



Friday 12th December 2025

Diary dates

Dates for the academic year can be found on our website



Monday 15th December 15.30 – 16.30
Choir Christmas Performance



Tuesday 16th December
Year 6 Celebration of Learning 9.30–11.30
Christmas Parties Y4 & Foundation



Wednesday 17th December
Christmas Parties Y3 & Y1



Thursday 18th December
Christmas Parties Y5 & Y2

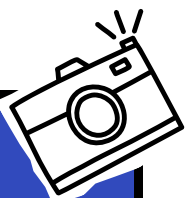


Friday 19th December
Christmas Party Y6
Christmas Jumper & Christmas Dinner Day
School closes for Christmas



Monday 5th January 2026
School Re-opens

School Photographs



Our school photographs will be ready to purchase next week. Details on how to purchase and download the photographs will be provided via email once they are available.

Thank you for your patience.

Headteacher's Message

Our Foundation Stage classes delivered three incredible nativity performances this week! The confidence and joy on stage were heart warming, especially considering the children have only been in school for just over three months. A huge thank you every single one of our EYFS staff, Mrs Dickinson, Mrs Barratt, Mrs Ingram, Miss Daniels, Mrs Glover, Miss Egan and Miss Ashurst who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to make these productions such a success—this was no small feat, and your dedication to the children really shone through.

Yesterday, Class 17 wowed us with their assembly on Civil Rights, demonstrating excellent knowledge of the topic and explaining how these historic movements paved the way for the freedoms we enjoy today. It was inspiring to see such thoughtful and articulate presentations from the children. Well done, Class 17, and thank you to Mrs Walch, Mrs Wylie, Mrs Greenaway and Miss Lloyd who supported them in preparing such an impactful assembly.

Year 5 had an absolutely fabulous time at the water park during their residential trip. These experiences create lifelong memories for our children, and they wouldn't be possible without the incredible commitment of our staff, Miss Eckersley, Miss Pitt, Miss Hague, Mrs Greenaway, Miss Taylor, Mrs Lund and Mr Jones who give up their personal time, away from their families, to make these opportunities happen. A huge thank you to everyone involved, especially Miss Eckersley who has spent so much time planning and organising, you made this trip unforgettable.

Across all these events, one thing is clear: our staff go above and beyond every single day. Thank you.

Finally I would like to say a huge thank you on behalf of us all here at Anchorsholme to All Saints Church. We are most grateful to the church for generously sharing money raised at the Christmas Fair with us. These funds will be used to update some of our IT equipment, ensuring our children have access to the best resources for their learning.

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		
<u>Attendance Matters!</u>		
Well done to Year 4, who have the highest year group attendance this week!		
Well done also to Class 2, who won our highest weekly attendance award.		
Year Group	Weekly Attendance Week commencing 08/12/25	Average this year
Foundation Stage	95.5%	94.6%
Year 1	95.9%	97.3%
Year 2	97.1%	95.5%
Year 3	91.6%	94.8%
Year 4	98.0%	96.0%
Year 5	93.4%	94.3%
Year 6	96.2%	95.7%

Well done
Year 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

Our wonderful Foundation Stage classes have enjoyed performing their nativities this week. Thank you to everyone who came to support us.



Year 1

This week we received the most Dojo points! Working collaboratively and showing the Anchorholme Way!



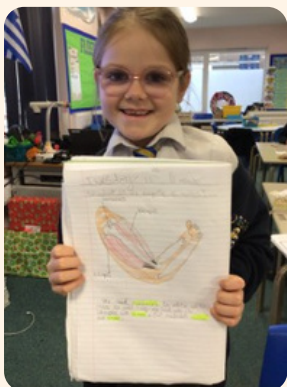
Year 2

Year 2 have completed some fantastic gymnastics learning this half term. The children developed their own movements in a linked sequence to show off a roll, walk, jump, and balance.



Year 3

In Year 3, we have been creating diagrams of Muscles in Science.



Year 4

Year 4 have enjoyed using programming software to create Christmas art!



Year 5

Year 5 have been at Waterpark this week. They have indulged in activities such as kayaking, canoeing, paddle boarding rock climbing and much more!



Year 6

Class 17 amazed us this week with their outstanding assembly!



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LET'S ALL GIVE A BIG SHOUT OUT TO.....

Myla!



This Christmas, Myla will be taking part in the Beauty & the Beast production held at The Grand Theatre.

From all of us at Anchorsholme Academy, we are wishing you lots of luck Myla!

Other News....

If you have ordered a Christmas Dinner for next week, and pay for your child's school meals, please make sure that you have paid for it before Friday, and any arrears on your account are paid up to date.

Please note that we are unable to take any more late bookings for Christmas Dinner as the food has been ordered and is already on its way to us. Anyone else requiring a school dinner will be able to have a sandwich if they have not ordered one already.

Please feel free to make your child's packed lunch as festive as you like on the day we are having Christmas dinner - Friday 19th.

EVERYONE will get a Christmas hat to wear on the day, plus it is Christmas Jumper day for us, so it will be a lovely celebration.

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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:
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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.



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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

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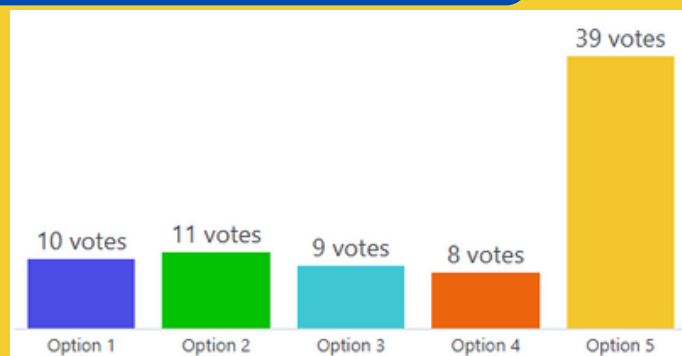
Junior Leadership Team News

Hello from the junior leadership team. This week in reception they have been practicing for their nativity. They have performed it to the school and parents to show them all about the Christmas story and shared the Christmas spirit all around. This week's question was what type of person were you during merry mudder?

This weeks joke is: Why did Autumn and Dexter throw their clock out of the window

Answer They wanted to see time fly!

we hope you have enjoyed anchor news this week and a special shout out to reception. WELL DONE! Have a fab weekend



Option 1 - Spectator
Option 2 - Careful explorer
Option 3 - Adventurer
Option 4 - Mud Enthusiast
Option 5 - Extreme Mudder

After School Activities

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

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A FREE family event which is held at Revoe Park on Saturday 13th December.

Each year, we create a magical Fairy Trail through the community garden at Revoe Park, along with a range of fairy- and Christmas-themed activities.

This year's activities include:

- Wand making
- Clay sculpture making
- Face painting
- Wooden bauble making
- And much more!

In the lead-up to the event, we will also be running four free workshops where families can help create some of the fairy houses that will feature in the trail.

We understand that some schools receiving this email may be a little further away, so we appreciate that not all families will be able to join us during the week for these workshops.

The main event runs from 1:00pm to 4:30pm, and although the whole afternoon is lovely, the park looks especially magical from 3:00pm onwards when the lights begin to glow.

We hope to see you there!



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