










Friday 7th March 2025

Diary dates

Dates for the academic year can be found on our website

-  Tuesday 25th March
Intra-School Sports 4
-  Wednesday 26th March 15.30-18.00
Parents Evening
-  Thursday 27th March 15.30-18.00
Parents Evening
-  Friday 28th March
Non Uniform Day - Children to bring Easter treats
-  Tuesday 8th April
Year 3 Easter Celebration All Saints 9.30-10.45
Year 4 Italian day 13.30-3.00
Easter Bingo 18.00-20.00
-  Thursday 10th April
Public Speaking Event KS1
Year 1 Easter Celebration All Saints 9.30-10.45
-  Friday 11th April
Public Speaking Event KS2
School Closes for Easter 15.15

Headteacher's Message

A huge thank you to you all for the support for World Book Day yesterday. The children and staff looked amazing and we had a great day in school.

During assembly, we shared pictures of our favourite places to read. Some children were snuggled up on the sofa, some were cosy in bed. Some of our more unusual places to read were Blackpool Tower, in a rally car and one person was sat in the cereal aisle of a supermarket! We also had a child who shared a picture of themselves reading in the town of Bruges in Belgium. Thank you for sharing your photos with us.

Our first Parent /Carer Forum will be taking place this Wednesday 12th March at 9am in school. If you wish to be join us please do contact the school office.

Have a lovely weekend,
Mrs Barr

Where to read Anchor News

You can also read the recent issues of Anchornews on our school website www.anchorsholme.co.uk
We also share information on Class Dojo, Tapestry, Facebook and X (formerly known as Twitter)



Attendance Matters!

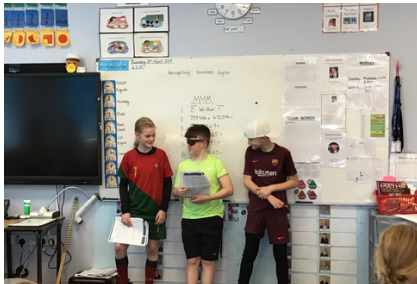
Well done to Year 1, who have the highest year group attendance this week.

Well done also to Class 6, who had the highest class attendance and won our attendance award this week.

Year Group	Weekly Attendance <small>Week commencing 03/03/25</small>	Average this year
Foundation Stage	97.5%	96.0%
Year 1	97.6%	95.5%
Year 2	97.3%	95.8%
Year 3	97.3%	96.1%
Year 4	95.1%	95.1%
Year 5	94.2%	95.4%
Year 6	94.9%	94.5%



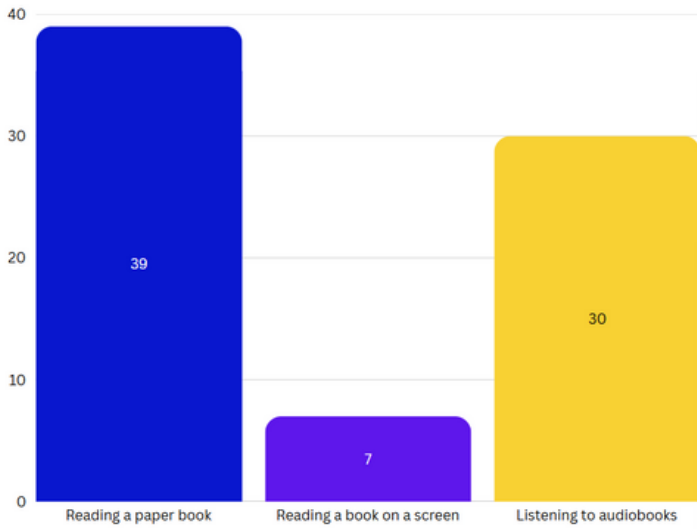
This week in pictures





Junior Leadership Team News

This weeks question was:
Which is your favourite way to enjoy a book?



This weeks fact and joke is: Smell can pass through liquid! How do you throw a space party? You *planet!*
Have a lovely weekend.

Free School Meals

Could your child be eligible for Free School Meals? Have your financial circumstances changed recently?

It's really easy to check whether or not your child is entitled to Free School Meals. Just click on the link below and complete a very quick application. You should get the results on the same day that you submit the application. Please note that a new application has to be submitted for each sibling.

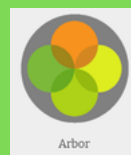
<https://apply.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/sims/apply>

If you do not have internet access, you can collect a paper application from the school office.

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 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.



ARBOR APP

We kindly request that all parents download the Arbor App and complete the registration process. To do so, you will need the email address we have on file for your child. If you need any assistance or clarification, please don't hesitate to contact the school office at 01253 855215. More details to follow. Thank you for your cooperation

Notices



JOIN THE CLASS OF 2025!

JUNIOR BAKE OFF

... IS LOOKING FOR BRILLIANT BAKERS, AGES 9-14 FOR THE NEXT NEW AND EXCITING SERIES!

IF YOU'RE BONKERS ABOUT BREAD OR HAVE A PASSION FOR PASTRY, THEN YOU COULD BE BAKING IN THE FAMOUS WHITE TENT IN 2025!

APPLICATIONS CLOSE
SUNDAY 23RD MARCH

APPLYFORJUNIORBAKEOFF.CO.UK

JUNIOR BAKE OFF

Waterworld Leisure Resort

NEW OFFER: Multi-ticket March!
Book a visit to Waterworld AquaPark or Adventure Mini Village online this March and get a free round of Mini Golf on us!

How to redeem: Simply show your booking or order confirmation for Waterworld or AMV on email to the staff at Adventure Mini Golf when checking in. Our staff will ensure that the visit date is valid, check you in and welcome you into our Tiki-themed, Mini Golf paradise!

Waterworld's next Additional Needs (SEND) Event is this Saturday 8th March, 6-8pm! We aim to host these events regularly, with the pool open exclusively to those with disabilities and their families. Waterworld welcomes those with disabilities at all times, but exclusivity means families have easier access to the water and rides, with many travelling from out of the county to enjoy the facilities.

Don't miss out on this great event, which provides a tailored, calmer environment to take youngsters with an array of disabilities into the water at our awesome AquaPark! Further information can be found towards the bottom of this email for those who haven't been to these events before..

<https://www.waterworld-tickets.co.uk/>

Mad SCIENCE

EASTER CAMPS 2025

EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT AVAILABLE UNTIL 23RD MARCH

BOOK NOW! northengland.madscience.org

PAYMENT AVAILABLE VIA VOUCHERS OR INSTALLMENTS

FUN PACKED DAYS OF SCIENCE EXPERIMENTS, ACTIVITIES, AND GAMES

SPARKING IMAGINATIVE LEARNING!

MAD SCIENCE CAMPS 2025 INFORMATION

EASTER CAMPS

WEEK 1: 7th - 11th April (5 day week)
Alderley Edge School for Girls, SK9 7QE
Lancaster University Chaplaincy, LA1 4YW
St Pius X Catholic Prep School, Preston, PR2 8RD

WEEK 2: 14th - 17th April (4 day week)
AKS Prep School, Lytham, FY8 1DT
The King's School, Chester, CH4 7QL
Eccleston Lane Ends School, Prescot, L34 2QN

DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR PACKED LUNCH!

FULLY INSURED HIGHLY TRAINED DBS CHECKED PRESENTERS

TAX FREE CHILDCARE & CHILDCARE VOUCHERS ACCEPTED!

NEW VENUES THIS EASTER!

8.30am - 5pm each day
Suitable for all primary school children
£180 for 4 days | £225 for 5 days
(This early bird price until 23rd March)

BOOK ONLINE NOW!!

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