



Friday 28th February 2025

## Diary dates

Dates for the academic year can be found on our website

-  Thursday 6th March  
World Book Day
-  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  
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

### Attendance Matters!

Well done to Foundation Stage, who have the highest year group attendance this week.

Well done also to Class 3, who had the highest class attendance and won our attendance award this week.

Year Group	Weekly Attendance Week commencing 24/02/25	Average this year
Foundation Stage	98.0%	96.0%
Year 1	97.4%	95.4%
Year 2	95.7%	95.8%
Year 3	97.4%	96.0%
Year 4	94.8%	95.2%
Year 5	93.5%	95.5%
Year 6	95.2%	94.5%

## 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

I hope everyone enjoyed their half-term break. It was lovely to welcome back our children into school ready for the rest of this term.

Later this term there will be some changes to the front of the school as we are having our EYFS area developed to enhance our provision.

Further details will be sent out nearer the time informing you if there are any changes to entrances for our foundation stage children. We are really looking forward to seeing our plans change into the real thing!

Please can I also remind you of the ways you can contact school.

To contact your child's teacher, please use Tapestry / Class Dojo. Staff will endeavour to check messages between 8am until the children arrive and at the end of the day until 4pm.

Please note messages are not checked during teaching hours. Staff will aim to respond to your message within 48 hours, excluding the weekend.

If you need to notify us of an absence, need to change collection arrangements or your query is urgent please contact the school office on 01253 855215 . You can also contact the school office via email:

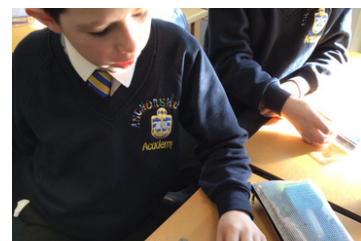
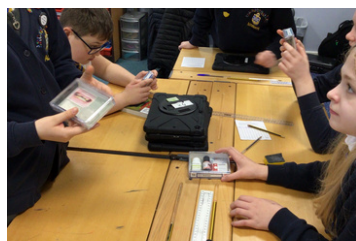
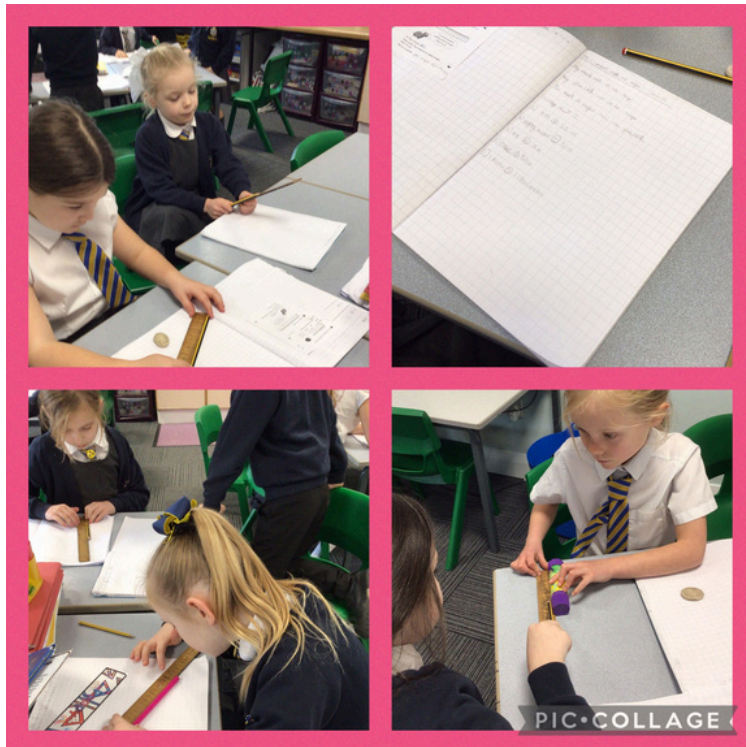
[admin@anchorsholme.svt.org.uk](mailto:admin@anchorsholme.svt.org.uk)

Please note that I am not contactable directly via Dojo messages. Please contact the school office if you wish to contact me directly.

Have a lovely weekend,  
Mrs Barr



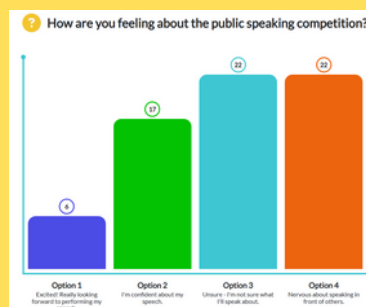
## This week in pictures





## Junior Leadership Team News

Hello from the Junior Leadership Team. This week's question was:



Did you know that a group of owls is called a parliament?

1. What can you catch but can't throw?
  2. A cold
- Have a lovely weekend.

### Polite notice

We would like to kindly remind all families that our school is a nut-free environment to ensure the safety and well-being of all our children. As some children may have severe nut allergies, we respectfully ask that you do not pack any nut-related products, or items containing traces of nuts, in your child's lunchbox. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in helping us maintain a safe and healthy school environment for all our children.

### 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 as a prosecution or one of the other attendance legal interventions.

### IMPORTANT REMINDER PE KIT

Please can we remind you that your child is expected to wear a PE kit, which is part of our school uniform, as follows:

**Plain black PE Pumps/trainers**

**Anchorholme / Plain T-Shirt (in your child's 'House' colour)**

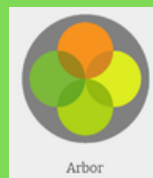
**Plain black /navy shorts**

**Plain black/navy hoodie, thick leggings, jogger set or tracksuit**

Converse and UGGs are not suitable footwear for PE and please do not send your child in branded clothing as this is not part of our uniform.

If your child is not wearing the correct PE kit, you will be contacted and asked to correct this. If this continues, we will temporarily provide spare PE kit for your child to participate in lessons.

We appreciate your full support with this as part of our school uniform policy, which can be found on our website.



### 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



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SUNDAY 23RD MARCH

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**MAD SCIENCE CAMPS 2025 INFORMATION**

**EASTER CAMPS**

WEEK 1: 7<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> 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: 14<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> 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!

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PRESENTERS

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CHILDCARE  
VOUCHERS  
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**NEW VENUES THIS EASTER!**

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