



Friday 5th September 2025

Diary dates

Dates for the academic year can be found on our website



Tuesday 16th September
KS1 Author Visit



Friday 26th September
KS2 Author Visit



1st & 2nd October (TBC)
Individual & family photos



WC 6th October
Harvest & Halloween Quiz Collection



Tuesday 7th October
Bring your Parents to Phonics (EYFS)
9.00 – 10.00



Wednesday 15th October
Year 4 Harvest Assembly



Thursday 16th October
Year 2 Harvest Assembly



Tuesday 21st October
Year 3 Stone age Day
Halloween Quiz



Wednesday 22nd October
Open Day for New Foundation Parents
15.30–16.30 16.30–17.30



Thursday 23rd October
Whole School Flu Vaccinations
Year 5 WW2 Day
School closes for Half Term



Monday 3rd November
School Re-opens for Autumn Term 2

Headteacher's Message

Welcome back to a new school year.

We hope you all had a restful and joyful break and are ready for an exciting term ahead. It has been wonderful to walk around school and see our school filled with smiling faces, eager learners, and the buzz of learning once again.

A warm welcome to our new families joining our school. Our new pupils in EYFS and other year groups have settled in so well it has been lovely to see.

Anchor News is where we share information about upcoming events in school, local community events, important dates for the year ahead as well as term dates which can also be found on our new website.

We will be continuing with our Parent Forum every half term – please see below for the dates for this academic year. Please do come and join us and play an important part in the future of our school.

Please note that applications are now open for primary and secondary school places for September 2026 and we have some open evenings planned this term for our 2026 intake.

Here is the link for Blackpool Schools
<https://www.blackpool.gov.uk/Residents/Education-and-schools/School-admissions/School-admissions.aspx>

Lancashire applications can be made here
<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/>

Have a lovely weekend,
Mrs Barr



This week in pictures

Foundation

Our Foundation Stage children are settling really well, we are very proud of them!



Year 1

Year 1 exploring the Mud Kitchen and enjoying catching up with their friends after the Summer Holidays.



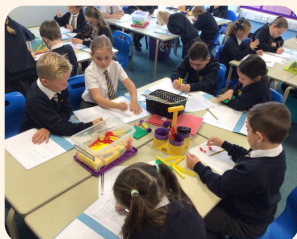
Year 2

Year 2 have been using new maths equipment to help them with counting, recognising numbers and answering questions about place value.



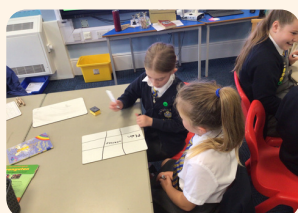
Year 3

Year 3 have been using practical resources in maths. What a fabulous start!



Year 4

Year 4 have loved getting stuck into their learning this week and enjoyed learning their spellings using the game tic tac toe!



Year 5

Year 5 settling in and getting active.



Year 6

Working as a team in year 6!





Attendance Matters



All schools have a responsibility to monitor and improve attendance across their school community. We are committed to this responsibility and ensuring that children receive the education to which they are entitled. It is vital that children are in school every day if they are well enough.

95%	=	47 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 9.5 days or 1 week & 4.5 days of learning missed
90%	=	95 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 19 days or 3 weeks & 4 days of learning missed
85%	=	143 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 28.5 days or 5 weeks & 3.5 days of learning missed
80%	=	190 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 38 days or 7 weeks & 3 days of learning missed
75%	=	237.5 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 47.5 days or 9 weeks & 2.5 days of learning missed

EVERY
DAY
MATTERS!

WHAT DO YOUR
ATTENDANCE
FIGURES ACTUALLY
MEAN?

PERCENTAGES BASED ON 190
ACADEMIC DAYS



Attendance Incentives and Rewards

Our average school attendance across last year was 95.7%, which was above the national average. We were proud of this achievement and would like to improve this further this year.

Attendance per class is shared and celebrated in whole-school assembly each week and the class with the highest attendance are presented with our attendance award to display proudly on their classroom door. The class who has won the weekly attendance award the most times across a term win the Attendance Reward. Previous awards have included a trip to the cinema and an attendance party in school!

At the end of each term, children who have achieved 100% attendance receive a special 100% attendance badge. 100% attendance across one term earns the children a bronze badge. If they achieve 100% attendance across two terms, they receive a silver badge and anyone who achieves 100% attendance across the entire year, receives a special gold badge. Last year, Mrs Hylton presented 329 bronze badges, 121 silver badges and 41 gold badges and she is hoping to beat that number this year.

Thank you for your ongoing support to ensure your child achieves the best possible school attendance.

Notices



Arbor

We would like to inform you that Anchorholme Academy has transitioned its school meal payment system from ParentPay to Arbor, following the discontinuation of the previous meal system by Blackpool Council.

As a result, lunch payments will no longer be available via ParentPay with immediate effect. To continue managing and paying for your child's school meals, we kindly ask all parents and guardians to download the Arbor app on their mobile devices as soon as possible.

Any remaining balances, both credit and debit on ParentPay will be transferred to Arbor within the next week.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation during this transition. If you have any questions or require assistance with Arbor, please contact the school office.

Contacting School

Class Dojo

To contact your child's teacher, please use Class Dojo. Staff will endeavour to check messages from 8am until the children arrive at 8.40am and at the end of the school day until 4pm. Please note messages are not checked during the school day due to teaching commitments and after 4pm.

Staff will aim to respond to your message within 48 hours.

School office

If you need to notify us of an absence, need to notify of us of a change to collection arrangements or your query is urgent please contact the school office on 01253 855215 / admin@anchorholme.svt.org.uk

Thank you

After School Activities



Choir - Monday



Sports Club - Wednesday

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 Anchorsholme Academy

PARENT FORUM

You are invited to our Parent Forum.
Come share your ideas and help contribute to
our school's future.

2025 / 2026 Dates

Tuesday 29th September 2025 2.30pm
Thursday 19th November 2025 9.00am
Wednesday 28th January 2026 2.30pm
Wednesday 18th March 2026 2.30pm
Wednesday 6th May 2026 9.00am
Monday 6th July 2026 9.00am

Confirm attendance at:
01253 855215
admin@anchorsholme.svt.org.uk



SCHOOL UNIFORM

NEW DESIGN

Available to
purchase from
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Clothing mid July
2025



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9th OCTOBER 2025
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BAINES
OPEN EVENING 2025

4-7 PM Tuesday 23rd
September
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**U7
GIRLS
WANT**

KEY INFORMATION:

- Players required to currently
going into year 2 in September
- No previous experience required
- Training Thursdays 5pm-6pm
- Matches played Sundays Across
Lancashire
- Amazing Club facilities

TOGETHER WE ACHIEVE

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