



Friday 17th October 2025

Diary dates

Dates for the academic year can be found on our website



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

Lost and Found

We've had a trio of cuddly visitors arrive at Reception – three teddy bears have been found around the school grounds and are now waiting patiently to be reunited with their owners.

If your child is missing a teddy, or if you know someone who might be, please pop by Reception to see if one of these furry friends belongs to you. Let's help these teddies find their way home!



Headteacher's Message

This week we celebrated Harvest at All Saints Church, Anchorsholme. A big thank you to our amazing Year 2 and Year 4 children for leading the services so beautifully. Your singing, readings, acting, catwalks and prayers made us all feel proud and reminded everyone how important it is to be thankful and to share with others.

We're also really grateful to Reverend Anthony and the church team at All Saints for welcoming us so kindly and helping to make both services so special.

A huge thank you also must go to our Y2 & Y4 staff who without their dedication and hard work, this would have not been possible.

Thank you also to all our parents and carers for your generous harvest gifts and donations. Everything collected will be shared with people in our local community, helping to make a real difference.

It was such a lovely way to come together as a school family to celebrate the season of thankfulness.

Please can I also remind everyone of the importance of parking safely and considerately around school, including at Breakfast Club and After School Club times.

Earlier this week, on Wednesday, there was a serious near miss involving a child outside school. Thankfully, no one was hurt, but it was a very worrying incident and could easily have had tragic consequences.

Please ensure the following to help keep the entrances and exits of school safe:

Do not park on bends, double yellow lines, or anywhere that blocks visibility such as near the entrance of our school drive.

Do not block our neighbours' driveways or crossing points.

Always park safely and consider how children may need to cross the road.

Even stopping "just for a minute" can create a dangerous situation for children walking to and from school.

The safety of our pupils must always come first. We appreciate everyone's support in ensuring the area around school is as safe as possible for our children and families and to help keep our school community safe.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

Mrs Spooner, one of our valued EYFS teaching assistants, will be starting her maternity leave from Monday. We are incredibly excited for her as she prepares to welcome her new arrival, and we wish her all the very best during this special time. Please join us in sending her our warmest wishes and best of luck! We can't wait to meet Baby Spooner.

Have a lovely weekend,
Mrs Barr



This week in pictures

Foundation

Foundation Stage are enjoying exploring fruits and vegetables and finding out how they are harvested.



Year 1

This week in history Year 1 have enjoyed sorting various objects into past and present.



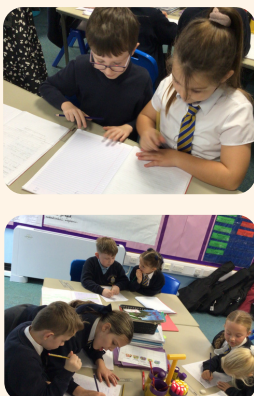
Year 2

In Year 2 science, we have started an investigation to find out whether older children have larger hand spans. Next week we will see if our predictions are correct. 😊



Year 3

Year 3 have been working hard on their paired writing with a partner. They had to do 1 sentence at a time whilst supporting each other with sentence structure, punctuation and presentation.



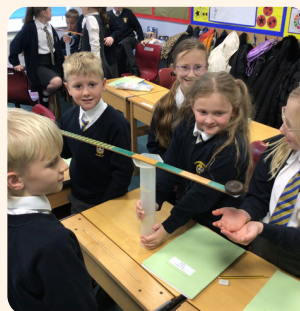
Year 4

Year 4 have had a busy week, visiting Cressida Cowell, performing in their Harvest assembly at All Saints and celebrating the end of Fit 2 Go!



Year 5

Year 5 have been Investigating levers. Does a longer lever make it easier to lift a load? Y5 investigated to find the answer?



Year 6

UNSTOPPABLE!
Tuesday afternoon was our last session with Oily from BFC. We have really enjoyed our PSHE lessons looking at resilience, friendships, behaviour and relationships and enjoyed the book Unstoppable even more!





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 13/10/25	Average this year
Foundation Stage	95.1%	96.1%
Year 1	96.1%	97.6%
Year 2	96.2%	96.0%
Year 3	97.3%	96.4%
Year 4	95.7%	95.4%
Year 5	95.4%	94.8%
Year 6	94.6%	95.5%

Well done

Well done to Year 3, who have the highest year group attendance this week.
Well done also to Class 4 and Class 7, who both won our highest attendance award this week.

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.

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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.

Closing date for High School applications

1.

<https://www.blackpool.gov.uk/Residents/Education-and-schools/School-admissions/Apply-for-a-secondary-school-place.aspx>

Apply for a High School Place – closing date of Friday 31st October 2025.

2.

<https://www.blackpool.gov.uk/Residents/Education-and-schools/School-admissions/Apply-for-a-primary-school-place.aspx>

Apply for a Primary School Place – closing date of Thursday 15th January 2026.

Flu Vaccinations

The closing date for flu vaccinations is Thursday 23rd October. Please

Use the link below to access the online consent form:
www.bthimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu

Enter the unique school code with BP in capital letters

The code for your school is:
BP140124

Flu Vaccination (Nasal spray)

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www.anchorsholme.co.uk

Fun activities

we learn

Open Evening!

Or by appointment during the school day

Please call the school office to book your place
01253 855215

Open Evenings
Wednesday 1st October 2025
3.30pm-5.30pm
Wednesday 22nd October 2025
3.30pm to 5.30pm

East Pines Drive
Thornton-Cleveley
FY5 3EX
E: 01253 855215

Taekwondo Reminder

Message from Mr Lee – There will be no Taekwondo Tuesday 21st October

He looks forward to welcoming you all back after half term.

After School Activities

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

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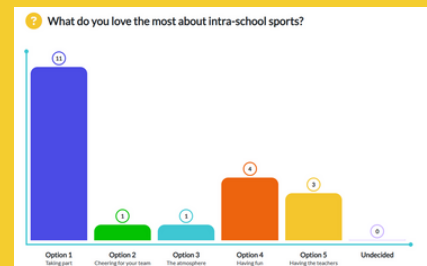
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Junior Leadership Team News

Hello from the Junior Leadership Team...
In year six we have been doing mock sats. We have all done a great job and are excited for the opportunity sats will give us for high school. In Year 6 we are all excited for the chance to do a silent disco; many of us have already finished our charts and can't wait for the silent disco...

This is how your smart student council voted...
Thanks for reading!



TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

ANCHORSHOLME ACADEMY'S

HALLOWEEN QUIZ

OCTOBER 21ST 6-8PM

PUMPKIN AND COSTUME COMPETITIONS

Halloween Quiz Tickets now on sale!
Adults £4.00
Children £2.50
Available from the school office.

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

- 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

Kirkham Grammar School

Dear Parent/Guardian

As your child is now enjoying one of the last two years of their primary education, I am sure you will be starting to think about the next chapter for them. In preparation for this I am delighted to inform you that Kirkham Grammar School is now taking bookings for our next, ever popular, 'Twilight Taster Evening' to be held on Monday 10 November 2025 starting at 4.30 pm and finishing at 6.30 pm. This experience will provide an overview of what life is like at Kirkham Grammar School and pupils will also get the opportunity to meet other children who may eventually become their peers.

Your child will be able to choose from three options of two lessons and an evening meal here in the senior school.

Please click on the following link to be directed to the bookings page:
<https://kirkhamgrammar.simplybook.it/v2/#book/service/64/count/1/>

Parents/Guardians are invited to join us prior to collection for refreshments from 6.15 pm where our Admissions Manager, Mrs Hunt and other key staff will be available to talk to you about any transition related queries you may have.

We look forward to seeing you then.

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Join us for a
WICKED
Good Time
Saturday 15th November 2025

Come on down to the Ozdust Ballroom and meet Glinda and Elphaba at 10am at The Tavern at the Mill, Thornton-Cleveleys, FY5 4JZ.

There will be dance offs, sing-a-longs, a themed snack station, a prize for best dressed and much more.

For tickets please contact thorntoncleveleysgala@outlook.com tickets are limited so book now so you don't miss out!! Tickets are non-refundable.

All money raised will go towards Thornton-Cleveleys Gala 2026.

Tickets
£10 per child 4-16 years
£5 per child 0-3 years
(1 adult free per entry, £3 additional adults)

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Diwali

Diwali Lights Switch On
FRIDAY 17TH OCTOBER 2025
FROM 5PM | COMEDY CARPET | BLACKPOOL PROMENADE

Bollywood Style Party
SATURDAY 18TH OCTOBER 2025
FROM 6.30PM | THE BLACKPOOL TOWER

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A NIGHT OF UNFORGETTABLE CELEBRATIONS & SURPRISES!

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WIGAN WARRIORS FOUNDATION

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27TH - 30TH OCTOBER | 10AM-2PM | AGES 5-16
HEYSHAM ATOMS MONDAY 27 OCTOBER
CHORLEY PANTHERS TUESDAY 28 OCTOBER
BLACKPOOL SCORPIONS WEDNESDAY 29 OCTOBER
EGREMONT THURSDAY 30 OCTOBER

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£10 PER PERSON

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- ✓ Builds Confidence
- ✓ Improves Focus & Discipline
- ✓ Develops Respect & Self-Control
- ✓ Encourages Fitness & Healthy Lifestyle
- ✓ Teaches Self-Defence Skills
- ✓ Fun & Engaging Classes





Every Tuesday, collection 4.05pm from reception
 £7 per class (payable per half-term block).
 £22 yearly licence. Book a place now
www.northerntaekwondo.co.uk 07779 275207

PICK & MIX PALS

Phase One schedule

SESSIONS ARE COMPLETELY FREE, AND SUITABLE FOR TOTAL BEGINNERS.
 THOSE WITH MORE EXPERIENCE ARE VERY WELCOME TO JOIN US TO TAKE
 PART IN OUR SOCIAL, RELAXED SETTING!



BLOCK 1	12TH AUG	19TH AUG	26TH AUG	2ND SEPT
	ART: STILL LIFE DRAWING WITH ELIZABETH	ART: FIGURE DRAWING WITH ELIZABETH	ART: PORTRAITS WITH ELIZABETH	ART: LANDSCAPES WITH ELIZABETH

9TH OF SEPT: MEDITATION & MINDFULNESS

BLOCK 2	16TH SEPT	23RD SEPT	30TH SEPT	7TH OCT
	GENTLE EXERCISE WITH RACHEL	GENTLE EXERCISE WITH RACHEL	GENTLE EXERCISE WITH RACHEL	GENTLE EXERCISE WITH RACHEL

14TH OF OCT: INDOOR PLANTING
 21ST OF OCT: HALLOWEEN CRAFTS

BLOCK 3	28TH OCT	4TH NOV	11TH NOV	18TH NOV
	DIGITAL CONFIDENCE WITH ROBERT	DIGITAL CONFIDENCE WITH ROBERT	DIGITAL CONFIDENCE WITH ROBERT	DIGITAL CONFIDENCE WITH ROBERT

25TH OF NOVEMBER: CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING

BLOCK 4	2ND DEC	9TH DEC	16TH DEC	23RD DEC
	FESTIVE FRIENDS SING- ALONG WITH MARTHA	FESTIVE FRIENDS SING- ALONG WITH MARTHA	FESTIVE FRIENDS SING- ALONG WITH MARTHA	FESTIVE FRIENDS CHRISTMAS PARTY SING-A-LONG








OCTOBER CAMPS '25

MONDAY 20TH - FRIDAY 31ST OCTOBER

£13 PER DAY OR £55 MONDAY TO FRIDAY



SPORTS CAMP

AGE 5 - 14
SCAN FOR SPORTS
CAMP INFORMATION



FOOTBALL CAMP

AGE 5 - 14
SCAN FOR FOOTBALL
CAMP INFORMATION



GIRLS FOOTBALL CAMP

AGE 7 - 14
SCAN FOR GIRLS FOOTBALL
CAMP INFORMATION



DANCE CAMP

AGE 5 - 14
SCAN FOR DANCE
CAMP INFORMATION

www.bfcct.co.uk
Charity Registration Number: 1128259





HOLIDAY ACTIVITY AND FOOD CAMP

If your child attends a Blackpool school and receives benefit related **FREE SCHOOL MEALS** they can access our Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) Camps during school holidays for free. We have HAF Camps for primary, secondary and SEND pupils.

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- Dodgeball
- Arts & Crafts
- Cricket
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