



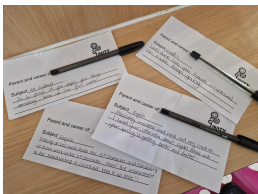
28th March 2025

Dear Parents / Carers,

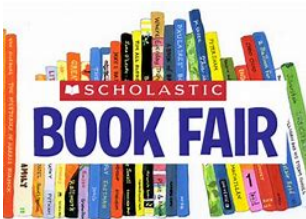
I hope you are well and have had a good week.

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

This week Logan E in Y7 had some exciting news that he has made it to the Swim England North West Regional Summer Championships 2025, well done Logan!



Primary Parents Evening took place on Monday evening. Thank you to all parents who attended or who have spoken to teachers this week about their child's progress. We hope you enjoyed looking through your child's books and I'm sure the children will love reading your responses! We were very happy to see that 91% of parents who attended would recommend Unity to other people.



The Scholastic book fair has been at Unity this week. We have loved seeing so many of you come along with your child to choose a book. You know how important reading is to us here at Unity. Don't forget that our Primary library is open after school every Wednesday!

[New Messages](#)

Primary Easter Competitions



Easter Bonnets - Children are invited to take part in our Easter Bonnet competition. They can be brought to school on **Thursday 3rd April**. Children will take part in an Easter Parade during Friday's celebration assembly. Bonnets will be judged and prizes awarded for 1st place and 2nd place for each year group.

Boiled Egg Decorating - Children are invited to decorate a hard boiled egg as a character of their choice. These will need to be in school on **Thursday 3rd April**. Prizes will be awarded for 1st place, 2nd place and 3rd place overall.

Ready, Respectful, Safe

In our primary RRS Behaviour Curriculum this week, we focused on teamwork and how we can work together to help others who are finding things tough. This built on the previous week's work on peer conflict. We used the book 'The Cloud' by Hannah Cumming. This delightful short story demonstrates the importance of being inclusive, involving



other children in play and thinking about how other people might feel. Next week, we will move on to 'Getting on with others' using the book 'Llama stops teasing' by Sue Graves.

This week, in the secondary phase, students have been exploring the theme of School Life as part of our Ready, Respectful, Safe curriculum. The focus was on understanding how everyday actions help create a positive, respectful, and safe school environment — and how each student plays a part in shaping that. During tutor time, students reflected on what makes school a great place to be and wrote one personal commitment on a post-it note to show how they will contribute to that vision. These were displayed in classrooms as a reminder of their individual responsibility. In addition, students were invited to design posters in pairs or groups that promote our three core values — Ready, Respectful, Safe — linking them to real-life school situations. The most creative and impactful entries from each year's group will be selected after Easter, with winners receiving a special prize and a letter home and their designs featured on the digital screens across the school. We're looking forward to celebrating their brilliant ideas!

[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.

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 **6 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



Supporting Your Child



- Practical strategies to support your child's mental health, emotional wellbeing & self-esteem.
- Improve basic knowledge of neurodiversity.
- Importance of family cohesion & communication.
- Access downloadable support pack, activities & signposting guide.
- Access eLearning anytime & anywhere via PC, smartphone or tablet.

Parent & Carer e-Learning

No Charge & Access Any Time

Optional support pack and signposting are available.

Neuro-Inclusive Mental Wellbeing Training

For parents and carers of young people who struggle with their mental health and wellbeing.

Young people with specific challenges linked to mental health and neurodiversity / neurodivergence (autism, ADHD, dyslexia etc) are also included in the course. It is neuroaffirming, meaning it does not treat these kinds of differences as only negative.

"I feel better knowing I am not the only parent struggling and finding it hard to get help for their children. Thank you for providing a free course with really stories and resources."

 **Mind Lancashire**









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



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 nd April	Tuesday 2 nd July
9.30am – 11.30am	North Family Hub Dingle Ave FY3 7NX	Wednesday 23 rd April	Wednesday 3 rd 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

