



21st March 2025

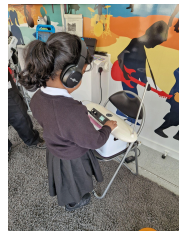
Dear Parents/ Carers,

I hope you are well and have had a good week.

[What have we been up to this week?](#)



Year 1 were very lucky today to have the Lancashire Music Service Music bus visit them. All of the children had the opportunity to play a wide range of instruments and they absolutely loved it! I will say that the electric instruments were Mrs Shaw's favourite but that may be because they had headphones attached!! Apologies if you now get hounded for an electric guitar or drum kit! :-)



Year 10 have now completed their mock exams and were rewarded with a Subway lunch to recognise their hard work and positive attitude throughout the process. Meanwhile, Year 11 have settled back into their first full week of normal lessons after their mocks and are now focused on the final stretch of preparation before their GCSEs begin. Please remind students that sessions before school and after school have recommenced. Well done to all students for their commitment and determination!

Year 9 have also explored their options through the Compass offer, with visits to Myerscough College, Blackpool and Fylde College, and Blackpool Football Club. They are set to visit Blackpool Sixth Form next week, giving them a well-rounded insight into the opportunities available to them in the future.



This week some Y10 students visited ITV Studios as part of the 'Future Ready' programme run by PIE (Pursuing Individual Excellence). The students thoroughly enjoyed the event which involved seeing the Granada Reports news studio and also presenting the weather!



Poppy Mellor and Joshua Mackay have won a competition run by the Backlot Cinema this week. Their artwork will be displayed in the Cinema and even on the big screen. They have won a family of four ticket - well done both of you!

[New Messages](#)

**Ready, Respectful, Safe**

In our RRS behaviour Curriculum this week, Primary focused on Peer Conflicts and how we can solve them. They talked about how we don't always get on with everyone and that is ok as long as we are always kind and civil towards each other. Mrs Shaw shared the importance of listening, taking turns and being a good friend to other people. In classrooms, the children and staff talked about the qualities of a good friend and they reflected on a time when they



had been a good friend themselves or when someone had been one to them. Next week they will build on this as they focus on 'Teamwork'.

This week in the secondary Ready, Respectful and Safe curriculum, we have continued our focus on punctuality to lessons, ensuring that students arrive on time and are fully prepared to learn. A structured approach to sanctions remains in place for those who are persistently late, reinforcing the importance of high expectations. Missing the start of a lesson means missing the 'Do Now' task, a vital opportunity to consolidate prior learning and strengthen knowledge retention. By maintaining a consistent approach, we are seeing improvements in punctuality, which in turn maximises learning time and supports a positive learning environment across the school.

### [Repeated Messages](#)

### **Additional INSET day - IMPORTANT**

Following the publication of the recent Ofsted report, there is a need to create some additional time for staff training. With this in mind, we are going to add some additional INSET days to the calendar for this academic year. These are training days for staff, and children will not attend on these dates. Whilst we know this will be an inconvenience, we are trying to schedule these to be as convenient as possible.

The first of these additional INSET days will be on Tuesday 22nd April 2025. School is closed on Monday 21st April 2025 for Bank Holiday Monday. As such school will now reopen for students on **Wednesday 23rd April 2025**. The term dates on the website will be updated to reflect this.

There will be two additional INSET days towards the end of the academic year in preparation for September. We will confirm the dates of these as soon as possible.

### **Punctuality and Attendance**

In order to support our efforts to maximise learning time and increase outcomes, we are focusing on improving punctuality and reducing minutes late to lessons with students. Unfortunately, this remains very high for a number of students and they are missing valuable learning time. Moving forward to support our conversations at school, we will keep you informed about your child's punctuality to lessons via a daily text message. This text will be automated from our register systems and if you would like to speak to a member of staff regarding your child's punctuality, please contact the school.

### **Post Ofsted Parent Information Session**

Thank you to the parents who attended this session on Monday. For those who were unable to attend the slides are available on the website [here](#) for you to view.



### Unity Read Fair

On Friday, March 21st, and Monday, March 24th, we will be hosting our Unity Book Fair, supported by Scholastic Travelling Books. During the day, all students will have the opportunity to visit the Unity Book Fair and purchase exciting, affordable books, with prices starting from just 99p.

### **The book fair will also be open to parents and carers on both days:**

- Secondary parents and carers are invited to visit on Friday, March 21st, from 3:15 pm to 4:15 pm.
- Primary parents and carers are invited to visit on Monday, March 24th, from 3:30 pm to 6:00 pm.

### **How to purchase books:**

1. Send your child with cash on the day of the book fair.
2. Visit the book fair with your child after school on the designated date.
3. Pay online using the QR code on the poster.

For more details, please see the bottom of the poster.

### Y10 Attendance Competition

Attendance is key to your child's success, we need them to be present every day and ready to engage in all lessons. For an added incentive for this half term, if your child has 96% plus attendance they will be rewarded with an invite to a takeaway afternoon on Thursday 3rd April. A reminder that being late to school and lessons will affect your child's attendance! This will be running from Monday 10th March - Thursday 3rd April. We want to see as many Year 10s as possible at the takeaway afternoon to celebrate their consistent attendance at school.

### Primary Parents Evening

Details of our Primary Parents Evening went out last week which will take place on Monday 24th March. We look forward to welcoming you into school to discuss your child's progress so far this year. Appointments were booked using our MCAS app. If you have not yet booked to speak to your child's class teacher, please contact them and they will see what appointments they have left. Moving forward, all Parents Evenings bookings will be via MCAS so please download the app ASAP.

### Y11 GCSE Countdown

Thank you to all parents/ carers who have been supporting and encouraging their child to actively engage with the self-study tasks shared each week. Revision at home really does make a difference to student outcomes at the end of the year. More information can be found on the school website.

It's now **7 weeks** and counting until the first GCSE examination for Year 11. The expectation at Unity is that all Year 11 children commit to completing at least one task each day. Details of these will also be emailed directly to students via their school email address.



### How can you help?

By encouraging your child to complete self-study tasks every day and monitor this. Recognising their commitment and effort goes a long way to building their confidence in the run up to their exams. As always, if you require any additional advice or support around self-study, please contact your child's form tutor in the first instance.

This week's tasks can be found [here](#).

### [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,



Mr. S. Cooke  
Headteacher




BLACKPOOL  
Parent Forum



**JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL  
INFORMATION DAY**  
THURSDAY 27TH MARCH 2025  
10:30AM-2:30PM  
THE GRAND HOTEL  
NORTH PROMENADE  
FY1 2JQ



ALL PARENT/CARERS AND CHILDREN/YOUNG PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND DISABILITIES WELCOME  
NO NEED TO BOOK JUST COME ALONG TO ENGAGE WITH SERVICES,  
FIND OUT WHAT'S AVAILABLE AND GET ANSWERS TO ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE

ALSO AN OPPORTUNITY TO SEE WHAT ACTIVITIES, SOCIAL GROUPS AND SHORT BREAK FACILITIES ARE ON OFFER IN BLACKPOOL FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE ❤️




21ST&24TH MARCH

# UNITY ACADEMY BOOK FAIR





**IN UNITY WE READ**  
★★★★★



SECONDARY FAIR: FRIDAY 21ST  
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PRIMARY FAIR: MONDAY 24TH



**PARENTS & CARERS ARE WELCOME!**

SECONDARY PARENTS/CARERS:  
3.15PM UNTIL 4.15PM, FRIDAY 21ST

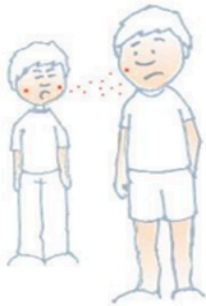
PRIMARY PARENTS/CARERS:  
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Public Health Commissioning Team  
NHS England North West  
(Lancashire, South Cumbria, Cheshire and Merseyside)

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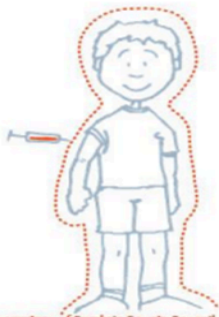
Measles spreads quickly and can be very serious.



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



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



Images courtesy of Cumbria County Council

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



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



## Community First Aid Course

Do you worry about how you would cope in a medical emergency?

This free informal course is designed to build confidence in dealing with everyday emergencies with basic First Aid

Lunch will be provided on the day!

Date: Friday 11th April 2025  
Time: 9:30am to 2:30pm  
Venue: Claremont Park Community Centre, Claremont Rd, Blackpool FY1 2QJ

### Contact Us!

To book your place please email:  
[Laura.James@bitc.org.uk](mailto:Laura.James@bitc.org.uk)



This course is funded by the UK Government through the UK Shared Prosperity Fund.



These fantastic free sessions are run by friendly local parents. They provide practical tips and advice on how to bring up confident happy and co-operative children. The group lasts for 9 weeks and free childcare is available.

Time	Venue	Starting	Ending
6.00pm – 8.00pm	Online using Google Meet	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July
9.30am – 11.30am	North Family Hub Dingle Ave FY3 7NX	Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July

### Topics covered include:

- Communicating with your child
- Understanding their behaviour
- Discipline strategies
- Listening skills
- Coping with stress

“The course wasn’t what I expected at all. It’s shown me that I’m not alone and given me the confidence boost I needed. I’ve learned there’s no such thing as a perfect parent and my relationship with my son has grown so much stronger.”

For more information or to book, contact Blackpool Learning Rooms on 07796 994783 or email [learning.rooms@blackpool.gov.uk](mailto:learning.rooms@blackpool.gov.uk)

