



6th June 2025

Dear Parents / Carers,

It was lovely to welcome back our students this week for the last half term of the academic year! I hope you all enjoyed your break. Year 11 continue to work hard with their national exams and we thank them for their efforts and maturity at what can be a stressful time for them and their families.

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

Our Year 8 students have visited the University of Central Lancashire as part of their careers program, gaining a valuable insight into the world of higher education.

Our Reception class went to the Zoo this week. They had a fabulous time looking at all of the animals and could discuss and then write about which was their favourite when they came back to school. The children's behaviour was simply fantastic - well done all of you!

On Wednesday, our Year 5 children took part in a live lesson where they had the opportunity to meet some STEM superstars with careers in aerospace and engineering. It was an inspiring session that sparked curiosity and enthusiasm among the children.

Mrs Bateman held a parental drop-in session in regard to our primary PSHE Curriculum this week. Thank you to those families that attended. We hope you found the session useful and informative.

[New Messages](#)

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!



Ready, Respectful, Safe

This week in our Primary RRS Behaviour Curriculum, we revisited our school values and expectations. The children showed great confidence in discussing what it means to be *Ready, Respectful, and Safe*, and were able to share thoughtful examples of behaviours and language that reflect these values in action. Next week, Miss Gleadell will be introducing our *Playground Ready, Respectful, Safe* expectations, helping ensure all children understand how to show positive behaviour during unstructured times too.

This week in our secondary RRS behaviour curriculum, we continue to reinforce our high expectations for behaviour across the school. In the secondary phase, our emphasis remains on embedding our core values of being *Ready, Respectful*, and *Safe* in all aspects of school life. We are not deviating from this until we are happy all students are meeting these basic expectations.

Year 7 students continue to be supported through daily morning meetings, which help ensure they are well-prepared and equipped for learning each day. We are continuing with our lunchtime reflection for any student who receives a behaviour point before lunch. This 15-minute session serves as a clear and consistent consequence, while still providing time for students to eat and use the toilet. Parents and carers are kept informed via regular text message updates, ensuring transparency and shared responsibility.

We are also sustaining our focus on celebrating positive behaviour. Weekly recognition continues through assemblies and tutor time, with an additional reward each half term for those who consistently demonstrate our values and set a strong example for others.

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 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.

[Repeated Messages](#)

Reminders: Mobile Phones, Chewing Gum and Fizzy Drinks

A reminder to all parents and carers that **Yondr pouches must be used without exception for mobile phones**. Students are expected to secure their phones in their pouches at the start of the school day, and the pouches should



remain sealed until dismissal. This is part of our commitment to minimising distractions and maintaining a focused learning environment.

We also kindly ask parents and carers to remind students that chewing gum and fizzy drinks are not permitted in school. These items are not in line with our school expectations and will be confiscated if brought in.

Thank you for your continued support in reinforcing these expectations.

[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 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
FY2 0TS

Contact CYP LD and ADHD team for more
information
0800 121 7762 Option 5



Upcoming Dates 25/26

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