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**Every Child Matters
Every Moment Counts**

Newsletter Friday 19th December 2025

Dear Families,

Just 5 days to go! 🎄

The Christmas spirit is truly all around us, and the children are bursting with excitement. This week, we thoroughly enjoyed our fabulous Key Stage 1 nativity, *Busy Busy Bethlehem*, and we could not be prouder of our children. Year R, 1, and 2 learned eight songs complete with actions, mastered their timings, remembered their lines, and worked together to put on a truly fantastic performance. Every single child was amazing, and we hope you enjoyed sharing this very special moment with us and your child.

We would like to say a huge thank you to the much-missed Mrs Eve, who kindly returned to prepare the nativity costumes. She spent weeks dressing, sewing, and organising 90 costumes to ensure every child felt comfortable and looked the part, and they certainly did! The children also performed in front of the beautiful nativity backdrop, which was Mrs Eve's generous leaving gift to the school. It was the perfect way to set the scene.

Mrs Eve didn't stop there; she also dedicated many hours to decorating the school and making it look wonderfully festive for the Christmas period. Thank you so much, Mrs Eve, for your continued care and support.

We would also like to give a special shout-out to Mrs Reid and Miss Morgan, who have spent countless hours washing, hanging, and drying hundreds of Forest School waterproofs each day. With such wet and muddy weather, their dedication has ensured that Forest School sessions could continue without interruption and that the children stayed warm and dry. Your commitment to supporting outdoor learning is truly admirable.

Today, we finished the Autumn term with a beautiful Christmas Sing Song. Each class learned a Christmas song and performed it with great confidence. Everyone joined in, creating a truly magical moment as we all sat together in our Christmas jumpers, embracing the festive spirit. The occasion was made even more special by a visit from Santa Claus himself!

The day was topped off with a wonderful Christmas dinner. A huge thank you to Kinga and Jenny for cooking 167 Christmas dinners and puddings — a huge feat! It was absolutely delicious and a perfect way to end the Autumn term!

Thank you so much for all your lovely gifts, we hope you all have a very wonderful Christmas.

We look forward to seeing you all in the New year.

Miss Cannell

Thrive Information Hub

Please click the following link for information to help you through this busy time

<https://www.romanwayprimary.org/Christmas-in-a-nutshell/>

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Year R – Ducklings

Well done Year R we have made it to the end of a long and busy first Autumn term! You have all worked your socks off and have settled in so well. The children have learnt all set 1 sounds in phonics and are able to blend cvc words. The children have also been working hard to Fred talk unfamiliar words and use Fred in their head for known words. Amazing work! The class have been learning how to subitise to 5, make numbers to 5 and count to 20 and back. Next term the class will be learning about space with our first book "The way back home" by Oliver Jeffers. We will be listing what you might want to take with you to space as well as making a spaceship in our classroom to play in. Very exciting!! Please keep reading with your children at home. We hope you all have a fantastic Christmas break and we look forward to seeing you in the new year!!

Year 1 – Puffins

Wow! What a fantastic half term Year 1 have had! They have coped with the transition into more formal learning brilliantly and I am so proud of them! Our project this half term was 'How does the weather change over the seasons?'. The children have loved learning about the different weathers and how they are different in each season. They created a weather plate using tissue paper to help answer the project question. Our art has been focused on Pop art. The children drew pictures of trees in each season and then used paint to create a Pop art inspired piece of art - they look amazing! In Maths, we have done lots of counting in 1s, 2s and 10s. The children have partitioned numbers, shared numbers equally into 2 and compared lengths and heights. In English, we have been reading the book Meet the weather which uses lots of bright colours for the illustrations. They wrote a setting description of the weather and we have learnt how to construct sentences accurately. They ended the half term by writing a fact file about the weather. Their writing has come on so much and they were able to write their fact files with so much independence. We have begun learning about animal survival in Science which we will continue next half term. We have grouped animals into what animal class they belong to and into carnivores, herbivores and omnivores. We have also spent a lot of this half term learning the songs and actions for our KS1 Nativity. They have worked so hard and we hope you enjoyed their performance! Thank you for supporting your children at home with their reading - it really does make all the difference. I hope you all have a lovely Christmas and I cannot wait to see

all in 2026!



Year 2 - Penguins

Wow! What a half term we have had. The children have been absolutely incredible with our nativity performance, learning their own lines, singing songs and performing to the audience- we are so proud of them all. In English, we have been writing a set of instructions about how to be a postman and now all of the children are experts at being a postman! We have also explored how Andover has changed over time, looking back to the 1920s and comparing it to modern day Andover, drawing a time lapse image to help us make comparisons. I hope you all have a lovely Christmas break and we can't wait to see the children again in January.



Year 3 – Flamingos

What a wonderful term we have had, with another brilliant trip to the Iron Age. Our History learning has given us opportunities to compare and contrast life in Andover from the Stone Age through to the Iron Age. Our Science learning on Skeletons has been really interesting, and the highlight was making our own 'skeletons to protect our 'vital organs' (pears!) and then seeing how protective they were when dropped from the galleon! Our DT project has given us an introduction to pulleys, joints and levers and we made moving hands with great success. Our Music learning has combined medieval dance with composing rhythms, and our Rugby outside has been muddy and freeing, with our indoor gymnastics allowing flexibility and creativity. English this term has been focused on developing spelling and handwriting and performance poetry. We have recently enjoyed a book The boy that Grew Dragons and wrote fantastic instructions on how to keep a dragon secret from your family! In Maths, we have learned more about money and measurement, applying addition and subtraction and place value to these real-life applications. We have worked hard as a class considering other people's feelings and we made kindness a core focus for us. Our Thrive lessons have continued this theme, playing collaboratively together and communicating effectively. We hope you put these skills to good use over the holiday, playing together and enjoying spending time together.



Year 4 – Robins

We have had a jam packed Autumn Term Two, with so much learning to try and fit in.

We have had many highlights over the last seven weeks, but we have particularly enjoyed our DT, in which we made Anglo-Saxon style shields and helmets. The children worked so carefully and patiently on them. The children then got to wear them, along with Anglo-Saxon dressing up clothes for our class assembly. Thank you to families for supporting their children to learn their lines for this - and to those children who stepped in at the last minute for other children. Another highlight was our music topic this term, which was jazz music. We were a little unsure to start, but, once we started scatting, improvising, singing, and adding our own music we had a fabulous time! I was so impressed with the children's efforts and attitudes to their learning.

We hope you have a fabulous winter break,
and Christmas if you celebrate it. See you next year!

Mrs Phipps and Miss Blagg



Year 5- Falcons

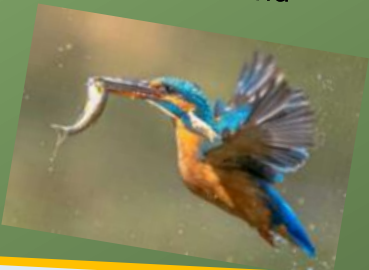
Year Five have been really enjoyed our subjects all around space this half term, as part of our project 'Where would you launch a space rocket from in Russia?'.


Our class text 'Hidden Figures' has had us really fascinated and we are very excited to watch the film as an end of term treat! In Geography, we have enjoyed learning about Russia and deciding where we could launch a rocket from. In Science, we have found out lots of fascinating information about the Earth and the other planets within our solar system, this was brought to life during our virtual reality session, which we all really enjoyed. The children have made super progress in Computing using Google Drawing to create vector drawings with lots of different tools to create and edit them.

Have a super winter break, and if you celebrate Christmas, I hope you enjoy the festivities.
See you all In January 2026! Miss Black and Mrs Wright.

Year 6 - Kingfisher

And so this is Christmas! What a half term it has been too.

This half term, the children have worked incredibly hard with their learning, especially around our learning for this half term's project - Andover or the Canadian Wilderness - which biome would you choose? They have written some wonderful pieces, including a news report about Brian's plane going missing, a very persuasive brochure encouraging people to visit the Canadian Wilderness and finishing off with a short piece of dialogue between two soldiers in the trenches - inspired by an old Sainsbury's Christmas advert. In maths, we have persevered with many things, including fractions and word problems (even when it was tricky) - we are getting there with perseverance though. Our art has been about modern British artist, David Hockney - we learnt about him and his life and then created our own landscape pictures of his famous painting - Garrowsby Hill - the results were just fantastic! In Computing, the children have created some wonderful 3D models using TinkerCAD and in PE they developed their gymnastics, linking rolls, balances and jumps in a sequence and also developing their TAG rugby skills


Finally, can all the Year 6 team wish you all a happy Christmas and a restful New Year - we look forward to seeing everyone back in 2026!

Year R and KS1 Nativity

The children did a fantastic job performing their nativity to the rest of school and their families. Well done everyone!



The Book Corner

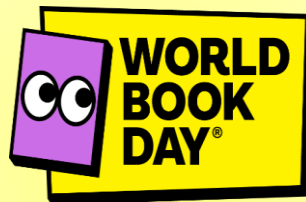


Dear Families,

We hope you and your child will continue to read for pleasure over the Christmas break. We know that regular reading, either alone or alongside an adult, will make a huge difference to children's fluency and confidence come January. Here are some ways to support reading over the holidays...



Take part in the FREE *Winter Mini Challenge* [HERE](#). All children need to do is create their online account and start reading three or more books from home or the *Andover Library*. Once children reach their reading goal, they will unlock an online badge and a certificate to print off. Can they complete it over the holidays?



Click [HERE](#) to enjoy FREE video stories on the *World Book Day* website. These easy-to-follow stories feature familiar characters with different things to talk about as the story develops.



If you or your child are members of *Andover Library*, don't forget to use their *BorrowBox* service to enjoy thousands of FREE eBooks, eMagazines and eAudiobooks. Access *BorrowBox* [HERE](#).



Hot Meals

Grow, your school caterer, are a supportive and nurturing community using nutritious ingredients to fuel young minds encouraging children to flourish.

Our aim is to ensure all children have a hot and nutritious meal every day. This helps with learning development and to become more alert!

It is critical that healthy eating habits are established from an early age and having a healthy meal will help establish these patterns.

The provision of a healthy school meal has proven benefits in relation to uptake, family budgets, educational attainment and addressing inequality.

For more information or to book a school meal for your child contact reception.



Other Information



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

Dates for the Diary

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Key Dates

**Spring Term 1 Starts
Monday 5th January**

Year R 2026 Application Deadline
Thursday 15th January

Census Day – special Lunch
Thurs 15th January

FSA Cheeky Choices Day
Friday 16th January

**HALF TERM
16th February – 20th February**

INSET DAYS – School Closed

~~Monday 24th November~~

Friday 13th March

Monday 15th June

Wednesday 22nd July

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