



Friday 19th December 2025

Diary dates

Dates for the academic year can be found on our website



Monday 5th January 2026
School Re-opens

We would like to say a big thank you to all parents and organisations that have donated to our Christmas Present drive this year! We have had some fantastic donations, and very much appreciate it.



12 Days of Christmas

[Click here, or follow the URL below to watch the yearly Anchorholme Christmas video, the 12 Days of Christmas!](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EVv3e0XssSU)
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Headteacher's Message

As we finish this term ready for time with our families, we must celebrate our achievements, particularly our pupils, who have worked incredibly hard, showing resilience, creativity, and kindness since September. From classroom successes to festive performances and charitable events, there has been so much to be proud of.

A huge heartfelt thank you to our dedicated staff and also to you, our families, for your support in making this term so successful.

As we look forward to a well-deserved break, I hope you find time to relax, recharge, and enjoy the magic of the season with your loved ones.

Wishing you all a joyful Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in January for a new term.

Warmest wishes,
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.

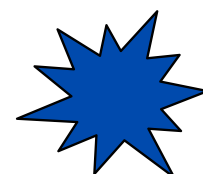
Weekly Attendance

Attendance Matters!

Well done to Year 4, who have the highest year group attendance AGAIN this week!

Well done also to Class 1, who won our highest weekly attendance award.

Year Group	Weekly Attendance Week commencing 15/12/25	Average this year
Foundation Stage	95.2%	94.8%
Year 1	93.0%	97.0%
Year 2	94.9%	95.4%
Year 3	94.0%	94.7%
Year 4	96.1%	96.0%
Year 5	92.8%	94.2%
Year 6	92.8%	95.4%



Well done

Congratulations!

The class with the most attendance award wins this term is:

CLASS 2

They will be watching Zootopia 2 at Backlot Cinema at the start of next term.



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

Foundation have had a super time dancing and playing games at our year group Christmas party.



Year 1

Here are our Transition Champions!



Year 2

Year 4 had a special Anglo-Saxon villager visit this week.



Year 3

Year 3 are using Lego to help us with our syllable patterns in our Haiku poems about chocolate.



Year 4

Year 4 had a special Anglo-Saxon villager visit this week.



Year 5

Year 5 enjoying Christmas lunch today.



Year 6

Year 6 had a super time dancing and playing games at our year group Christmas party.



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.

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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

Confirm attendance at:
01253 855215
admin@anchorsholme.svt.org.uk



Parent Pay is now closed

We would like to inform you that ParentPay is now closed. All future payments must be made through the Arbor app.

Please also note that bookings for Breakfast Club and After School Club should now be made directly through Arbor, including those who use childcare vouchers.

Further information can be found by following the guidance provided below.

Thank you for your cooperation as we make this transition.

<https://support.arbor-education.com/hc/en-us/articles/4407797520017-Signing-my-child-up-for-a-Breakfast-or-After-School-Club-on-the-Parent-Portal-or-Parent-App>

After School Activities

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

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