

Anchor News



Friday 16th October 2026

Diary dates

Dates for the academic year can be found on our website

-  **Tuesday 20th October 5-7pm**
Halloween Event
-  **Tuesday 20th October**
Year 2 All Saints Harvest Assembly
-  **Tuesday 20th October**
External sibling photos
EYFS, Y3 & Y5
-  **Wednesday 21st October**
Individual & sibling school photos
Y1, Y2, Y4 & Y6
-  **Wednesday 21st October**
Year 3 Stone Age Day
-  **Thursday 22nd October**
Year 5 WW2 Day
-  **Thursday 22nd October**
Year 4 All Saints Harvest Assembly
-  **Thursday 22nd October**
School Closes for Half Term
-  **Friday 23rd October**
Inset Day
-  **Monday 2nd November**
School Re-opens
-  **Friday 6th November**
Year 3 Trip to St Andrews Church
-  **Friday 6th November**
Year 3 Royal Ballet Workshop

Headteacher's Message

Thank you to Class 14 for leading a fascinating and informative assembly all about World War II yesterday, a topic they have been learning about in class. The children shared their knowledge confidently, speaking clearly and enthusiastically as they took us back in time to explore this important period in history. It was a wonderful opportunity for our children to showcase what they have learned, and they should be extremely proud of their hard work, teamwork and confidence, which shone through throughout the assembly. A special thank you goes to Mr Jones, Ms Raistrick and Mrs Richmond for all their support and for making this memorable assembly possible. We would also like to thank all the parents and carers who joined us for this lovely celebration of learning.

Our next Parent Forum will take place on Monday 23rd November at 9:00am, where we will be discussing plans for our 60th Anniversary celebrations. We would love for you to join us and share your ideas as we prepare to mark this very special milestone in our school's history.

We are also looking forward to our Harvest Festival celebrations with our Year 2 and Year 4 classes next week. As part of our preparations, we are hoping to receive donations and are setting ourselves a special challenge linked to our upcoming 60th birthday: 60 donations from Y2 and Y4. We will be working with Reverend Antony to distribute the donations to members of our local community and to support the local food bank. Thank you in advance for your generosity and continued support. Together, we can make a real difference to those in need while celebrating this important time of year.

Please can we ask that you park considerately when dropping off and collecting children from school. This week, we have received concerns and complaints from our local residents regarding inconsiderate parking.

Please help us to keep everyone safe by:

Avoiding parking on pavements, dropped kerbs or zig-zag lines.

Not blocking driveways or access points.

Parking legally and responsibly, even if it means a slightly longer walk to school.

Being mindful of our neighbours and the impact school traffic can have on the local community.

The safety of our children is our priority, and considerate parking helps to ensure that pupils, families and local residents can move around safely at the busiest times of the day. Thank you to the vast majority of parents and carers who already park respectfully and support us in maintaining positive relationships with our neighbours. Your cooperation with this is greatly appreciated.

Enjoy the 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 3, who have the highest attendance this week.

National Average 95.6%

Year Group	Weekly Attendance Week commencing 05/10/26
Foundation Stage	96.7%
Year 1	94.8%
Year 2	96.2%
Year 3	96.9%
Year 4	93.2%
Year 5	96.8%
Year 6	95.9%



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

Foundation enjoyed sharing the story Handa's Surprise and investigating different fruits and vegetables as part of their Harvest topic.



Year 1

Year 1 have loved learning all about their sense of smell this week. Some mystery smells were very smelly!



Year 2

In RE this week, children in Year 2 have been creating helping hand promises.



Year 3

Year 3 have enjoyed a maths carousel in class this week. This involved solving maths questions using pinball games, spin the wheel and darts to name a few!



Year 4

Year 4 enjoyed sharing their learning from Fit 2 Go with the parents and grown ups yesterday in an active fashion!



Year 5

As part of their WW2 learning, Year 5 created a remembrance memorial to honour those affected by the war and to reflect on the legacy of WW2.



Year 6

Year 6 listened to an informative talk about fire safety and road safety delivered by two local firemen.



Notices



Junior Leadership Team News

Welcome back to Anchornews!

This week Year 6 have been doing some mock SATs as well as a visit from Brian and Patrick from the Lancashire Fire department for fire and road safety. We also had a great assembly on Friday when Jessica Townsend came in to show us her series of novels called Nevermore and she showed us her new addition to it. This Friday is a non-uniform day for Halloween donations and the Autumn harvest is coming up soon. Year 2 and 4 are performing a harvest show at All Saints Church and they have been asked to donate 60 foods (to celebrate Anchorsholme's 60th Anniversary) to give to a food bank in the Blackpool and Cleveleys area.

That's all Folks.

The Junior Leadership Team

Missing Coat

Please could everyone have a quick look at home for a missing Regatta coat, age 9-13?

It was brought into school on Friday for 8am football and hasn't been seen since.

Please let the school office know if you have picked it up by mistake. Thank you! 😊



School Photos

Our school photographer will be in school on Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st October to take individual and sibling school photos.

If your child has a younger or older sibling who attends another school or nursery, you are welcome to bring them into school at 8.00am on Tuesday 20th October to have a sibling photograph taken together. Please come to the main office.

The timetable for individual photographs is as follows:

Tuesday 20th October

External sibling photos 8.00am

EYFS, Y3 & Y5

Wednesday 21st October

Y1, Y2, Y4 & Y6

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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!

'Together We Achieve'



Notices



60 YEARS
ANCHORSHOLME ACADEMY
ANNIVERSARY
2026/2027 DATES

As we celebrate Anchorsholme Academy's 60th Anniversary, we have an exciting year of activities planned to bring our whole school community together. Throughout the year, pupils, staff, families and friends of the academy will have the opportunity to take part in special events, creative projects and fundraising activities as we reflect on our proud history and look forward to an exciting future.

AUTUMN TERM 1	SPRING TERM 2
📷 Year group drone photograph	🏃 60th Anniversary Colour Run
🎁 Harvest Festival Item Donation	
🎵 Creation of a Special 60th Anniversary Song	SUMMER TERM 1
👕 Commemorative Tea Towel Design Project	🍷 Whole School Picnic Lunch
AUTUMN TERM 2	🏁 60 Laps of the Track Challenge
🎄 Christmas Card Design	SUMMER TERM 2
SPRING TERM 1	🌞 60th Anniversary Summer Fair
💙 60 Acts of Kindness Challenge	

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

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS – SEPTEMBER 2027

PRIMARY APPLICATIONS
If your child was born between **1st September 2022** and **31st August 2023**, you must apply for a Primary School Reception place for September 2027. (Applications are required for all children with a 4th birthday between 1st September 2026 and 31st August 2027).

SECONDARY APPLICATIONS
If your child is in the final year of primary education (Year 6), you must apply for a Secondary School Year 7 place for September 2027. (Applications are required for all children who are in their final year at a primary school).
If you live in Blackpool (pay council tax to Blackpool) –

APPLY FOR A SCHOOL PLACE ON-LINE AT:
www.blackpool.gov.uk/schooladmissions

Before you complete and submit your application you are advised to read Blackpool Council's guide for parents at: www.blackpool.gov.uk/schooladmissions
The on-line system offers a quick and secure means of applying for places. Paper applications and information booklets are available from schoolaccess@blackpool.gov.uk or telephone 01253 476637.

CLOSING DATES FOR APPLICATIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2027
PRIMARY APPLICATIONS – BY 15TH JANUARY 2027
SECONDARY APPLICATIONS – BY 31ST OCTOBER 2026

Applications received after the closing dates will be processed after all those which are received on time. If you apply late this may reduce your chances of an offer for one of your preferred schools.

PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE IT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE!

If you pay your council tax to Wyre or Fylde then you will need to access Lancashire's on-line application system at www.lancashire.gov.uk. You can still express preferences for Blackpool schools on Lancashire's application system.

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