



Friday 5th December 2025

## Diary dates

Dates for the academic year can be found on our website



W/C 8<sup>th</sup> December  
Waterpark visits



Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December 14.00  
Red Class Nativity



Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 14.00  
Blue Class Nativity



Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December 14.00  
Yellow Class Nativity



Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December 15.30 – 16.30  
Choir Christmas Performance



Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December  
Year 6 Celebration of Learning 9.30–11.30  
Christmas Parties Y4 & Foundation



Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December  
Christmas Parties Y3 & Y1



Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December  
Christmas Parties Y5 & Y2



Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December  
Christmas Party Y6  
Christmas Jumper & Christmas Dinner Day  
School closes for Christmas



Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026  
School Re-opens

## Headteacher's Message

Firstly, a huge thank you to Mrs. Glover for organising our Merry Mudder and for all our staff who worked hard in the rain and mud, supporting its' success on the two days it took place. It was fabulous. The children had an amazing time, got wonderfully muddy, and shared how much they enjoyed the experience. Thank you to you all for your sponsorship, we will let you know how much we have raised once all the money has been collected. Please also thank your family and friends for all their support, it is much appreciated and we cannot wait to get our Forest School under way.

In other news, a huge well done to our boys football team who are the current Blackpool Plate Champions! They played extremely well throughout the league and won 3-0 in their final! We are extremely proud of their teamwork and attitude! 🏆 We are delighted to have been awarded the 'Equal Access School' trophy by Barclays England Football association for our continued work in promoting equal access to football for both girls and boys. We are very proud of this achievement and well done to everyone involved! 💙💛

Thank you to Mr Howarth for his hard work and commitment. Our lockdown practice on Tuesday went extremely well. The children followed instructions carefully and completed the drill in an exemplary manner—well done to everyone involved. Class 5 led assembly today, it was lovely to learn new facts about Christmas around the world. Thank you to Mrs Felvus and the Y2 team.

Finally, an important reminder about parking at the beginning and end of the day. Unfortunately there was an accident on Wednesday and a near miss yesterday where a child was almost hit; thankfully, no one was injured. Please be considerate of where you park and avoid stopping on bends, double yellow lines, or zig-zag markings to ensure everyone's safety.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Have a lovely weekend,  
Mrs Barr



# 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.



## Weekly Attendance

Year Group	Weekly Attendance Week commencing 01/12/25	Average this year
Foundation Stage	93.9%	94.5%
Year 1	98.6%	97.5%
Year 2	94.7%	95.3%
Year 3	94.5%	95.1%
Year 4	96.5%	95.8%
Year 5	94.9%	94.4%
Year 6	95.2%	95.7%

## Well done

Well done to Year 1, who have the highest year group attendance yet again this week!  
Well done also to Class 2, who won our highest weekly attendance award.

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

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

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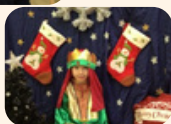
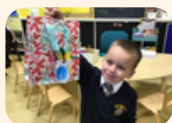
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## This week in pictures

### Foundation

Foundation Stage have had a great week exploring the Christmas provision, preparing for our play and completing the Merry Mudder.



### Year 1

This week year 1 have been finishing of their shape topic in Maths we looked at the different properties of the shapes and decided if they were 2D or 3D shapes.



### Year 2

In Year 2, Class 5 performed their Christmas Around the World assembly this week. Children spoke about different traditions and customs and sang some Christmas themed songs with Makaton sign language.



### Year 3

In Year 3, the children enjoyed creating their own "orange world" and drawing on the 7 continents in the correct position. They used globes and atlases to help them.



### Year 4

Year 4 have LOVED joining in with Merry Mudder this week and getting very wet and muddy!



### Year 5

In year 5 PSHE the children have been discussing what qualities a good friend should have.



### Year 6

Merry Mudder!





# Notices



## MERRY MUDDER!

Reception, Class 7 & 11





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## Blackpool Plate Champions!



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# Notices



## Free School Meals

We want to ensure that all eligible pupils receive their free school meals. It's quick and easy to check if your child qualifies — simply click on the appropriate link below and complete a short application:

- Blackpool Council:  
[Free School Meals - Blackpool Council](#)
- Lancashire County Council:  
[Free School Meals - Lancashire County Council](#)

Please note: If your child is currently in Foundation, Year 1, or Year 2, they will be receiving universal free school meals. However, this entitlement ends when they reach Year 3. You can apply for benefit-based free school meals, which may continue to support your child with free meals through to Year 6.



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## PARENT FORUM

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

### 2025 / 2026 Dates

Monday 29th September 2025 2.30pm  
Wednesday 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](mailto:admin@anchorsholme.svt.org.uk)



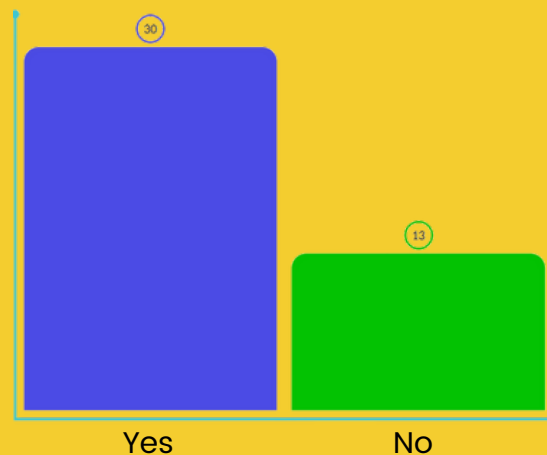
## Junior Leadership Team News

Hello from the Junior leadership team, this week merry mudder has been taking place on the 3rd and 4th of December and Christmas decorations are getting made!

This week's joke is... Who hides in the Christmas bakery?

Mince spys!

This weeks question was...  
Do you think school prepares you for adulthood?



## After School Activities

✓ Choir - Monday    ✓ Duke of Anchorsholme - Tuesday    ✓ Sports Club - Wednesday

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HELPING FAMILIES HAVE A BETTER CHRISTMAS WITH YOUR HELP!

**BFriend**  
AWELLBEING

**Blackpool Christmas Toy & Joy Drive!**

## FESTIVE EXPRESS

**Toy Station**  
Choose from a selection of donated new and good quality used toys.

**Teen Station**  
Toiletries, make-up & games especially for young people.

**Christmas Eve Boxes**  
Bring a little extra magic to your home.

**Wrapping Station**  
All presents wrapped beautifully on site by our Volunteers

**Festive Family Food Ideas**  
Tips & inspiration for affordable Christmas meals.

**Crafts and Activities**  
Free fun ideas to enjoy together at home

**ALL FREE OF CHARGE!**

**Starts 10am to 2pm  
Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December**  
Holy Cross Church, Central Drive, Blackpool FY1 6LA

**We need your help!**  
We're looking for donations of New & Good Quality Used toys, Gift sets, Wrapping paper Or anything else you think could spread Christmas cheer!  
Our team of young volunteers will lovingly clean, repair and breathe new life into pre-loved toys, ready to be re-gifted.  
Ring 07554 454 579 for Information.

**COMMUNITY FUND**

**COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**  
For Lancashire

**Volunteer Centre**  
Blackpool, Wigan & E. Cheshire

**Blackpool Fire Station Christmas Tree Service**

9<sup>th</sup> December from 6pm

**Blackpool Fire Station**  
62 Forest Gate, Blackpool, FY3 9RA  
Free parking is available at Stanley Park Golf Club

**Help us decorate our Christmas tree!**  
Plus... face painting, refreshments, live music from the Salvation Army Band...  
...and a visit from Santa!

**£2**  
per ticket

Purchase your tickets online from [www.lancsfire.org.uk](http://www.lancsfire.org.uk)

Lancashire Fire Rescue Service

Blackpool Fire Station

**Play Badminton, your way**

The simple way to get on court

**NO Strings**  
Badminton Youth

**Blackpool Sports Centre**  
Wednesdays  
4.00pm to 5.00pm

**SUPPORT A GREAT CLAUS at**

# Santa Dash

Walk, jog or run on Blackpool Promenade

**Free Santa suits and medals for participants**

Join us...  
**SUNDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2025**

**Brian House Children's Hospice**

Sponsored by **The Kentown Wizard**

REGISTER ONLINE AT [www.blackpoolsantadash.co.uk](http://www.blackpoolsantadash.co.uk)

**4<sup>th</sup> December 2025**  
4.30pm - 6.30pm

**CARDINAL ALLEN Christmas Market**

Drinks - Hot food - Gift Stalls - Donkey Rides - Face Painter - Glitter Tattoos and a visit from Santa

We are raising funds for young volunteers travelling to Lourdes this July, to assist the sick and elderly on their pilgrimage

[www.cardinalallen.co.uk](http://www.cardinalallen.co.uk)

Free entry but donations welcome on the gate

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