



20th June 2025

Dear Parents / Carers,

This week has been one of those key transition moments in the life of a school. Our Year 11 students have left us and celebrated with an amazing Prom at the Village Hotel after all of their hard work. We have also been welcoming the Year 6 students from here at Unity and also Westminster as they start their journey in the secondary phase. Saying goodbye and hello in the same week can be both joyous and sad at the same time but it is all part of the school experience.

### What have we been up to this week?

Year 2 went to the Rock Gardens yesterday to take part in Bird Watching and Pond Dipping as part of their Enrichment Curriculum activities. All children had lots of fun and behaved excellently in the local area. Well done!

Mrs Thompson - (FCAT Director of Maths) visited this week and did some lesson walkthroughs with Mr Cooper. She positively commented on the quality of teaching in Maths in Year 3 and how focused the children were within the lesson. Well done Year 3!

We have been overwhelmed with WOW moments from students this week where students have represented our school. We have seen students in Key Stage 4 thrive at Oxford University and secondary students from various year groups be successful at local sporting events. In school we have witnessed children participating with enthusiasm and high levels of engagement in music workshops, careers events and a science super learning day.

### New Messages

#### **Primary Classes for 2025-2026.**

Please see the primary newsletter (link is lower down this newsletter) for the class organisation for next year. A great deal of thought goes into this with the whole of primary in mind. You will see that there is only one class in Reception and Year One next year. This is due to a falling birth rate across the town and does not just affect Unity. With falling numbers though comes falling funding and so please, if you haven't already, fill in the form which is available from the office to see whether you are eligible for Pupil Premium funding.

Pupil Premium funding is additional government funding given to schools to help close the attainment gap between pupils and their peers. It is allocated for children who are eligible for free school meals, are in local authority care, or have parents in the armed forces. This funding is vital in providing targeted support, resources, and opportunities that can make a real difference to a child's learning and overall school experience. It allows us to remove barriers to learning and ensure every child has the best possible chance to succeed and thrive. If you think your child might be eligible, we encourage you to speak with the school office so we can ensure they receive the full benefit of this important support.



## Sun Safety

A little reminder not to forget to apply sun cream to your child in the morning before school. We do suggest the 12-hour creams so that you can ensure your child is covered correctly. Primary staff can support but cannot directly apply sun-cream to children and that's why we ask that it is applied at home. We are sure you can imagine that applying sun-cream to 30 children is very time-consuming and our main focus, along with their welfare of course, is curriculum delivery! A sun hat is also recommended - the ones that cover the back of the neck are particularly useful. Children have access to fresh drinking water every day in school but a named water bottle is also a good idea. As we are now in the Summer Term, children are invited to wear the Summer uniform. Please see the uniform details at the bottom of the primary newsletter.

## Ready, Respectful, Safe

This week, as part of our RRS behaviour curriculum, we introduced *Moggy's Coming* through our whole-school assembly and followed it up with classroom activities. This age-appropriate resource, produced by **CitizenAID in partnership with the Government Security Office**, helps children recognise when something doesn't feel safe and what to do in those situations. It teaches them to trust their feelings, notice early warning signs, and speak to a trusted adult — helping us prepare children for real-life situations and keep them safe both in and out of school. Through discussions and activities, pupils gave some thoughtful responses, particularly around recognising the signs their body gives when they feel unsafe, and identifying what actions they can take and who they can turn to for support. It's been a valuable opportunity to reinforce safe and positive behaviour and emotional awareness in a way that children can easily relate to.

This week in secondary, we're driving forward our culture of high expectations by actively reinforcing the Ready, Respectful, Safe (RRS) principles throughout our school. Whether in lessons, corridors, or shared spaces, our focus is on making these values a visible and consistent part of daily life, not just as expectations, but as behaviours that define who we are as a community

**Readiness** remains a key focus—students must arrive on time, with the right mindset and full equipment, including their **Yondr pouch**, which is a required part of their daily school kit. Coming to school fully prepared sets the tone for focused, disruption-free learning.

Our **Respectful** culture is being reinforced through consistent modelling by staff and clear expectations around language, interactions, and conduct. Students are reminded that **earrings must be small studs only**, and **no loops, rings or large jewellery** is permitted in line with our uniform policy.

**Safety**—both physical and emotional—continues to be a non-negotiable. Our lunchtime reflection for pre-lunch behaviour points provides a clear, consistent consequence that supports student accountability while ensuring wellbeing needs (like eating and toilet use) are respected.



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We are also reinforcing our **uniform standards**, which are central to our shared identity. Students must wear a **Unity jumper with the logo** and **plain black footwear**, with no coloured logos, soles, or trims. These standards apply daily and contribute to our calm, purposeful atmosphere.

Positive behaviour continues to be recognised and celebrated. Weekly praise in assemblies and tutor time highlights students who consistently demonstrate RRS values, with half-termly rewards for those who go above and beyond.

Finally, we remain committed to **open communication with families**. Text messages are used to share both positive news and behavioural concerns, helping ensure parents and carers are fully informed and involved in their child's success.

### Repeated Messages

#### Transition activities

Our program of enhanced transition activities commences on Tuesday 17th June where we invite Y6 students from both Unity and Westminster primaries to experience taster lessons in our secondary classrooms. The timetable has been sent home with your child and is also available through MCAS.

#### Inset Day 21st July 2025

On Monday 21st July, Unity Academy will be closed to all pupils (Nursery through to Year 11) for an additional INSET day for staff. We're sharing this information in advance to help parents and carers make any necessary childcare arrangements. INSET days are an important part of ensuring your child receives the highest quality education by giving staff the time to plan, train and prepare effectively for the year ahead. Thank you for your understanding and continued support. A physical letter will be sent home to parents and carers regarding INSET, alongside a message via MCAS.

#### Community Hub Space

The Children's learning disability and ADHD service will be delivering their 'tea and talk' sessions the first Friday of each month in our Community Hub. Why not drop in! For further details, see the images at the end of this newsletter!

#### Message from Mr Cooper

Unity Academy Blackpool is encouraging students, staff, families, and the wider community to collect **plastic milk bottle lids** and bring them into school. These will be used to create a large-scale piece of artwork that highlights the dangers of plastic pollution in our oceans. The finished piece will be proudly displayed in the Houndshell Shopping Centre, Blackpool, helping raise awareness of how everyday waste can impact marine life around the world. Bottle lids (any colour) can be dropped off into clearly marked collection boxes located in **Main Reception**, the **Community**



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**Hub, or Mr. Cooper's Office.** Every lid counts—please join us in turning waste into something meaningful! We will be collecting plastic milk bottle lids until Friday, 18th July.

### Standing Messages

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

### **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.

**UPDATE - Behaviour reports (Positive and Negative) are now available on MCAS for parents following some technical issues.**

### **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,

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## Blackpool Children's Learning Disability and ADHD Team Tea & Talk



For Parents/Carers

Advice &  
Support

Networking  
with  
Parents/Carers

Signposting  
Information

Pre-referral  
guidance

One Friday a month  
9:30am - 11:30am  
Please see dates on back  
Unity Academy Family Hub  
Warbreck Hill Road  
Blackpool  
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Contact CYP LD and ADHD team for more  
information  
0800 121 7762 Option 5



## Upcoming Dates 25/26

Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> February 2026
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> September 2025	Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> March 2026
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October 2025	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2026
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> May 2026
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> June 2026
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> January 2026	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July 2026