Anchor News

Friday 13th November 2026

Diary dates

Dates for the academic year can be found on our website

Tuesday 17th November
Dance Festival Competition Winter Gardens

Friday 20th November
Year 3 Royal Ballet Workshop

Friday 20th November
EYFS Space Dress Up Day

Friday 27th November
Year 3 Royal Ballet Workshop

Friday 4th December
Chris Smith Author Event Year 1-4

Friday 4th December
Royal Ballett Workshops Year 3

Monday 7th December 9.30-10.15am
Red Class Nativity Dress Rehearsal

Monday 7th December 3.30-5pm
Choir Christmas Sing Along

Tuesday 8th December 2pm
Red Class Nativity

Tuesday 8th December 9.30-10.15am
Blue Class Nativity

Wednesday 9th Decemeber 2pm
Blue Class Nativity

Wednesday 9th December 9.30-10.15am
Yellow Class Nativity Dress Researsal

Wednesday 9th December 5-9pm
Santa Grotto Event

Headteacher's Message

This week, Year 5 and 6 welcomed Ros Dion, a local magistrate, to school as part of an initiative to raise awareness of the important role magistrates play within both our justice system and the wider community. Ros spoke to the children about her role and the different types of cases she hears on a daily basis whilst sitting "on the bench". Following this, each class took part in a mock trial, with children taking on roles such as the defence lawyer, prosecutor, victim and defendant. The sessions prompted some excellent discussion, thoughtful questioning and careful consideration of different viewpoints. This was a fantastic opportunity to enhance our learning around British Values, particularly the Rule of Law, and helped bring these important concepts to life for our children.

We would like to invite you to our next Parent Forum Meeting on Monday 23rd November at 9:00am.Please do come and join us as we continue planning for next year's very special celebration marking 60 years of our school.

Last week, our boys' football team competed in the Utilia Kids Cup competition and successfully reached the semi-finals. Where they lost to Westcliff on penalties .We were incredibly proud of the determination, teamwork and sportsmanship shown by all of the players throughout the tournament. Well done to everyone involved for representing the school so brilliantly and to Mr Howarth for his dedication.

Yesterday, Class 8 proudly shared their learning about the Stone Age during their assembly. We thoroughly enjoyed their performance, especially their fantastic singing. A huge thank you to Mrs Lund, Mrs Duff, and Miss Cardwell for all their hard work in helping the children put on such a wonderful assembly.

Today a group of children attended a dance event at Blackpool Tower and they had the opportunity to dance in the world famous Blackpool Tower Ballroom where Strictly will take place next weekend! They had a fabulous time. A huge thank you to Mrs Spencer and Mrs Gilderdale for facilitating this.

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

Attendance Matters!

Well done to Year 5, who have the highest attendance this week.

National Average 95.4%

Year Group	Weekly Attendance Week commencing 09/11/26
Foundation Stage	95.8%
Year 1	97.8%
Year 2	94.5%
Year 3	94.5%
Year 4	93.3%
Year 5	98.2%
Year 6	94.8%



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

This week in pictures

Foundation

Our Foundation Stage children are really enjoying their forest school sessions.





Year 1

Year 1 loved making hibernation dens in Science this week!



Year 2

Year 2 have been using different apparatus to represent numbers in maths this week.



Year 3

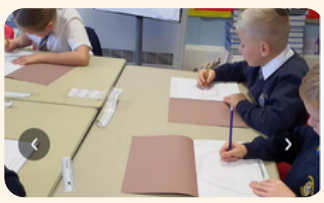
Class 8 were fabulous in their Stone Age assembly this week!



Year 4

Year 4 have enjoyed investigating drinks on teeth in Science this week and starting sketching in art!

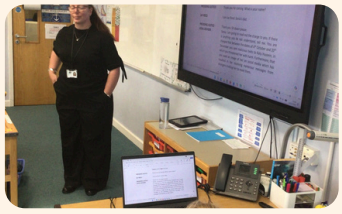




Year 5

Year 5 welcomed a local Magistrate who explained how Magistrates work within the community. They also took part in a mock trial around a case on Cyber Bullying.





Year 6

A magistrate visited Year 6 and they enjoyed acting out a mock trial.



Notices

Junior Leadership Team News

Hello and welcome back to Anchornews,
On Wednesday, we had a lockdown practice but it was expected as we had a briefing in Monday's assembly about what to do in an actual lockdown. All of the pupils did so well and got awarded five Dojos for being such superstars in the practice. On Wednesday, we also had a one-minute silence for all of the brave soldiers who lost their lives fighting for the future of Great Britain. Remember this: They gave their today for our tomorrow. Year 5 and 6 had a visit from Ross the Magistrate who gave us a little taster of her job. Pupils had such a great time role playing different roles in a mock trial such as defence and magistrates. Also, this week in AR Eleanor from Year six got her silver millionaire badge.
That's all for today.
Junior leadership team.

Job Vacancies

📢 **We're Hiring at Anchorsholme Academy!** 📢

An exciting opportunity has arisen to join our friendly and dedicated team at Anchorsholme Academy. We currently have two vacancies available and are looking for enthusiastic individuals who are passionate about supporting children to achieve their very best.
If you're committed, caring, and looking for a rewarding role within a thriving school community, we'd love to hear from you.
👉 View our current vacancies and apply online: https://recruit.sampeople.co.uk/Jobboard/Vacancy/Search...

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Anchorsholme Academy
Open Afternoon for prospective families
Wednesday 18th November 2026
🕐 1:45pm - 3:00pm
Come and see our wonderful school in action!
✅ Meet our friendly staff and pupils
✅ Explore our learning environments
✅ Find out about our EYFS and wider curriculum
✅ Ask any questions about starting school with us
This is a great opportunity to discover what makes Anchorsholme Academy such a special place to learn and grow.
'Together We Achieve'

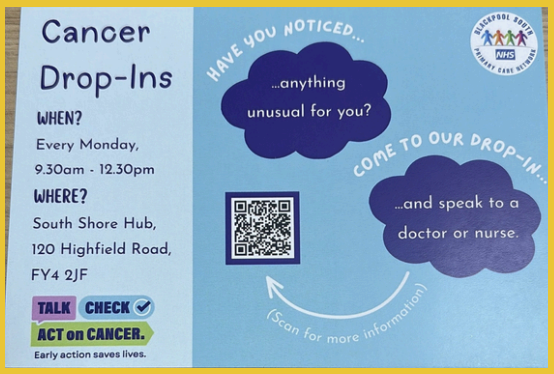

Anchorsholme Academy
Stay and Play Sessions
For Prospective Reception Children & Their Families
Come along to one of our Stay & Play sessions and spend some time exploring our Foundation Stage.
Your child can play, explore and get a feel for their new surroundings, while parents and carers have the opportunity to chat with our friendly staff and ask any questions.
📅 Thursday 15th October
📅 Thursday 26th November
⏰ 3:30pm – 4:30pm
Don't worry if you can't arrive for 3:30pm. Drop in at any time during the session. We'd love to welcome you!
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THORNTON CLEVELEYS
WOMEN AND GIRLS
CRICKET
PLAY
MAKE FRIENDS
BE PART OF
SOMETHING
SPECIAL
For more information contact
Chris Parkin
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PRACTICES STARTING
SUNDAY 24TH
JANUARY
AT HODGSON
HIGH SCHOOL
ALL ABILITIES • ALL AGES • WELCOME


KIRKHAM
GRAMMAR SCHOOL
Join Us For Our
Whole School
Open Day
Sunday 22 November 2026
Two Time Slots Available: 1pm - 3pm | 2pm - 4pm
Join us as we celebrate an exciting new chapter for Kirkham Grammar School.
Discover our new initiatives, meet our inspirational staff, and see the outstanding
academic and co-curricular opportunities that make KGS so special.
Something wonderful starts here...


Friends of
MOOR PARK
BISPHAM
CHRISTMAS
CRACKER FAIR
Saturday 5th December
10am - 2pm
Moor Park Sports Centre
sports hall FY2 0JG


Cancer
Drop-Ins
WHEN?
Every Monday,
9.30am - 12.30pm
WHERE?
South Shore Hub,
120 Highfield Road,
FY4 2JF
TALK CHECK
ACT on CANCER.
Early action saves lives.
HAVE YOU NOTICED...
...anything
unusual for you?
COME TO OUR DROP-IN...
...and speak to a
doctor or nurse.
(Scan for more information)


Scouts
Girlguiding
1ST NORBRECK
SCOUT & GUIDE GROUP
Christmas Fair
Raffle Tickets
ON SALE NOW
£2 each
or 3 for £5
For tickets, message
1st Norbreck Squirrel Scouts
on Facebook
Amazing
prizes to
be won!
Tickets available now
Support 1st Norbreck Scout & Guide Group
Funny Girls
BLACKPOOL
Vintro
LOUNGE
BLACKPOOL
ARCADE
CLUB
HICKORY'S
SMOKEHOUSE
Pepper Pots
JUNGLE
WORLD
THE
HOLE IN WAND
WIZARD GOLF
BLACKPOOL


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Girlguiding
1ST NORBRECK
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Christmas Craft Fair
28TH NOVEMBER
10AM - 3PM
FREE
ENTRY!
CRAFT
STALLS
BACON
BUTTIES
CHILDREN'S
ACTIVITIES
SANTA'S
GROTTO
AND
MORE!
1ST NORBRECK SCOUT & GUIDE HQ,


60
YEARS
ANCHORSHOLME ACADEMY
ANNIVERSARY
2026/2027 DATES
AUTUMN TERM 1
Year group drone photograph
Harvest Festival Item Donation
Creation of a Special 60th
Anniversary Song
Commemorative Tea Towel
Design Project
AUTUMN TERM 2
Christmas Card Design
SPRING TERM 1
60 Acts of Kindness Challenge
SPRING TERM 2
60th Anniversary Colour
Run
SUMMER TERM 1
Whole School Picnic Lunch
60 Laps of the Track
Challenge
SUMMER TERM 2
60th Anniversary Summer
Fair