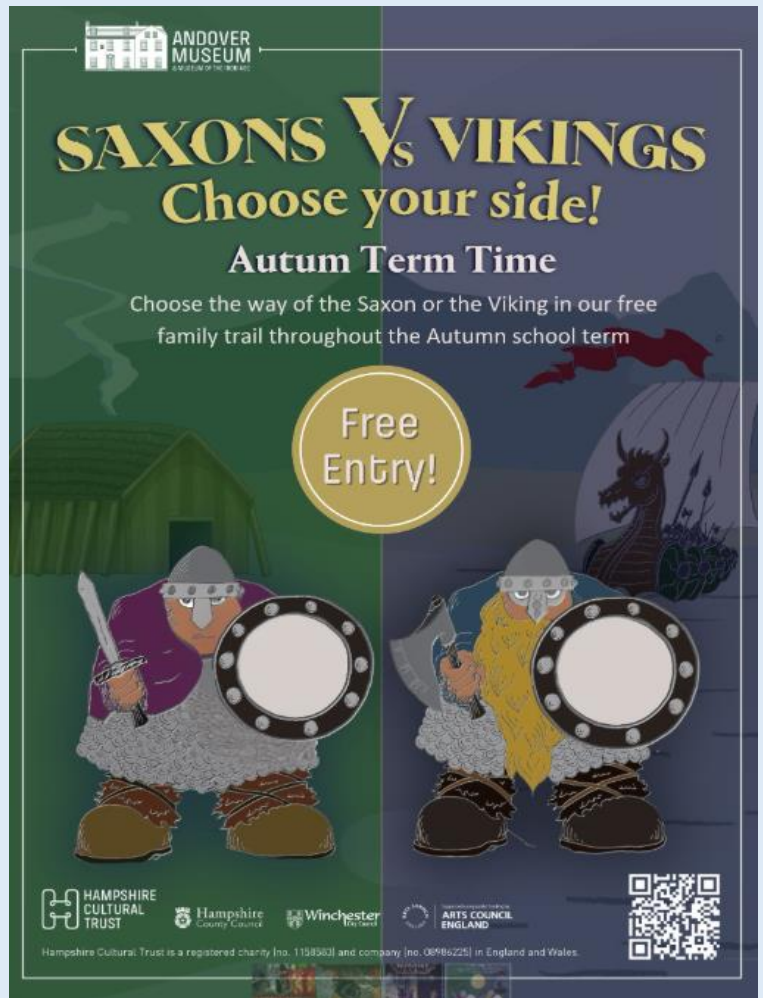
SAXONS Vs VIKINGS

Choose your side!

Autum Term Time

Choose the way of the Saxon or the Viking in our free family trail throughout the Autumn school term

Free Entry!








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CHILD HEALTH CLINICS*

The Community Public Health Advisors from the Andover & Winchester Public Health Nursing Team(5-19y) are offering support with your primary aged child's health

Scan the QR code
to book a 30-minute slot at
Beech Hurst, Andover



How do I manage
challenging behaviour?

Why does my child wet the bed?

Where can I access support
for my child's anxiety?

How do I encourage
healthy eating?

* These slots should not be used as a place to seek advice regarding specific medical conditions



A new way to get support, closer to home.

Andover Foodbank Community Hubs across Andover, are making it easier for people to access Foodbank and support nearer to where they live. Our Community Hub sessions are open:

Ludgershall Memorial Hall, SP11 9LZ
 Mondays 10am-12pm

Picket Twenty Community Hall, SP11 6TY
 Tuesdays 10am-12pm

King Arthurs Hall, SP10 4BS
 Wednesdays 9.30am- 11.30am

Bridge Street Methodist Church, SP10 1BL
 Wednesdays 10am-12pm

St John the Baptist Church, SP10 3AD
 Thursday and Fridays 10am-12pm

To receive support from Andover Foodbank, please arrange a **referral** through a supporting agency, your child's school, your GP surgery, or another professional who is supporting you. If you're not already working with a support agency, you can call 0808 812 6681.

Our hubs will offer the **same Foodbank Support**, alongside a cup of tea, warm welcome, signposting and access to additional support including Citizens Advice.

Questions? Call us on 01264 362111
Website: andover.foodbank.org.uk/locations

andover.foodbank.org.uk

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Other Information



Please look here for updates, events and dates for the diary

Dates for the Diary

**School Terms And Holidays
2026– 2027**

Determined programme of school term and holiday dates for county and controlled schools for the
academic year 2026/27

SEPTEMBER 2026							OCTOBER 2026							NOVEMBER 2026						
M		7	14	21	28		M		5	12	19	26		M		2*	9	16	23	30
T	1*	8	15	22	29		T		6	13	20	27		T		3	10	17	24	
W	2	9	16	23	30		W		7	14	21	28		W		4	11	18	25	
T	3	10	17	24			T	1	8	15	22	29		T		5	12	19	26	
F	4	11	18	25			F	2	9	16	23#	30		F		6	13	20	27	
S	5	12	19	26			S	3	10	17	24	31		S		7	14	21	28	
S	6	13	20	27			S	4	11	18	25			S	1	8	15	22	29	
DECEMBER 2026							JANUARY 2027							FEBRUARY 2027						
M		7	14	21	28		M		4*	11	18	25		M		1	8	15	22*	
T	1	8	15	22	29		T		5	12	19	26		T		2	9	16	23	
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S	6	13	20	27			S	3	10	17	24	31		S		7	14	21	28	
MARCH 2027							APRIL 2027							MAY 2027						
M	1	8	15	22	29		M		5	12*	19	26		M		3	10	17	24	31
T	2	9	16	23	30		T		6	13	20	27		T		4	11	18	25	
W	3	10	17	24	31		W		7	14	21	28		W		5	12	19	26	
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JUNE 2027							JULY 2027							AUGUST 2027						
M		7*	14	21	28		M		5	12	19	26		M		2	9	16	23	30
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Key Dates

Wednesday 16th September
Year 3 trip to Stonehenge

Thursday 17th September
Year 1 trip to Motor Museum

29th Sept – 1st October
Family Evening Appts

Thursday 1st October
Census Day – special lunch

26th – 30th October
Half term school closed

Tuesday 1st December
Pantomime in school

Wednesday 2nd December
Flu Immunisations

Wednesday 16th December
KS1 Nativity AM

Thursday 17th December
KS2 Nativity PM

Friday 18th December
Christmas Dinner

INSET DAYS – School Closed

Tuesday 1st September

Monday 4th January

Monday 22nd February

Monday 14th June

Wednesday 21st July

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.

