



Thursday 23rd October 2025

Diary dates

Dates for the academic year can be found on our website



Monday 3rd November
School Re-opens for Autumn Term 2



Wednesday 5th November
Year 3 Remembrance Day



Thursday 6th November 15.30 – 18.00
Parents Evening



W/C 10th November
Anti-Bullying Week



Saturday 22nd November
Christmas Fair at All saints, Church
Anchorholme



W/C 8th December
Waterpark visits



Tuesday 9th December 14.00
Red Class Nativity



Wednesday 10th December 14.00
Blue Class Nativity



Thursday 11th December 14.00
Yellow Class Nativity



Monday 15th December 15.30 – 16.30
Choir Christmas Performance



Tuesday 16th December
Christmas Parties Y4 & Foundation



Wednesday 17th December
Christmas Parties Y3 & Y1



Thursday 18th December
Christmas Parties Y5 & Y2



Friday 19th December
Christmas Party Y6
Christmas Jumper & Christmas Dinner Day
School closes for Christmas

Headteacher's Message

As we reach the end of this first half term, we must celebrate what has been a truly fantastic start to the academic year. Our children have shown great enthusiasm, resilience, and kindness in everything they've done, from settling into new routines to learning by using our 4Cs through curiosity, confidence, communication and being collaborative. It's been a pleasure to see our classrooms buzzing with creativity, laughter, and a real sense of community growing stronger each day.

We've celebrated achievements big and small, welcomed new faces to our school family, and enjoyed a range of enriching activities that have brought learning to life. I'm incredibly proud of the hard work and dedication shown by all staff and children.

Thank you to everyone who helped make our Halloween Quiz such a fantastic success on Tuesday evening. The PTFA, staff, and parents all played a huge part in creating a fun, engaging evening that was enjoyed by all. This helped raise valuable funds that will directly benefit our children. We are truly grateful for your continued support.

I would like to take a moment to say a heartfelt thank you and sad goodbye to Mr Buckley, our site supervisor, who is leaving Anchorholme Academy for pastures new. He has been a valued member of our school community, working hard behind the scenes to keep our school safe, clean, and welcoming for everyone. We wish Mr Buckley all the very best in his next chapter.

We are delighted to welcome Mr Talley and Mr Penny to Anchorholme Academy as our new site supervisors. They join us with a wealth of experience that will be a great asset to our school.

As we head into the half-term break, I hope everyone finds time to rest, recharge, and enjoy some quality time with loved ones. Thank you, as always, for your continued support—it makes a real difference.

Wishing you all a safe and happy holiday.
Mrs Barr



This week in pictures

Foundation

Foundation Stage had a visit from the police this week. They told us all about their job and we had lots of questions for them.



Year 1

This week, in maths, Year 1 have been learning how to use the part-whole model. We have then used this to start looking at the fact families. Well done, superstars!



Year 3

Year 3 enjoyed an exciting Stone Age Day. We invited parents in for a cave painting activity; constructed Stonehenge out of biscuits; built mesolithic shelters; looked at the diet of a Stone Age person, and became hunter gatherers.



Year 4

Year 4 have used digital mapping programmes to explore Morecambe Bay.



Year 5

Celebrating our WW2 day with parents



Year 6

Year 6 loving their behaviour reward – A silent disco!





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 20/10/25	Average this year
Foundation Stage	93.4%	95.7%
Year 1	93.8%	97.1%
Year 2	94.0%	95.6%
Year 3	89.6%	95.4%
Year 4	93.2%	96.0%
Year 5	89.3%	94.0%
Year 6	95.4%	95.4%

Well done

Well done to Year 6, who have the highest year group attendance this week.

Well done also to Blue Class, who 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.

Notices



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.

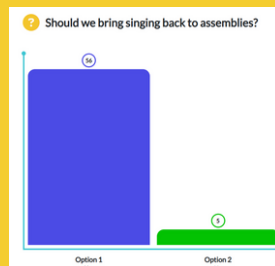
<https://www.blackpool.gov.uk/Residents/Education-and-schools/School-admissions/Apply-for-a-primary-school-place.aspx>

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

Junior Leadership Team News

Hello from the Junior Leadership Team. Everyone has worked extremely hard this half term as we are closing in on the October holidays. We had lots of fun at the Halloween pop quiz with lots of chocolaty treats and prizes that were won.

This week's weekly question is



This week's joke is

What do you call a bear with no teeth A gummy bear !
That's all for us this week have a lovely holiday !!!

After School Activities

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

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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)



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



**LANCASHIRE & CUMBRIA
ON THE ROAD**
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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2025**

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FREE CRICKET SESSIONS COMING 4th NOV

Ages 8-13 ANY Ability
VENUE: PALATINE LEISURE CENTRE
TUESDAYS 7:30-9:00PM

**FREE EVENTS
FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!**

SPOOKY SUPERVILLAINS WEEK

25TH OCTOBER - 1ST NOVEMBER

SUPERVILLAINS MEET & GREET WITH THE VILLAINOUS LITTLE COD CLUB  SAT 25TH OCTOBER 30-MINUTE CHARACTER APPEARANCES AT 11AM, 12PM, 2PM, 3PM & 5PM VILLAINOUS LITTLE COD CLUB 10 - 4PM	MONSTEROUS MAGIC SHOWS  MON 27TH OCTOBER 30-MINUTE SHOWS AT 11AM, 12PM, 2PM, 3PM & 5PM	TINY VILLAINS TRICK-OR-TREAT TRAIL  TUES 28TH & THURS 30TH OCTOBER 11AM - 4PM
CREEPY EVER AFTER COLOURING & CAULDRON MOCKTAILS WORKSHOP  WED 29TH OCTOBER 11AM - 4PM	VILLAINS HALLOWEEN FANCY DRESS BALL  FRI 31ST OCTOBER 11AM - 4PM	MAGIC MIRROR WORKSHOP  SAT 1ST NOVEMBER 11AM - 4PM

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FOR SEPTEMBER 2026, NOW WELCOME

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BRAND NEW TAEKWONDO AFTER SCHOOL ON TUESDAY'S

- ✓ 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!



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

9TH OF SEPT: MEDITATION & MINDFULNESS

	16TH SEPT	23RD SEPT	30TH SEPT	7TH OCT
BLOCK 2	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

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

25TH OF NOVEMBER: CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING

	2ND DEC	9TH DEC	16TH DEC	23RD DEC
BLOCK 4	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.bfct.co.uk Charity Registration Number: 112825





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.

Our action packed HAF Camp includes four hours of:

- Football
- Dodgeball
- Arts & Crafts
- Cricket
- Games Consoles
- Plus more activities!

MULTIPLE VENUES AND DATES

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