




Friday 28th March 2025

Diary dates

Dates for the academic year can be found on our website

 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 congratulations to our dance squad who were entered into the 'Blackpool Games Dance Competition'. We found out this week that we won the regional final. This means we perform on Wednesday 2nd April at the Winter Gardens, representing our area, in the Lancashire County Games Dance Competition. I am sure you will join me in wishing them the very best of luck. Thank you to Mrs Walch and Mrs Plummer who have choreographed the routines and trained the squad to a very high standard. Their hard work and dedication along with that of the squad have really paid off.

Thank you to you all for your support today for our non uniform day and providing your chocolate donations for our Easter Bingo on 8th April - tickets will be on sale Monday from the School Office.

Y1 and Y3 are busy preparing for our Easter celebrations. We look forward to seeing our Y1 and Y3 families at church next week.

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

Year 1

Foundation



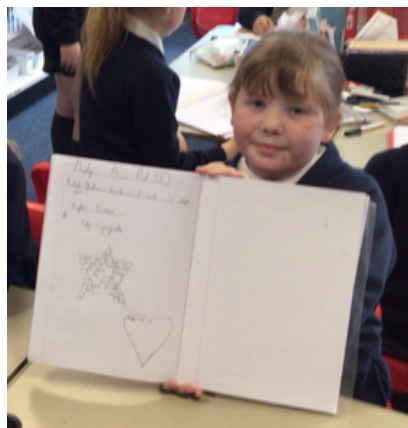
Year 2



Year 3



Year 4



Year 5



Year 6





Junior Leadership Team News

Hello from the Junior Leadership Team. This week's question was 'What can we do to help everyone feel rested and ready to learn each day?' Here are the results:



This week's riddle and joke is - What kind of lion never roars? A dandelion. What time is it when the clock strikes 13? Time to get a new watch. Well done to class 10 on their assembly on Thursday about Italy! We hope everyone has a good weekend.

Polite Notices

We kindly ask that parents and visitors refrain from walking along the drive and ducking under the barrier. For safety and security reasons, we ask that everyone use designated walkways and entrances. We appreciate your cooperation in keeping the area safe for all.

To help ensure the safety and smooth collection of all children, we kindly ask that parents avoid standing too close to the door when collecting their KS1 children. This allows the teacher to clearly see all parents and ensure a safe handover.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

Attendance Matters!

Well done to Foundation Stage, who have the highest year group attendance this week. Well done also to Class 4, who had the highest class attendance and won our attendance award this week.

Year Group	Weekly Attendance Week commencing 24/03/25	Average this year
Foundation Stage	98.9%	96.2%
Year 1	97.3%	95.6%
Year 2	98.1%	96.0%
Year 3	95.1%	96.1%
Year 4	98.0%	95.3%
Year 5	97.6%	95.6%
Year 6	94.1%	94.5%

Taekwondo Success

I am pleased to announce the following students successfully passed to their next belt at Northern Taekwondo grading.

Ellie - Red Belt

Kanon - Yellow Tag

Larrisa - Yellow Tag

This is an incredible achievement and the children have worked very hard.

We have a couple of places available at our before school Taekwondo class on Wednesday mornings during term time if you would like some more information, please contact grand

Master Lee.
07779275207



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,



Tricia Spedding

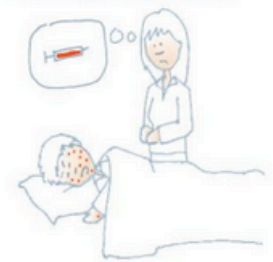
Tricia Spedding
Head of Public Health, NHS England North West



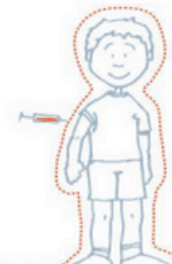
Measles spreads quickly and can be very serious.



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



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



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



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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.

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Please ask staff for more details.



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