Anchor News

Thursday 22nd October 2026

Diary dates

Dates for the academic year can be found on our website

- **Friday 23rd October**
  Inset Day
- **Monday 2nd November 8.40am**
  School Re-opens
- **Friday 6th November**
  Year 3 Trip St Andrews Church
- **Friday 6th November**
  Year 3 Royal Ballet Workshop
- **Monday 9th November 4.40- 5.30pm**
  Christams PTFA Meeting
- **Wednesday 11th November 3.35- 5.45pm**
  Parents Evening
- **Thursday 12th November 3.35- 5.45pm**
  Parents Evening
- **Friday 13TH November**
  Children In Need- Non- Uniform Day
- **Friday 13th November**
  Year 3 Royal Ballet Workshop
- **Tuesday 17th November 3.30-5.30pm**
  Full Goverrnors Meeting
- **Tuesday 17th November**
  Dance Festival Competition Winter Gardens
- **Friday 20th November**
  Year 3 Royal Ballet Workshop
- **Friday 20th November**
  EYFS Space Dress Up Day

Headteacher's Message

It has been a very busy and exciting end to the half term, with lots of opportunities for our children to share their learning and celebrate their achievements.

On Tuesday, our Year 2 children led our Harvest celebration at church alongside Reverend Anthony, and today it was the turn of Year 4. A huge thank you to everyone at All Saints Church for making these special events possible. We are also very grateful to all of the families who joined us and for your generous Harvest donations, which will be distributed within our local community. I am delighted to say that both year groups successfully completed the challenge of donating 60 items in recognition of our upcoming 60th Anniversary celebrations next year. This is a fantastic achievement and a wonderful example of our school community coming together to support others.

A huge thank you to our PTFA and staff team for organising such a wonderful Halloween Bingo evening. It was fantastic to see so many families come together for a fun filled event. Events like this take a great deal of planning and hard work behind the scenes, and we are incredibly grateful to everyone who gave their time to make it such a success. Thank you also to all of the families who came along to support us. We hope you enjoyed the evening as much as we did! 🎃👻

On Wednesday, we welcomed our Year 3 families into school to celebrate Stone Age Day and the children's learning around this topic. The children enjoyed painting with mud and even creating some very authentic Stone Age poo! Much fun was had by all. Events such as these would not be possible without the dedication and enthusiasm of our Year 3 team, and I would like to extend a huge thank you to them for all of their hard work.

Thursday, it was the turn of our Year 5 children to share their learning about World War II. Thank you to all of the families who joined us for this special event. The children had a wonderful time showcasing their knowledge and learning. Once again, this was made possible by the commitment and dedication of the Year 5 team, and we thank them for creating such memorable experiences for our pupils.

As we reach the end of this half term, I would like to take the opportunity to thank my wonderful staff team. They work incredibly hard every day to ensure that your children receive the very best care and opportunities. I would also like to thank all of our families for your continued support , it is appreciated.

We wish you all a very happy and restful half term break and look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Monday 2nd November.

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 this week.

National Average 95.5%

Year Group	Weekly Attendance Week commencing 19/10/26
Foundation Stage	96.6%
Year 1	90.6%
Year 2	93.2%
Year 3	93.3%
Year 4	88.9%
Year 5	94.2%
Year 6	93.0%



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

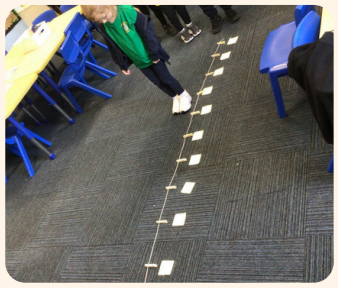
Foundation

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



Year 1

Year 1 have been making giant number lines!



Year 2

In year 2 RE, children have been learning about the pillars of Islam and different names for Allah.



Year 3

Year 3 have loved Stone Age Day this week. They have enjoyed a cave painting activity with their families, a hunter gatherer activity outside, dissecting poo to find out about a Stone Age diet as well as building Stonehenge out of biscuits



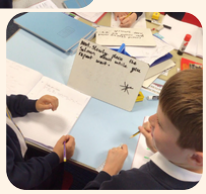




Year 4

Year 4 have worked hard with their partners to write an explanation text on 'How To Train A Dragon'.





Year 5

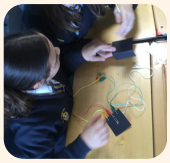
Celebrating WW2 day

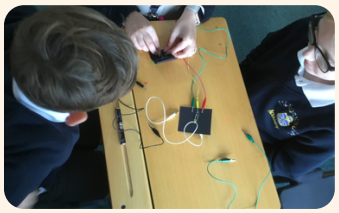


Year 6

Year 6 have been creating traffic lights in their Science lessons.







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Junior Leadership Team News

Welcome back to Anchornews.

We've made it! It's the end of the first half-term and everyone is so proud of the young reception children and everyone else in the school. On Wednesday, Year 3 had their Stone Age Day which included very fun activities. Year 4 and upwards are having their photos today with and without siblings (if they have some) which you could buy! In Monday's assembly, we had our transition champions, handwriting superstars, spelling champions and our AR winners. Congratulations to anyone who won one of these amazing achievements.
Well, that's all for this week. Hope you all have a nice Halloween and we'll see you after the half-term break.
The Junior Leadership team.

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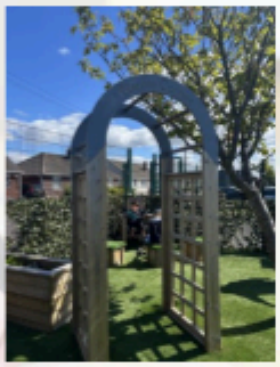
Anchorsholme Academy

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
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


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


SPORTS CAMP
ATHLETICS | BASKETBALL | FITNESS FOOTBALL | NETBALL | HANDBALL | HOCKEY
EARLY BIRD OFFER
£16 PER DAY OR £70 FOR THE WEEK
WHEN YOU BOOK AND PAY BY DEADLINE!


SUPPORT A GREAT CLAUS at
Santa Dash
JOIN US
Sunday 6th December
2026
Santa suits and medals for all participants
Entry prices from £8
Brian House
Children's Hospice
Walk, jog or run along Blackpool Promenade
REGISTER ONLINE AT www.blackpoolsantadash.co.uk


ActiveBlackpool.co.uk
Free Under 16's Swim
*Under 8's MUST be accompanied by an Adult
*Unaccompanied Juniors MUST have a Leisure Card
Palatine: 1:00- 2.30 pm
Monday to Friday
Moor Park: 1:00- 2.30 pm
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday
Come and make a splash