

Anchor News



Friday 23rd January 2026

Diary dates

Dates for the academic year can be found on our website

-  Thursday 12th February
Love & Kindness Day.
-  Thursday 12th February
Close after school for Half Term.
-  Monday 23rd February
School Re-Opens.
-  Thursday 5th March
World Book Day.
-  Tuesday 24th March
Drama Production Evening 6pm.
-  Thursday 26th March
Parents Evening from 3.30pm
-  Tuesday 31st March
Year 3 Easter celebration at All Saints Church @ 9.15am.
-  Thursday 2nd April
Y1 Easter celebration at All Saints Church @ 9.15am.
-  Thursday 2nd April
Dress up as 'my hero' day
School Closes For Easter.
-  Monday 13th April
School Re-Opens.

Headteacher's Message

On Monday, our girls' football team took part in the Premier League Stars Tournament in Blackpool. During the tournament, they had an incredible run of unbeaten games and they topped their group which enabled them to reach the semi-finals. Although their journey ended with the narrowest of losses, their determination, teamwork and skills were outstanding throughout.

We are immensely proud of every one of them—it was fantastic to see our Year 4, 5 and 6 players all getting on the scoresheet and representing the school with such passion and pride.

A huge thanks must go to Mr Howarth for his support, coaching and encouragement in helping the team achieve such an impressive result.

A date for your diary - we will be hosting a non-uniform day on Thursday 2nd April.

Children are invited to come to school dressed as their hero—this could be a real-life hero, a book or film character, or someone who inspires them. We kindly ask for a £1 donation, which will go directly to The Den, a local charity that supports children who have experienced domestic violence. Your generosity will help make a real difference to children within our community.

Thank you, as always, for your support.

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



100%
100%
100%
100%

Attendance Matters!

Well done to Year 1, who have the highest year group attendance AGAIN this week.

Well done also to Yellow Class and Class 2, who won our highest weekly attendance award.

Year Group	Weekly Attendance Week commencing 19/01/26	Average this year
Foundation Stage	97.0%	96.2%
Year 1	97.6%	96.9%
Year 2	95.3%	95.3%
Year 3	95.7%	95.0%
Year 4	95.1%	95.9%
Year 5	93.7%	94.2%
Year 6	95.5%	95.4%

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

Thank you for your ongoing support to ensure your child achieves the best possible school attendance.

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This week in pictures

Foundation

We have had great fun in FS this week learning all life in a castle. We have particularly enjoyed getting dressed up in our castle role play areas.



Year 1

After learning about our local library and all of the excellent facilities it has to offer, the children listened to the story of 'I really need a wee'. We had lots of giggles and asked lots of great questions. We then explored the library and their selection of books.



Year 2

In Year 2 PE this week, children's dance skills have been amazing! Children have created a sequence of movements to music and performed a Winter Wonderland dance.



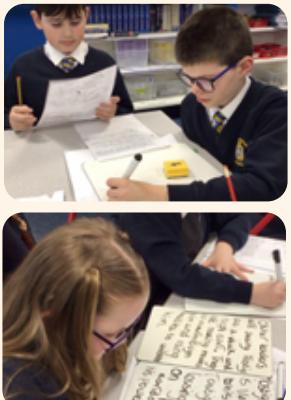
Year 3

Excellent peer support in maths. 🙌😊



Year 4

Year 4 have been working hard with their partners to complete their first drafts of their formal letters.



Year 5

This week Year 5 have demonstrated a clear understanding of Earth's movement in space through rotation and orbit.



Year 6

Year 6 class assembly learning all about New Zealand!





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Premier League Stars Tournament

On Monday, the girls attended the Premier League Stars Tournament. They performed tremendously well, finishing top of the group after a run of unbeaten games. They made it all the way to the semi-finals where they just narrowly lost. We are so proud of all of them and it was great seeing our year fours, fives and sixes all getting on the

Group 4	PLD	PTS	GD
1 Anchorholme	4	10	10
2 SJV	4	10	9
3 Westcliff	3	3	-2
4 Our Lady	3	3	-4
5 Westminster	4	0	-13

score sheet!



Junior Leadership Team News

Hello from the Junior Leadership Team, This week the children enjoyed a special assembly to celebrate Martin Luther King Jr Day (the 3rd Monday in March). This week's joke is... What's the difference between a bird and a fly?

A bird can fly a fly can't bird!

This week's question was...

What's better? Receiving a gift or giving a gift.



After School Activities

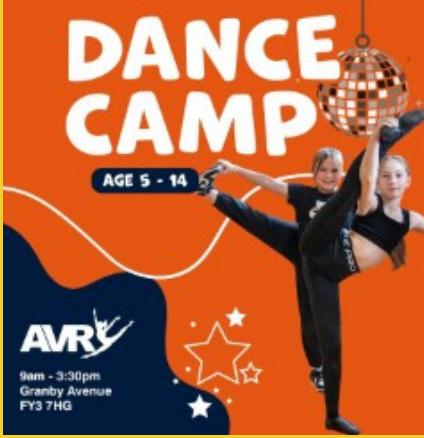
- ✓ Choir - Monday
- ✓ Taekwando- Tuesday
- ✓ Sports Club - Wednesday
- ✓ Drama - Thursday
- ✓ Dance Squad- Friday

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Notices



Looking for something fun and active for your child to do this February half-term?

Blackpool FC Community Trust are running a **FREE** Dance Camp at AVR Dance School, and places are available for children on free school meals!

The Dance Camp is a brilliant opportunity for children to:

Learn new dance routines each day

Have fun and stay active

Make new friends

Enjoy a safe, supportive holiday activity

Dance Camp Details

Location:

AVR Dance School, Layton Concert Hall,
No. 1 Granby Ave, Blackpool, FY3 7HG

Dates:

Monday 16th – Thursday 19th February

Time:

9:00am – 1:00pm

Ages:

5-14 years (children must be at least 5 years old to attend)

Free lunch provided

Please remember to include any allergies or dietary requirements when booking.

Book Here: <https://forms.gle/wMBryJe8xr5hSBMz6>

+ Optional Wraparound Care

Need a longer day? Additional wraparound care is available until 3:30pm, which can be booked separately here: Book Additional Hours for Dance Camp at AVR (HAF) from Blackpool FC

Spaces are limited and we'd love to see as many children as possible enjoy this fun and energetic holiday camp, so early booking is recommended!

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

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