



Friday 21st March 2025

Diary dates

Dates for the academic year can be found on our website

-  Monday 24th March (& Thursday 27th March)
Class 17 Parents Evening
-  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

We have had another busy week here in school. Foundation Stage enjoyed their visit to the library and on Tuesday night I had the absolute pleasure of watching the choir perform once again, this time at the Tower Ballroom in the Blackpool Choral Festival. As last week, the children were amazing and this time we had the Y3 choir members joining us. They did so well! Thank you to the staff who supported as well as the parents and carers who joined us. The regional finals for athletics took place on Wednesday at Blackpool Sports Centre. Our team performed to a very high standard and came seventh overall for the whole of Lancashire. A huge well done to the team we were very proud of you. Thank you to Mr Tomes and Mr Howarth for their time and dedication in preparing the team for this. Our girls' football team had another success last night. They played Norbreck and won 5-2. Another fantastic achievement, we are all very proud of them. Thank you to Mr Howarth for his training skills and to the staff and parents that supported. Next week we look forward to welcoming you into school for Parents' Evening. If you have not yet booked an appointment, please do so through an email link sent out to you. Please check your junk folder if you do not think you have received this. We will be having a non-uniform day next Friday, 28th March, for donations for our Easter Bingo on Thursday 8th April. I am looking forward to this evening, especially as I believe the Easter Bunny might make an appearance! Further details will be sent out via tapestry and dojo. Have a lovely weekend,
Mrs Barr



Free School Meals

Important: Changes to Free School Meal Protection

The Government recognises the benefits of providing a healthy school meal to the most disadvantaged pupils.

Since 1 April 2018, all pupils with existing and new free school meal eligibility have continued to receive free school meals whilst Universal Credit was rolled out. This applied even if the claimant's earnings rose above the threshold after entitlement was awarded due to the free school meal protection policy.

The free school meal protection policy will end on 31 March 2025.

On 31 March 2025, all pupils with existing free school meal eligibility will continue to receive free school meals until the end of their primary school phase of education, regardless of whether the claimant meets the eligibility criteria.

From 1 April 2025, any pupil gaining a new free school meal eligibility will not be protected by the free school meal protection policy. This means their eligibility will end whenever the claimant's earnings rise above the threshold, or they are no longer a recipient of Universal Credit.

We want to make sure as many eligible pupils as possible receive their free school meal eligibility before 31 March 2025 so that their entitlement remains protected.

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

Blackpool Council:

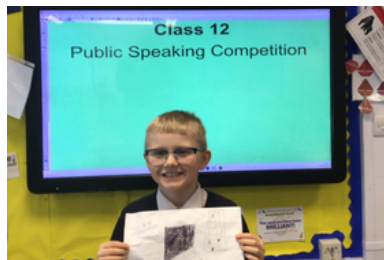
<https://www.blackpool.gov.uk/Residents/Education-and-schools/School-meals/Free-school-meals.aspx>

or Lancashire County Council:

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/free-school-meals/>



This week in pictures





Junior Leadership Team News

Hello from the Junior Leadership Team.

The moon is very hot (224 degrees Fahrenheit, average) during the day but very cold (-243 degrees average) at night.



I'm not alive, but I can grow. I don't have lungs, but I need air. I'm not a plant, but I need water. What am I?

Answer: Fire.

Hope you have a nice weekend.

Attendance Matters!

Well done to Year 2, who have the highest year group attendance this week.

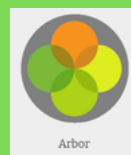
Well done also to Class 7 and Class 14, who had the highest class attendance and won our attendance award this week.

Year Group	Weekly Attendance Week commencing 17/03/25	Average this year
Foundation Stage	96.9%	96.1%
Year 1	95.9%	95.6%
Year 2	97.4%	95.9%
Year 3	96.4%	96.1%
Year 4	96.3%	95.2%
Year 5	96.9%	95.5%
Year 6	92.9%	94.5%

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



Public Health Commissioning Team
NHS England North West
(Lancashire, South Cumbria, Cheshire and Merseyside)

March 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

The measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccine is one of the most studied vaccines and millions of doses are given every year.

As your child starts school, we recommend that they have had two doses of the MMR vaccine to ensure they are fully protected, as the complications of measles can be severe and life changing. You will also be protecting them against mumps and rubella, which can also be serious illnesses.

Measles cases are rising in the North West so it is important that you check your child's red book to see if they have had their pre-school booster vaccine and two doses of MMR. If not, contact your GP surgery to make an appointment.

Please scan the QR code below for further information on the MMR vaccine.

This year your child will also be eligible for a free nasal flu vaccine, and this will be offered to them at their school during the autumn term.

Yours sincerely,



P Spedding

Tricia Spedding

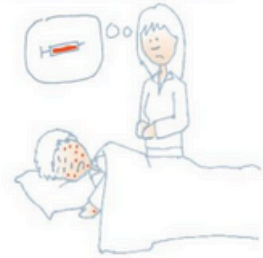
Head of Public Health, NHS England North West



Measles spreads quickly and can be very serious.



Vaccinations stop children catching some diseases such as: Measles, Mumps and Rubella.



If you're not vaccinated, you're not protected.

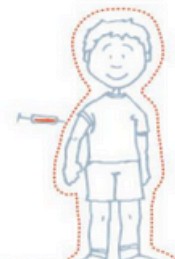


Image courtesy of Cumbria County Council

Your child needs 2 doses of MMR. Ask your nurse, health visitor or doctor for advice about children's vaccines.



Blackpool Library Service Use it | Love it | Join it

Generation Friends
at Anchorsholme Library
Every Friday at 2.00pm
Term Time Only

Join our group to meet up with some younger friends from Anchorsholme Academy. Come along for a chat, do a simple craft and be a literacy champion by helping them with their reading.

There is no need to book and we would love to see you!

Please ask staff for more details.



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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

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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)

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