



Anchorholme Academy

Welcome to
Foundation Stage
2025-2026

Together We Achieve



Welcome to Anchorholme Academy we are delighted to welcome you into our school family.

The purpose of this evening is for you to meet your child's class teachers and members of our staff team. We will share key information to prepare you and your child for September.





Induction Pack

You will have collected your induction pack on the way in tonight. If not, you can collect them after this presentation.

Your pack contains key information booklets and a copy of this presentation.

Please complete the online admissions form by **Friday 4th July**.

House team colours are as follows:

Columbus- **Red** PE shirt

Cook- **Blue** PE shirt

Nelson- **Green** PE shirt

Drake- **Yellow** PE shirt

Please note this maybe different to their class colour.





You will have received an online link to our school's admission form.
Please complete this by Friday 4th July.

Mrs Foster, who is our SEND Co-ordinator and Deputy Head and Mrs Hylton who is our Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) and Assistant Headteacher will be available in the small hall after tonight's presentation.

Please do stop and let them know of **ANY** existing disabilities, medical conditions, safeguarding concerns or allergies that school will need to be aware of e.g. asthma, allergies, hearing, vision problems, English as a second language or premature birth.

We want to be fully prepared to give your children the best start in September so please do share this information with us tonight.





EYFS Curriculum

We provide an exciting and stimulating theme based approach to learning which follows the statutory framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage.

Our themes last two weeks and are based on the children's interests. Example themes are; castles, animals, superheroes and space.

We have five learning spaces:

A numeracy area

A literacy area

A creative area

An art room

A large outdoor area

Activities in these areas are both adult and child led.

This enables our children to access all of these areas every day, providing them with a wealth of open ended activities.



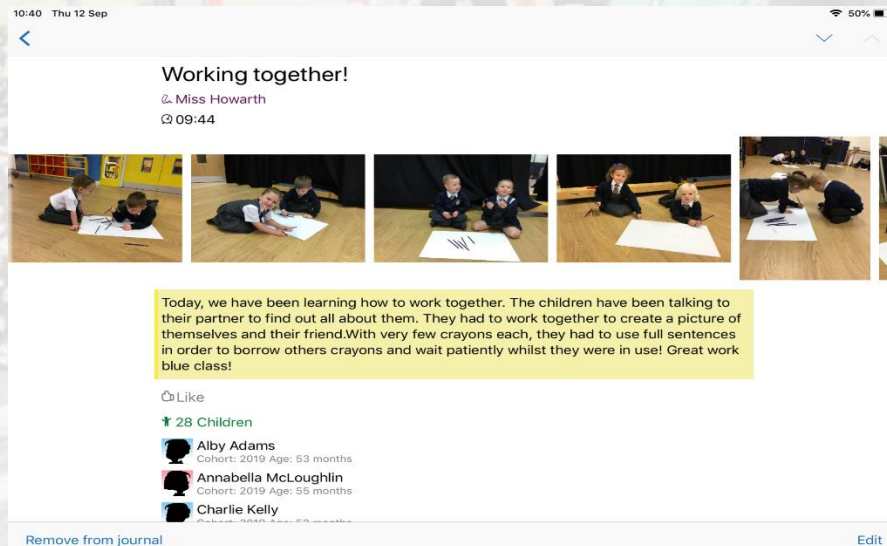


Tapestry

Tapestry is an online record of your child's learning.

This resource enables you to see what your child has been doing at school and like and comment as appropriate. You can also upload pictures of activities and experiences your child has enjoyed out of school for us to see.

We will communicate with you via Tapestry and your child's activation email will come through to your email account early in September.





Whole School Communication

Tapestry is our communication system and all newsletters, reminders and information will be sent to you on this App.

Our weekly school newsletter Anchornews will be sent out via Tapestry each week. Paper copies can also be requested from the office.

We have termly Parents Evenings to discuss your child's progress.

Staff are available at the end of each day or on Tapestry.

We also have a school Facebook and Instagram page for you to follow.





SCHOOL UNIFORM

Children are required to wear a school uniform.

Winter: Grey skirt or pinafore or grey trousers, white blouse or shirt, school tie, navy blue cardigan or jumper or school sweatshirt and black school shoes.

Summer: Blue and white gingham dress or jumpsuit, short sleeved light blue polo shirt, grey trousers or shorts and black school shoes.

Each child should also have a named PE bag, dark blue shorts, a school T-shirt (in the appropriate house colour – of which you will be advised) and pumps.

Any item containing a school logo is available to purchase from **Bispham Clothing, All Hallows Road, Bispham**. Please ensure that your child's name is **CLEARLY MARKED** on all his/her belongings.

We also have a variety of preloved uniform available via the school office.

Please note clothing does not have to include the school logo.





School Dinners

Your children are entitled to Universal Infant Free School Meals up to and including Year 2. You will be sent a menu regularly and children choose their option in class each morning. We have samples of the meals for you to taste tonight. If you'd prefer your child to bring a packed lunch, please let us know in September.

Application for Pupil Premium

Please also check and if appropriate apply for this funding via our admissions form / our school website. You could be entitled to it as it will provide school with extra funding for your child and entitle your child to free school meals beyond Year 2.

Breakfast Club/ After School Club

Wrap around care is provided by Kids Planet Anchorsholme (next door) please book in directly with them.





Routines

Children should be able to dress and undress themselves- please use the summer to practise zips and buttons!

Please make sure your child can do up their own coat!

Velcro shoes are preferable to lace-ups

Please make sure your child can manage their own personal hygiene. It is particularly important that your child is able to use the toilet independently unless a medical need prevents this.

Children are not allowed to wear earrings for PE so please ensure they are removed on PE day.

Please name jumpers, shoes, ties, coats and PE kits. We have over 600 pupils in school!

Please read our starting school checklist for ideas on how to prepare your child for school.





Settling in Sessions

You will have received an email with details of your child's settling in session. These sessions are on Thursday 3rd July and are a chance for children to come into school and meet their teachers and peers. Please note these sessions are just for the children.

We are also offering three optional story time sessions for parent/carers and children to attend. This is a chance for you to come into your child's classroom with your child and have an informal story time with the class teacher. We are aware that this may not be feasible for some families so this is **optional** and you can attend as many of the sessions as you like. Please enter via the Foundation Stage door.

- Monday 7th July 9.10am - 9.30am
- Wednesday 9th July 9.10am - 9.30am
- Friday 11th July 9.10am - 9.30am





Starting School

School starts on Wednesday 3rd September 2025.

Doors will open at **8.40 am** and close at **8.55am** so children can free flow into school. You can bring your child to the Foundation Stage door where the teachers will be there to greet them.

Children will be full time from this date.

Children are collected from the Foundation Stage doors at 3.10 pm.
Please note that this is five minutes before the rest of the school finish.





- Thank you for listening please feel free to ask any questions you may have as we move through into the small hall and our Foundation Stage department.

What happens next....

- Mrs Foster and Mrs Hylton are in the small hall if you want to speak to them.
- We'll now walk you through the small hall to show you around the FS department and show you where you will drop your child off for school. There will be the chance to see our school uniform, sample our delicious school dinners, find out about wrap around care and speak to the staff.
- We are looking forward to meeting your children on Thursday 4th July. All the information shared tonight can be found in your pack and on our school website.

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