



Anchorholme Academy

Information booklet for
applications 2027-28

‘Together We Achieve’



Welcome to Anchorsholme Academy.

I am hugely privileged to be the headteacher and lead our staff team who are dedicated to providing opportunities to all our pupils to learn, grow and develop in a safe, caring and happy environment.

Anchorsholme Academy is a school community which works closely for all our stakeholders and places a high value on our children's attainment and achievements. Our curriculum fosters a sense of belonging and the desire for our school family to be curious, confident, communicative and collaborative learners. Our intent is that our children leave our school as resilient, motivated, lifelong learners with high aspirations for their future.

We firmly believe that by working closely in partnership with our children, parents and carers, 'Together We Achieve'.

This booklet is designed to supply you with information about our school. Should you require any further information about any aspect of this booklet, please do not hesitate to contact our school office on 01253 855215

We look forward to welcoming you to our school family.

Mrs J Barr
Headteacher



Our Staff

Senior Leadership Team

Headteacher	Mrs Barr
Deputy Head / SENDCO	Mrs Foster
Assistant Head / Designated Safeguarding Lead	Mrs Hylton

Pastoral Team

Assistant SENDCO	Mrs Carter
Children & Family Support Worker	Mrs Spencer
Learning Mentor	Mrs Gilderdale

School Support Team

Business Lead	Miss Truelove
Finance Lead	Miss Ward
Office Administrator	Mrs Bateson
IT Technician	Mr Cox
Site Supervisor	Mr Penny



Our Staff

Teaching Staff

Miss Alladice
Mrs Barratt
Mrs Blundell
Miss Bowman
Miss Chalk
Mrs Dickinson
Miss Eckersley
Miss Egan
Miss Ellis
Mrs Felvus
Mrs Glover
Mrs Green
Miss Hague
Miss Haworth
Miss Hiller
Mrs Hodgson
Mr Howarth
Mrs Irvin
Mr Jones
Mr Lowe
Mrs Lund
Mr Mitchell
Miss Pitt
Mrs Powell
Mrs Rawlinson
Mrs Sharp
Mrs Walch
Mrs Ward
Miss Watkins
Miss Wilson

Teaching Assistants

Miss Ashurst
Miss Cardwell
Mrs Cherry
Mrs Crane
Miss Daniels
Mrs Doherty
Mrs Duff
Miss Dunlop
Mrs Edwards
Mrs Higginbottom
Mrs Hristova
Mrs Ingram
Mrs Lindley
Miss Lloyd
Mrs McGinnis
Mrs Mellor
Mr Morley
Mrs Morley
Mr Pettigrew
Ms Raistrick
Mrs Rendell
Mrs Richmond
Mrs Spalding
Mrs Spooner
Miss Taylor
Mrs Walker
Mrs Wylie



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!



Application Timelines

Primary Applications	Date
Applications Open	1st September 2026
Applications Close	15th January 2027
Offers Released	16th April 2027





Our Latest Ofsted Inspection

Date: 8 and 9 January 2025

Outcomes:

The quality of education - **Good**

Behaviour and attitudes – **Good**

Personal development – **Outstanding**

Leadership and management - **Good**

Early years provision – **Good**

What OFSTED said about our school

- *Pupils are happy and proud to belong to their inclusive school.*
- *They value the support and encouragement that caring staff provide.*
- *In turn pupils help support each other well. They make sure that new members of the school feel welcome and settle quickly.*
- *The school has high ambition for pupils academic success.*
- *People benefit from the many exciting opportunities that the school provides for their personal development. These experiences and other activities on offer help pupils develop their resilience and independence. They become responsible and caring citizens.*
- *The school's curriculum is broad and ambitious.*
- *Reading has a high priority within the school's curriculum.*
- *People demonstrate positive attitudes to school in their learning.*



The School Day

School Starts	8.40am
Lunch	11.45am-12.45pm or 12.15pm-1.15pm
School Ends	3.15pm 3.10pm (for Reception pupils)

Attendance

Our Attendance Policy

Our attendance policy outlines our commitment to meeting our legal responsibilities with regards to school attendance, including those laid out in the Department for Education's (DfE's) statutory guidance on working together to improve school attendance, through our whole-school culture and ethos that values good attendance, including:

- Setting high expectations for the attendance and punctuality of all pupils
- Promoting good attendance and the benefits of good attendance
- Reducing absence, including persistent and severe absence



Our Attendance Policy continued

- Ensuring every pupil has access to the full-time education to which they are entitled
- Acting early to address patterns of absence
- Ensuring equality and fairness of treatment for all (in accordance with the Equality Act 2010)
- Building strong relationships with families to make sure pupils have the support in place to attend school

Our attendance policy can be viewed on the school website.

Promoting Attendance

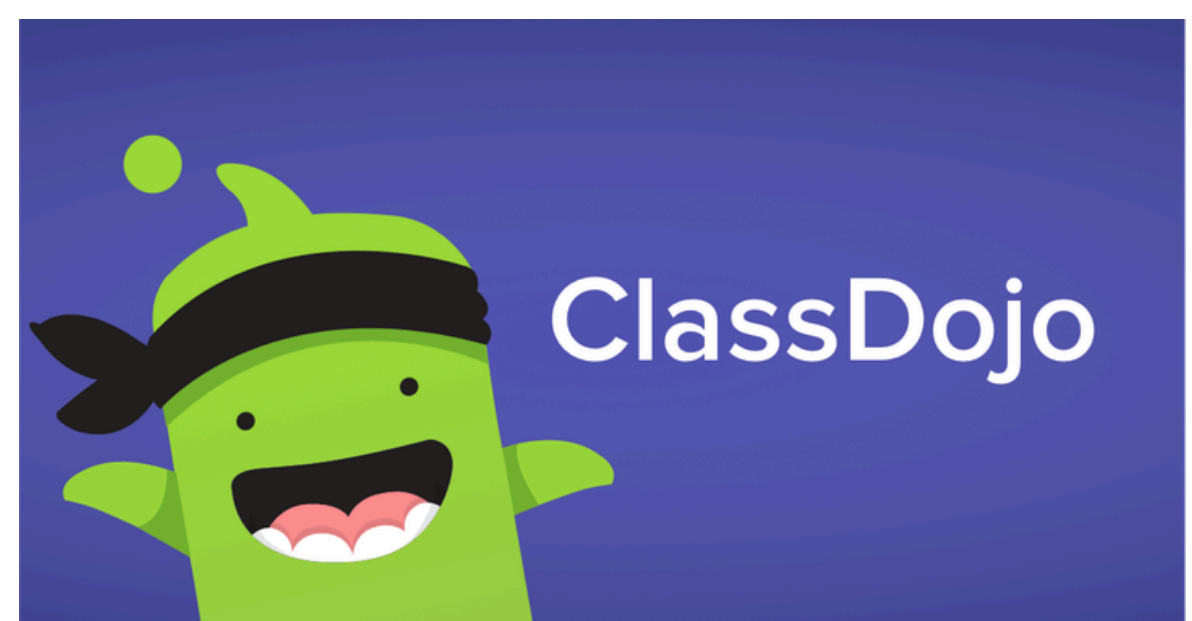
A strong partnership between schools, parents/carers, and pupils is fundamental for promoting good attendance. We ensure that our pupils understand the importance of good attendance and how it benefits them both now and in the future. To encourage this, we offer reward schemes for classes and individuals who achieve high attendance rates.



Communicating with Parents

At Anchorholme, we use Class Dojo (Years 1 to 6) and Tapestry (Foundation Stage) to communicate directly with parents both collectively and on an individual basis.

A weekly newsletter called Anchor News is published each Friday and sent to parents via Class Dojo, Tapestry, Facebook and the school website. Parents are encouraged to read the newsletter to ensure you are well informed of what is happening in school.





Our Curriculum

Our curriculum by-the-sea fosters a sense of belonging and the desire for our school crew to be curious, confident, communicative and collaborative learners.

Our intent is that all children disembark our school as resilient, motivated lifelong learners with high aspirations, and as the captains of their future.

Curriculum by-the-sea adapts with changing tides to ensure it remains a curriculum fit for the 21st century and beyond.

Pupils are encouraged to take the helm and the crew (teachers and parents) will help navigate Anchorsholme Academy's latest recruit on a voyage of discovery!

Our 4Cs

Curious – having a thirst for knowledge.

Confident – being resilient and demonstrating a growth mind-set and self-belief.

Communicative – vocabulary and interaction is the key to learning and understanding.

Collaborative – ability to work together respectfully and effectively towards a common goal.

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Shaping Curious, Confident, Communicative and Collaborative Learners



School Holiday Dates 2027-28

Autumn Term 2027

Open	Thursday 3rd September 2027
Half-term – Close after	Thursday 21st October 2027
Re-open	Monday 1st November 2027
Christmas Holidays – Close after school on	Friday 17th December 2027

Spring Term 2028

Re-open	Wednesday 5th January 2028
Half-term – Close after	Thursday 10th February 2028
Re-open	Monday 21st February 2028
Easter Holidays – Close after school on	Friday 7th April 2028

Summer Term 2028

Re-open	Tuesday 18th April 2028
Closed for May Day Bank Holiday (one day only)	Monday 1st May 2028
Half-term – Close after	Friday 26th May 2028
Re-Open	Monday 12th June 2028
Summer Holidays – Close after school on	Tuesday 20th July 2028

Inset Days

Inset	Wednesday 1st and Thursday 2nd September 2027
Inset	Friday 22nd October 2028
Inset	Tuesday 4th January 2028
Inset	Friday 11th February 2028
Inset	Friday 21st July 2028

We do ask that family holidays are not taken during term time.



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