



4th April 2025

Dear Parents / Carers,

Here we are at the end of another term already! I would like to wish you all a wonderful Easter break.

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

Y11 students have been working hard in their creative subject exams. We have been extremely impressed with their creativity and imaginative work. We were also thrilled to see Olivia M in Y10 demonstrating our school values of respect and kindness to others when engaging with peers from outside of our school community.



Year 2 children had a whale of a time this week as they had Blackpool Football Club in for their final session and were keeping healthy by taking part in a day-glo disco! The music was pumping, they wore neon coloured sweatbands and were dancing their little socks off! It was so lovely to see them enjoying themselves and learning about keeping fit in the process!

Our primary Anti-Bullying Ambassadors asked Mrs Shaw if they could hold their own book sale and asked primary parents for donations of preloved but good condition books. Our Ambassadors have given up their break and lunchtimes to hold the sale over a couple of days due the very generous number of donations. They have raised over £150 for the Young Mind Charity - well done to you all!

The Easter Bunny visited primary today which the children absolutely loved! We really do have the best staff who will go above and beyond to provide the children with memorable experiences!

[New Messages](#)

Y10 Attendance

Very well done to Year 10 students who have improved their attendance as a year group by more than 5% over the past 5 weeks in response to specific challenges and who have been rewarded with a Subway lunch!. You have set the standard for other year groups to follow. Keep it up!

Ready, Respectful, Safe

Our primary RRS Curriculum this week focused on 'Getting on with others' using the book 'Llama stops teasing' by Sue Graves. This lovely story helped the children to understand that something we might find funny, another person might not and then we hurt their feelings. The children discussed what a good friend is and how they can be one to others. After the holidays, we will begin, as usual, with a recap of our school values, rules and expectations so that everyone remembers them for the term ahead!



This week, the secondary RRS curriculum continued to reinforce our **Ready, Respectful, Safe** values through classroom activities and student engagement. It was fantastic to see students actively reflecting on their role in shaping a positive school culture, whether through their personal commitments, the creative poster designs, or their discussions during tutor time

After the Easter holidays, in the secondary phase, we will be reinforcing our high expectations by increasing sanctions for students who receive negative behaviour points in lessons and are not demonstrating our core values of **Ready, Respectful, and Safe**.

From the start of the new term:

- **If a student receives a negative behaviour point before lunch**, they will have a **15-minute reflection and restoration consequence at lunchtime**. This will provide them with an opportunity to reflect on their actions, hold restorative conversations with staff while still allowing time to get their lunch as normal.
- **If a student receives a negative behaviour point in Period 5**, they will serve the **same 15-minute consequence at the end of the day with their class teacher**.

These measures are in place to ensure students take responsibility for their behaviour and understand the impact of their actions. Any student who does not comply with this will receive a further sanction. Similarly, we will be recognising and celebrating students who consistently embody our **Ready, Respectful, Safe** values through our weekly assemblies, highlighting their positive contributions to our school community. As always, we appreciate your support in maintaining high standards 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.



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 **5 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)

As usual this has closed for the half term break and will be reopened at the start of half term 5.

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,

S. Cooke

Mr. S. Cooke
Headteacher



PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1)

EASTER HOLIDAYS 2025

moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free



<p>BURGER KING From Monday 7th - Sunday 20th April 2025, Kids Eat Free with every adult meal, via the app.</p> <p>BILLS Kids eat free Mondays - Fridays, from Monday 7th - Friday 25th April 2025.</p> <p>FARMHOUSE INNS 2 kids eat FREE with one paying adult, Monday 7th - Friday 25th of April. Sign Up Required</p> <p>TGI FRIDAYS Kids Eat Free When 'Stripes Rewards Members' purchase any adult meal (Via App)</p> <p>ZIZZI Sunday 6th - Sunday 27th April 2025 kids eat free with every adult main. (excludes Saturdays)</p> <p>CAFE EIGHTY NINE @ THE RANGE Kids eat free Sat 5th April - Mon 21st April 2025</p> <p>YO! SUSHI Kids eat free all day (monday - friday) during all school holidays, when dining with an adult</p> <p>SIZZLING PUBS Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids eat for £1.</p> <p>ASDA Kids eat for £1 every, with no adult spend.</p> <p>TRAVELODGE & PREMIER INN 2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast</p> <p>GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day</p> <p>WHITBREAD INNS 2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast</p> <p>BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE 2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast</p> <p>IKEA Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am</p>	<p>PREZZO Kids receive a free, 3 course kids meal, everyday at Prezzo between 31st March - 27th April 2025</p> <p>COCONUT TREE One child (under 10) eats free every day, 12pm - 6pm from Monday 7th - Sunday 27th April 2025</p> <p>PIZZA HUT Kids eat free buffet from Monday 7th - Sunday 27th April, until 3pm daily with a £10 spend</p> <p>PRETO Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto in Half Terms</p> <p>SAINSBURYS CAFES Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main. From 11:30am every day.</p> <p>BELLA ITALIA Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Sun to Weds. All Day Thursdays</p> <p>MORRISONS Kids Eat FREE all day, every day with a £5 spend</p> <p>LAS IGUANAS Kids under 12 eat FREE with 'My Las Iguanas' App</p> <p>TABLE TABLE 2 Kids Eat free breakfast daily with 1 paying adult!</p> <p>PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM Kids eat FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm</p> <p>HUNGRY HORSE Kids eat for £1 on Mondays</p> <p>THE REAL GREEK Kids under 12 eat FREE Sundays with £10 spend</p> <p>SA BRAINS PUBS Kids eat for £1 on Wednesdays</p> <p>FUTURE INNS Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal.</p>
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Supporting Your Child



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**

- 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.





Scan the QR code to access



Being A Parent



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