



Friday 13th December 2024

## Diary dates

Dates for the academic year can be found on our website



Monday 16th December  
Foundation & Year 3 Christmas Parties



Tuesday 17th December  
Year 1 & Year 4 Christmas Parties  
Year 5 Carol Concert - All Saints Church



Wednesday 18th December  
Year 2 & Year 5 Christmas Parties



Thursday 19th December  
Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day



Friday 20th December  
Year 6 Christmas Party  
School closes for Christmas



Monday 6th January 8.40  
School Re-opens

## Headteacher's Message

It truly feels like Christmas here at school as our Reception children in Red, Blue and Yellow classes treated us to three delightful performances of their nativities. The children were absolute superstars, and it was lovely to see how much they enjoyed being on stage performing to a large audience, especially as they have only been in school for four months. There's nothing more heartwarming than watching our children perform and creating lifelong memories that we will all cherish forever. We are looking forward to the rest of our Christmas festivities including our Christmas jumper day next Thursday. Class 16 led assembly yesterday morning. We learnt a lot about the sinking of the Titanic and the lessons learnt that have led to safety on ships to this day. The children also had to contend with some absent peers and the understudies did an excellent job stepping in to ensure the show went on!

Have a lovely weekend,  
Mrs Barr

### Attendance Matters!

Well done to Year 2 and 3, who have the highest attendance this week.

Year Group	Weekly Attendance Week commencing 09/12/24	Average this year
Foundation Stage	92.9%	96.2%
Year 1	91.8%	95.4%
Year 2	95.7%	95.2%
Year 3	95.7%	96.0%
Year 4	93.9%	96.0%
Year 5	94.5%	95.8%
Year 6	93.5%	94.9%

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

## Where to read Anchor News

You can also read the recent issues of Anchornews on our school website [www.anchorholme.co.uk](http://www.anchorholme.co.uk)

We also share information on Class Dojo, Tapestry, Facebook and X (formerly known as Twitter)

## Dinner Money

if you have ordered a Christmas dinner for your child, and you pay for school dinners, please make sure that you add £2.40 to the dinner money service on ParentPay this weekend. Please note all existing outstanding balances should also be paid. Thank you in advance.

# The week in pictures

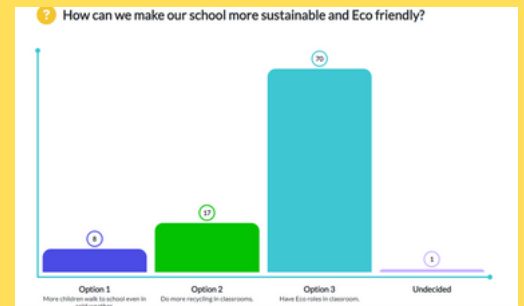


## Junior Leadership Team News

Hello from the Junior Leadership Team.

This week's question was 'How can we make our school more sustainable and Eco friendly?'

The winning option was 'Have eco roles in the classroom'



*This weeks riddle is - The more you take, the more you leave behind. What am I? Footsteps.*

Have a lovely weekend.

## SIGNIFICANT CHANGES TO PENALTY NOTICE CHARGES

The DfE announced during the summer term national charges to penalty notices issued for unauthorised absences in term time, these came into effect on the 19th August 2024.

- Penalty notices issued for the offence after the 19th of August 2024 will be charged at the new rate of £160.00 however if paid in 21-days this reduces to £80.00.
- Any second penalty notice to the same parent for the same child in a rolling 3-year period will be issued at the rate of £160.00 to be paid within 28-days with no option for a discount.
- Penalty notice threshold is 10-sessions equivalent to 5-days of unauthorised absence in a rolling 10-school week period.
- Maximum of 2-penalty notices may be issued for the same child within a rolling 3-years period, so at the 3rd or subsequent offence another course of action will need to be considered such a prosecution or one of the other attendance legal interventions.



# Jacqueline Wilson

Some lucky children recently had the fantastic opportunity to meet author Jacqueline Wilson! They had a great time and thoroughly loved the experience. A big thank you to Book Bean and Ice Cream for organising this special event, and to Stanley for giving us the chance to attend.



# NICHOLS HOME ACADEMY

If you have a child who will be starting school in **September 2025** and would like them to attend a **FANTASTIC** school, then please come to one of our:

**PLACES ARE FILLING UP FAST! PLEASE CALL THE SCHOOL OFFICE ASAP TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT!**



**Open Afternoons from 1:30-2.15pm or 2.15-3:00pm**  
**Tuesday 19th November 2024 or Thursday 9th January 2025**

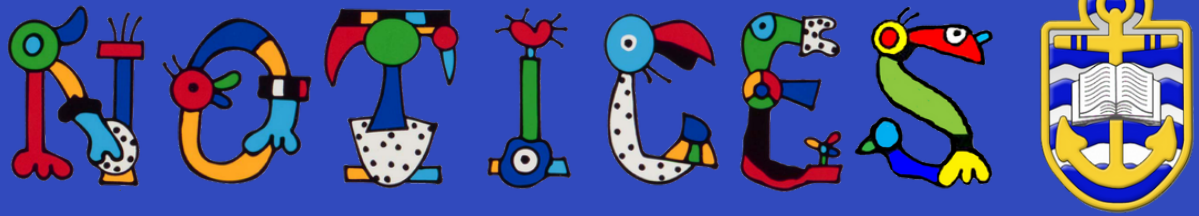
To book your place, please call the school office on 01253 855215



**TOGETHER WE ACHIEVE**

EastpinesDrive, Thornton-Cleveleys FY53RX





## Blackpool Police

### ACT OF KINDNESS COMPETITION

Open to all children of primary school age.

One lucky winner will get the chance to be a police officer for a day!!

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**Entries accepted 9<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> December 2024**

**HOW TO ENTER**

Take a picture of your child carrying out an act of kindness and email it to PCSO Nic Eoan on [7972@blackpool.police.uk](mailto:7972@blackpool.police.uk) - bonus points for festive clothing!

Please provide a first name, surname, postcode, and contact number when submitting entries.

The winning entry must be happy for their image to be shared on our social media channels. Good luck! 🍀

Check out [Blackpool Police Facebook page](#) for a special message from Santa for inspiration.

Scouts Blackpool & Girlguiding presents

# Blackpool Gang Show GOES AROUND THE WORLD

**THE GRAND THEATRE | BLACKPOOL**

**30 January - 1 February 2025**

An extravaganza of song, dance & comedy.  
Fun for all the family!

Thursday & Friday, 7:30pm  
Saturday Matinee, 2pm  
Saturday Evening, 7pm

Tickets from £13.00  
[blackpoolgrand.co.uk](http://blackpoolgrand.co.uk)  
01253 290190

[blackpoolgangshow.org.uk](http://blackpoolgangshow.org.uk)  
Registered Charity Number: 521534

## Rossall School

### Da Vinci Academy 2025

Rossall is delighted to announce the re-launch of the Rossall Da Vinci Academy created for children in Years 4 and 5.

Sessions will run on 3 Saturdays each half term starting with our launch day on Saturday 1st March 2025.

Every child will engage in a variety of lessons, including astronomy, mathematics, science, classical studies, LEGO coding, and design technology.

Da Vinci will run on Saturday mornings at Rossall School from 10.00am to 12.00pm. Scan here to see the schedule for this year's sessions.

Sign up here



There is no charge for these sessions, although places are limited, and snacks and drinks will be provided.

## Rossall

INSPIRING EXCELLENCE  
Broadway, Fleetwood FY7 8JW

### JOIN US AT ROSSALL AT OUR UPCOMING EVENTS

7th February 2025	Prep MUN
7th March 2025	STEM Day: STEM Sparks at Rossall
28th March 2025	Year 6 Taster Day
5th May 2025	Performing Arts & Brass Day
20th June 2025	Celebration of Sport
TBC	Meet the International Space Station & Astronauts
September 2025	World Language Day Competition

Register your interest here

