



19th September 2025

Dear Parents / Carers,

This week, we were pleased to welcome James Inman, an advisor from the Department for Education, to our school. His visit was a follow-up to our recent Ofsted report, and he was here to see the progress we have made. James was very impressed with the new changes we have put in place to help our pupils develop a greater sense of self-discipline and responsibility. He also highlighted the improved academic outcomes we are seeing at both the Primary and Secondary levels. We will continue to work closely with the Department for Education to ensure our school receives the best possible support as we move forward. We are incredibly proud of the many successes our pupils at Unity achieve, and we will continue to share these with you.

What have we been up to this week?

Our Key Stage 2 children have been engaging well with their home learning. Well done to Year 3 and 4 who have shown a real increase this week in the amount of home learning completed. Remember, this is for the children to do and shouldn't take them long at all. We, of course, want them to try their very best but it is ok if they make mistakes or get something wrong because the system provides us with feedback to work on in school. Everything they do at home is linked to learning in school and it is very beneficial to recap on learning so that the children know and remember it. Please encourage your child to do their home learning each week! We have lunch clubs on a Wednesday and Thursday lunchtime for any child who doesn't have access to technology at home.

RRS - *Milo's Monster* by Tom Percival is a story we have used in our RRS behaviour curriculum in primary this week to help children understand and manage their feelings. In the story, Milo feels jealous and upset, and these big emotions turn into a monster that follows him around. When he learns to talk about his feelings, the monster shrinks and goes away. This helps children see that it's normal to have tricky feelings, but if they recognise them and share how they feel, the problem becomes easier to fix. It also teaches them empathy, respect, and the importance of kindness in friendships which links in well with our school values of 'Ready, Respectful and Safe'.

In secondary this week, students have continued to settle well into their timetables. Our line-up routines have been running smoothly, though on particularly rainy days, students have gone straight to form or assembly instead.

A highlight of the week was for some of our Year 11 students, who took part in an educational visit as part of their Sports Studies course. They had the opportunity to experience kayaking — a fantastic chance to build both skills and confidence outside the classroom.

Within our Ready, Respectful, Safe (RRS) curriculum, we have been reinforcing some key expectations in lessons: listening to one voice, showing respect, and working hard. We have also focused on ensuring students wear their Unity Jumpers as part of our high standards for uniform, and that they continue to follow the Yondr policy on mobile phones.



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Finally, a reminder that Year 7 students will be sitting their CATs next week. These assessments are really important in helping us to understand how best to support each student in their learning journey.

[New Messages](#)

Tempest Photographers

Tempest Photographers will be in school on Wednesday, 24th September, to take individual secondary photographs, and on Friday, 26th September, to take individual primary photographs.

They will arrive at 8 am on Friday to take family photographs, so please come to the primary late gate entrance if you would like one taken. All children must be in full school uniform, please.

Primary Meet the Teacher/ Expectations Sharing session

Our primary **Meet the Teacher and Expectations Setting Session** is on **Monday 22nd September at 3:20pm - 4:15pm**. This year we are running our Meet the Teacher sessions a little differently and are taking the opportunity to update you on our curriculum, expectations in regard to attendance, behaviour and home learning, along with being able to meet your child's teacher. We appreciate that you may have children across different classes, therefore the message you will hear will be the same in any classroom you go to with a handout for individual class information so you won't miss anything! All class teachers will share the same agreed consistent key messages at 3:30pm. There will then be time for you to pop to any classroom to meet your child's teacher.

Open Evening

A reminder that it is our school **Open Evening on Thursday October 2nd**. You are cordially invited to see how the school works and have a look around our wonderful facilities. The event takes place from 4.00pm until 7.00pm. Many of our pupils will be helping out.

Please be aware that **school closes at 2.00pm on this day** to allow staff and pupils to set up for the event. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

Communication

We will be sharing various messages over the next few weeks linked to the greater use of the MCAS system for payments to school, and an update of potentially harmful electronic devices such as Vapes and Scooters.

[Standing Messages](#)

Primary Newsletter (Primary Parents/ Carers) - Please [click here](#) to view the primary newsletter.



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My Child at School App (All Parents/ Carers)

[Please click here](#) for a link to the site. If you access this on a mobile device, you can access the links for the apps. If you have not signed up, please download the app from the relevant app store and click 'sign up' and use the school postcode (FY2 0TS) or school ID (14676) to register. You must register with the email address we hold on our system for you. Parents are now able to access attendance information on the My Child at School app, and behaviour reports (Positive and Negative) are now also available.

Reporting Bullying/ Pastoral Concerns (All Parents/ Carers)

The link to raise a concern remains on the website. Click on the three lines and choose to raise a pastoral/bullying concern under the parents heading. These concerns are reviewed by the senior team and allocated to the most appropriate member of staff to investigate and communicate with parents.

Online Safety Support for Parents/ Carers (All Parents/ Carers)

Click [here](#) to access the link to this week's online safety guide for parents. You can also sign up for The National College for free and view a wide range of resources and videos to support your family with online safety. To do this follow the link below:

Sign up tutorial video - <https://help.nationalcollege.com/parent-walkthrough>

Sign up for The National College - <https://nationalcollege.com/enrol/unity-academy-blackpool>

Yours sincerely,

Mr. J. Connolly
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