



Friday 20th December 2024

## Diary dates

Dates for the academic year can be found on our website



Monday 6th January 8.40  
School Re-opens



Thursday 9th January 13.30-15.00  
Foundation New Parents Open Afternoon



Monday 10th February  
Drama Production Afternoon



Tuesday 11th February  
Drama Production Afternoon & Evening



Friday 14th February  
Love & Kindness Day - Wear Red or Pink  
School Closes for Half term 15.15



Monday 24th February 8.40  
School Re-opens

### Where to read Anchor News

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

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

## Headteacher's Message

That is my first term as Headteacher here at Anchorsholme completed and what a privilege that has been.

To be part of such a caring community, working together to support our pupils, your children, has been wonderful.

Thank you to you all for your support. I would also say a big thank you to our incredible staff team for their dedication and hard work every day and the opportunities they provide .

I want to wish you and your family a lovely peaceful Christmas and we look forward to welcoming you back to school in 2025!

Mrs Barr

### Attendance Matters!

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

Year Group	Weekly Attendance Week commencing 09/12/24	Average this year
Foundation Stage	96.4%	96.2%
Year 1	92.4%	95.2%
Year 2	96.6%	95.3%
Year 3	97.0%	96.1%
Year 4	96.9%	96.0%
Year 5	94.2%	95.7%
Year 6	94.9%	94.9%

Next term, we will be sharing weekly attendance figures per class in Monday assembly and will be presenting an award to the winning class each week. The class with the highest overall attendance across the term will receive a special treat. More information to follow in January.

# The week in pictures



## NOTICE

We had hoped to refurbish the tram on our playground however the costs were far too high and we were unable to afford them. We then found a new home for the tram and it was due to be refurbished as a glamping pod. Sadly health and safety stated it was unsafe and therefore will be removed from site over the Christmas holidays. Our pupils have shared they are looking forward to having more space to play outside.

## Junior Leadership Team News

This week's question was "Do you think you should be able to choose your own theme for your class assembly?" These were the results:



The winning options was yes, and we should pick from a list. Everyone enjoyed their Christmas parties thorough the week. We hope you have a nice Christmas holiday, from the Junior Leadership Team.

## Donations

As part of our Foundation class Nativity play, we are requesting donations of costumes and materials for next years performances. If you have any simple robes, fabric, costumes or accessories that could be used for the performances, please consider donating them to the school office, to help us create memorable costumes for the children. Thank you in advance for your continued support.

## SIGNIFICANT CHANGES TO PENALTY NOTICE CHARGES

The DfE announced during the summer term national charges to penalty notices issues for unauthorised absences in term time, these came into 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.



# SCHOOL UNIFORM REMINDER

## ABOUT SCHOOL UNIFORM

Anchorsholme Academy believes that a consistent school uniform is vital to promote the ethos of the school and provide a sense of belonging and identity for all pupils, regardless of their protected characteristics or socio-economic circumstances.

We believe that pupils learn most effectively and achieve their best outcomes when they are comfortable, able to be themselves, and dressed in such a way that sets an appropriate tone for education.

The school has a good stock of pre-loved uniforms which are available on request. Parents should call the school office to let them know what item of uniform is required plus a size or approximate age and we will help where we can. A voluntary donation of £1 per item is suggested, but this is not essential. The school supports vulnerable families whenever possible. Parents are encouraged to donate good-quality uniform that is no longer needed by dropping it off at the school office.

Further information can be found in our Uniform Policy.

## SCHOOL UNIFORM

- Grey Skirt or Pinafore Dress or Grey Trousers
  - White Shirt
  - Blue and Gold School Tie
  - Navy Blue School Sweatshirt/Cardigan
  - Black Plain School Shoes (without colour or logos and not heeled shoes or boots)
  - Grey Plain Socks or White Plain Socks or Grey Plain Tights
- *Optional Summer Uniform* – Blue & White Checked Dress or Sky Blue Short-Sleeved Polo Shirt and Grey Shorts



## PE KIT

- Pump Bag
- Black PE Pumps/Plimsolls
- Plain T-Shirt (in your child's 'House' colour)
- Dark Blue PE Shorts

### Swimming for Year 5

- Waterproof Bag
- Swimming Costume (one-piece) / Trunks (or shorts above knee-length that are not 'baggy')
- Swimming Hat (for children with long hair)
- Towel

# 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**

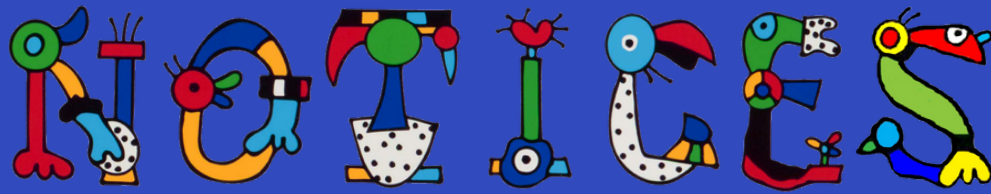
To book your place, please call the school office on 01253 855215



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Eastpines Drive, Thornton-Cleveleys FY53RX





# 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.





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INSPIRING EXCELLENCE  
Broadway, Fleetwood FY7 8JW

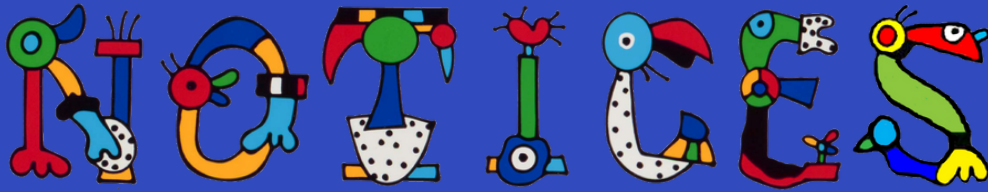
### JOIN US AT ROSSALL AT OUR UPCOMING EVENTS

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







**NHS**  
Providing NHS services

We can help you with **seven common conditions** without needing a GP appointment

- Earache (aged 1 to 17 years)
- Impetigo (aged 1 year and over)
- Infected insect bites (aged 1 year and over)
- Sore throats (aged 5 years and over)
- Shingles (aged 18 years and over)
- Sinusitis (aged 12 years and over)
- Urinary tract infections (UTIs) in women (aged 16 to 64 years)

Visit your nearest **O'Brien's Pharmacy First!**



Albert Wilde Pharmacy, Fleetwood – 01253 872701  
 Cleveleys Health Centre, Cleveleys – 01253 864094  
 Cleveleys Pharmacy, Cleveleys – 01253 852215  
 Fleetwood Health Centre, Fleetwood – 01253 770103  
 Warburtons Pharmacy, Fleetwood – 01253 874849

Scouts Blackpool & Girlguiding Blackpool 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

**FYLDE COAST FCS SOCCER**

**UNDER 8 GIRLS ARE RECRUITING!**

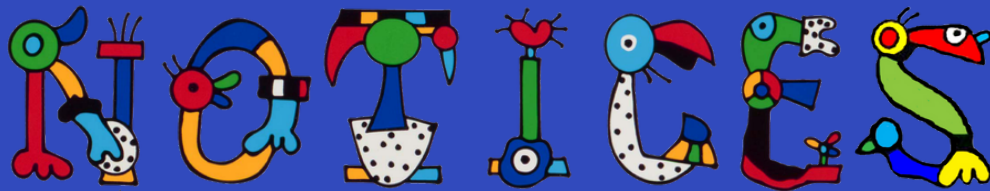
OUR U8 GIRLS ARE LOOKING FOR 2 / 3 PLAYERS TO JOIN THEIR TEAM - NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED!!!

Contact Dean on 07971411327

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# Parent Events Feedback

We are committed to listening to parental feedback so we can continually strive to improve. Parents feedback helps us to make improvements and create better environments for our children and families.

The "You said, we did" document below captures our parent feedback from events held in July 2024, along with the planned improvements in response to this feedback.

You Said, We Did Parent Feedback Response

A summary of this document is also available – Parent Feedback Response Summary

**The Sea View Trust Parent Feedback Summary**

Thank you to all the parents who attended our coffee morning at Devonshire Primary Academy and our afternoon tea at Tor View School. Your feedback is invaluable in helping us to improve.

Here's a summary of what you told us and what we are doing about it.

Topic	You Said	We Did
Residential Trips	Paying for trips all at once is difficult.	Payments can now be made in smaller amounts over time.
Residential Trips	You'd like longer trips like week-long residential.	Staff discussions are ongoing to balance time for longer trips.
Inclusion Links with Mainstream Schools	You'd like better communication with link schools.	Schools will improve communication and share plans by October.
Wraparound Care	After-school and holiday care is hard to find.	A survey will assess parent needs to plan future care options.
Annual Reviews	Face-to-face annual reviews are better than online.	Face-to-face meetings will be offered for the first scheduled date.
Communication and Newsletters	Weekly newsletters should include future events and be more accessible.	Newsletters now include upcoming dates and are easier to access.
Information Sharing	You want more updates about your child's school activities.	Schools are planning better ways to share updates.
Event Scheduling	Busy event periods are stressful for families.	Events will be spread out throughout the year.
School Capacity and Safety	Schools are oversubscribed.	New classrooms and building improvements are being added.
Reading Materials	There aren't enough reading books for home.	Schools will ensure there are enough books for all students.
Social Media and Communication	Information on social media doesn't reach everyone.	Schools will use multiple methods to share updates.
Health and Social Care Support	Parents don't feel well-supported by health and social care.	Engagement with local authorities is underway to improve support.
Uniform Costs	School uniforms can be expensive.	Systems for selling pre-loved uniforms are being explored.
Parking and Safety	Parking near schools can be dangerous.	Councils are being asked to improve parking safety.
Teacher Introductions	Parents want to meet new teachers before the school year.	Drop-in sessions are being planned for next summer.

Topic	You Said	We Did
Behaviour Management	Parents support issuing after-school detentions.	Behaviour policies are being reviewed with parental input.
RSE Curriculum	Concerns raised about the age-appropriateness of RSE materials.	Materials are being reviewed with parents.
School Holidays	School holidays vary between schools.	Holidays now align with local authority schedules.
Catering for Allergies	Food for allergies and dietary needs is lacking.	Catering providers are being updated to meet dietary requirements.
FSM Vouchers	Lump sum payments for summer holidays are preferred.	Lump sum payments are now made before summer.
Parent Workshops	Parents like workshops such as sleep courses.	A range of workshops will continue to be offered.
Healthy Eating Workshops	Interest in cooking workshops was expressed.	Consideration is being given to offering these workshops.
Head Lice Management	Head lice are a persistent issue.	Councils are being approached for support, and reminders for regular checks are issued.
Bullying Concerns	Bullying is a concern.	Anti-bullying policies are in place, and parents are encouraged to report issues.
Communication Follow-Up	Not all staff follow up with parents.	Staff have been reminded to follow up on parent concerns.
Family Circumstances	Schools don't always understand family challenges.	Schools are advised to be flexible and supportive with families facing challenges.

We appreciate your feedback and are committed to making these improvements. Thank you for helping us create a better environment for our students and families.