# Anchor News

Friday 18th September 2026

## Diary dates

**Dates for the academic year can be found on our website**

**Wednesday 23rd September 3.30-5.30pm**
**Open Day for New EYFS Parents**

**Thursday 24th September 11am**
**Transition Visit from Milfield**

**Friday 25th September**
**Whole School-Intra School Sports**

**Monday 28th September**
**BSYW Assembley 9-9.30am**

**Tuesday 29th September 3.30-4.30pm**
**PTFA Meeting**

**Wednesday 30th September 9-9.40am**
**Bring Your Parents to Phonics**

**TBC- Transition Visit From Milfield**

## Headteacher's Message

We have had another great week in school and I am delighted to share with you the names of our newly appointed Sports Captains. Congratulations to these children on their achievement. We know they will be wonderful role models and ambassadors for sport across our school.

| Red | Green |
|---|---|
| Nancy | Toby |
| Nathan | Sophie |
| **Blue** | **Yellow** |
| Theo | Daisy |
| Oliver | Miriam |

Yesterday, we welcomed Vicky Gent, Director of Children's Services for Blackpool, and today we welcomed Katie DiGiorgi, Assistant Director for Education and Inclusion. Both visitors commented on what a lovely school Anchorsholme is and were particularly impressed by how polite, welcoming and respectful our children were. They felt genuinely welcomed during their visits, which is something we are extremely proud of. Our children continue to be excellent ambassadors for our school, and it was wonderful to receive such positive feedback.

We kindly ask that parents and carers collecting children from Key Stage 2 (Years 3 to 6) wait on the Year 3/4 playground and remain behind the designated coned area. Please also avoid waiting directly outside classroom doors. This arrangement helps our children leave the building safely and allows staff to clearly identify the authorised adult collecting each child. Maintaining clear walkways also supports the smooth and safe dismissal of all pupils. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility, and we greatly appreciate your continued cooperation and support in helping us provide a safe environment for every child. Thank you for working with us to keep our school community safe.

On Monday, the Parent Forum met to discuss plans for our forthcoming 60th Anniversary Year. You may already have seen a copy of the flyer outlining some of the exciting events we have planned. Further information about each event will be shared closer to the time, but we are already looking forward to celebrating this special milestone with our school family and the wider local community.
One exciting piece of news is that we are hoping to reinstate our Summer Fair, which is planned to take place on Friday 25th June 2027. Please save the date in your diaries. We look forward to what promises to be a fantastic community event.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We hope you all enjoy a lovely weekend with your families.

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 Foundation Stage, who have the highest attendance yet again this week!

| Year Group | Weekly Attendance Week commencing 14/09/26 |
|---|---|
| Foundation Stage | 99.8% |
| Year 1 | 96.9% |
| Year 2 | 97.8% |
| Year 3 | 96.1% |
| Year 4 | 95.1% |
| Year 5 | 97.3% |
| Year 6 | 96.7% |






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

We are so proud of how well our FS children have settled in and made new friends.





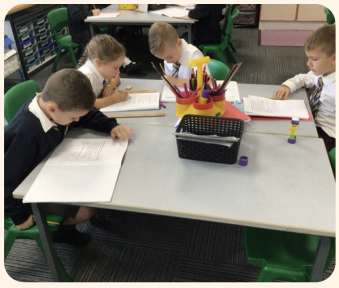
## Year 1

Year 1 love enjoying a story at the end of the day!



## Year 2

Year 2 children have been learning about different word classes in their writing lessons. This week's focus was identifying verbs and using correct verbs in sentences about Supertato.😀



## Year 3

Year 3 have been working very hard with place value in maths and have also been on a vocabulary hunt during writing lessons!






## Year 4

Year 4 have learnt about the Eat Well Guide in Fit 2 Go this week and planned for a well balanced diet!



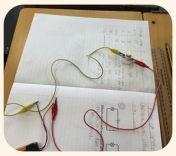
## Year 5

Year 5 focused on agility and speed in athletics




## Year 6

Year 6 have been enjoying their science topic electricity. They have been creating simple circuits and exploring how voltage affects a circuit.


# Notices

## Junior Leadership Team News

Welcome back to Anchor News. This week has been another busy one as we are getting properly back into the swing of school. Everyone this week has been fantastic. The teachers have been planning AWESOME lessons. The children have been working hard, reading a lot and most importantly enjoying their play becoming incredibly creative in the process. The receptions have been exceptions 😊 enjoying their time on our shared track. The track is a great place to run, walk, talk and play games. It is also a good place for football in the summer. Although the summer isn't here yet, there is still a lot of fun and learning to go. Additionally, house captains have been appointed. Being a house captain consists of helping with sports day, helping the younger children enjoy their exercise, keeping the sport casual, helping with sports clubs, helping keep the multiple sheds tidy and help out with Mr Tomes before and after school. We would like to congratulate them for their amazing achievements. We are certain they will be a huge credit to our school. These fabulous people are Toby and Sophie from the Green house, Nathan and Nancy from the Red house, Miriam and Daisy from the Yellow house and Olly and Theo from the Blue house.

Thank you for reading,

The Junior Leadership Team

# 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
📸 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

# Notices

Highfield Leadership Academy

NURTURING TODAY'S YOUNG PEOPLE, INSPIRING TOMORROW'S LEADERS



## YEAR 7 Open Event

Highfield Leadership Academy is an ambitious academy at the heart of the community. Pupils benefit from an engaging curriculum designed to deliver educational excellence and promote character development. We have a highly committed, friendly team of staff who 'go the extra mile' to ensure that every pupil discovers their 'Star' potential.

Join us for our Open Event on **Tuesday 22 September**.
Doors open at 4.30pm and close at 7pm.

Email **info@highfield.staracademies.org**
Telephone **01253 965750** for more details.

**School applications close 31 October 2026**

**OPEN EVENING**

**TUESDAY 22 SEPTEMBER** **PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS 4.45pm, 5.45pm and 6.30pm**

Highfield Leadership Academy | Highfield Road, Blackpool FY4 3JZ
01253 965750 | info@highfield.staracademies.org | highfieldleadershipacademy.com

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

**YOUR CHILD'S ANNUAL FLU VACCINATION**

**( NASAL SPRAY or IM (injectable) option )**

This vaccination is recommended to help protect your child against flu. Flu can be an unpleasant illness and can cause serious complications. Vaccinating your child will also help protect more vulnerable family and friends by preventing the spread of Flu. The vaccination is free and is a quick, simple, painless spray up the nose.

**Please note the nasal flu vaccine contains products derived from pigs (porcine gelatine).** To opt for the porcine gelatine free inactive flu injection, select NO to the nasal flu immunisation and you will be given further options to select the IM Flu vaccine (Injection). This vaccine will also be given to your child in the school setting via the nursing team, please inform the team if you would like to be present at school or you do not wish for your child to recieve the IM option in the school setting.

**Please complete the online consent form.**

**If you DO NOT wish your child to be vaccinated for whatever reason please complete the form stating NO and the reasons.**

**Online Consent Form:**

Use the link below to access the online consent form:

https://www.bthirdimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu?schoolcode=BP140124

Please inform the School Vaccination Team (**Not School**) of the following on

- If your child has steroid tablets prescribed two weeks prior to vaccination.
- If in the few days prior to vaccination your child has been wheezy.
- If after consenting you take your child to your GP surgery to receive their vaccination

**It is your responsibility to contact the school vaccination team to ensure they do not receive the immunisation again. Our contact details are:**

Blackpool, Wyre & Fylde: 01253 951984

A leaflet explaining the vaccination programme can be accessed by clicking the following link: https://www.nhs.uk/vaccinations/child-flu-vaccine/

Yours faithfully,

School Age Vaccination Team

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**OPEN EVENING**

**Thursday 17th September 4:30pm - 7:30pm**

Headteacher talks at 5:30pm and 6:30pm

## Welcome to Montgomery Academy!

Dear Families,

On behalf of all the students and staff, we are delighted to invite you and your child to our upcoming Montgomery Academy Open Evening.

This is a pivotal moment in your child's educational journey, and we want to ensure you have all the information and inspiration needed to make the right choice for secondary school. Our Open Evening is a wonderful opportunity to:

- Tour our school: See our facilities in person, guided by our students who will give you an authentic view of daily life at Montgomery.
- Meet our staff: Our dedicated team of subject teachers, tutors, and support staff will be available to answer all your questions about our curriculum, learning support, and extra-curricular opportunities.
- Discover our success: Hear about our recent achievements, from our Year 7 Lancashire Cup success to our Amp It Up music festival.

A highlight of the evening will be the talks from our Headteacher, offering an insight into our vision for your child's future. These talks will take place at 5:30pm and 6:30pm in the assembly hall.

We are very proud of our inclusive and ambitious community. We invite you to experience the energy and warmth of Montgomery Academy first-hand and see why we believe every child can thrive here.

We very much look forward to welcoming you and your family on Thursday 17th September, from 4:30pm.

Best wishes
Mrs Campbell

M Campbell

Assistant Headteacher: Transition Lead

**Inspiring Excellence Together**

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# OPEN DAY

SATURDAY 3RD OCTOBER, 10.00AM

*and private tours available all year round*

Start your Rossall journey with a tour and see for yourself how ambition thrives here, nurturing unstoppable students to discover their excellence.



PIANO ACADEMY X ALL STEINWAY SCHOOL
ROSSALL GOLF X TOMMY FLEETWOOD ACADEMY
FOOTBALL PROGRAMME X MAN CITY FC · DANCE ACADEMY
BUSES AVAILABLE FROM KIRKHAM AND SURROUNDING AREAS

SCAN TO BOOK

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