

Unity Academy Primary Newsletter 20/6/2025

Your weekly roundup of all things years N -6!



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What a week this has been - so much going on!

Teaching and Learning

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!

Year 2 went to the Rock Gardens this week. Miss Purdy and Miss Helsby were so happy with all of the children and said that they were excellent representatives of Unity whilst out in the local area. The children completed some of their Enrichment Passport Activities and took part in Bird Watching and Pond Dipping.

Transition Visits started for Year 6 into Year 7 this week. They took part in a variety of subjects including Geography and Art lessons. Feedback from the children was positive as it gave them a valuable insight into what a school day will be like when they move to Year 7. Also this week, the new Reception children started their visits to school and Year 1 met their new class teacher too.

A group of Year 5 and 6 children represented Unity at the Blackpool Youth Games. The came home with a shield that they were awarded for fair play and good team work. What excellent things to be recognised for! Well done, all of you!

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.

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.

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.

Diary Dates

- 24th June New Reception 2025 starters Group B, session 2 transition visit 2:15 3:00pm
- 25th June Reception Church Visit

- 26th June New Reception 2025 starters Group A, session 1 transition visit 9:15
 10:00am
- 3rd July Y6 into Y7 Transition Day
- 3rd July Primary Transition Day

And finally... Happy weekend everyone! Remember your sun cream because its going to be a scorcher!

Classes for 2025-2026. Please find below 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. 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.

Teaching Assistants are still to be confirmed.

Class from previous year group	Teacher for 2025-2026	Class Name in 2025-2026
	Mrs Hanvey	RHH
RHH	Miss Tench	1MT
1MT	Miss Helsby	2BH
1CL	Miss Bailey	2JB
2AP	Miss Gleadell	3KG
2BH	Mrs Hutt/ Miss Purdy	ЗНР
3KG	Ms Brayne	4HB
ЗНВ	Miss Blunden	4CBL
4CBL	Mrs Bateman	5MB
4JB	Mr Hendy	5JH

5NO	Miss Ayers	6VA
5MB	Mr Tomes	6TT

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Mr Hendy to Unity. He was with us during the Autumn Term on placement in Year 5 so already knows staff and children. He will be popping in this term so I'm sure he will be ready to hit the ground running in September.

Other teachers in school that may teach your child are myself, Mr Brimley, Mrs Hutt, Mrs King, Miss Whittam, Miss Boucher and Mrs Bradshaw. We also have specialist teachers from Secondary who teach subjects such as Music and P.E.

Your child will take part in our Moving Up Day on Thursday 3rd July. This will give them the opportunity to spend time with their new teacher and in their new classroom. We are really excited about next year and hope the children are too!

Community Corner



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!



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

For Parents/Carers

Advice & Support

Networking with Parents/Carers

Signposting Information

One Friday a month 9:30am - 11:30am Please see dates on back

Unity Academy Family Hub Warbreck Hill Road Blackpool FY2 OTS Pre-referral guidance

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

A message from Central Library, Blackpool

This year's Summer Reading Challenge theme is The Story Garden, encouraging primary age children and their families to take their reading outside into the fresh air. As ever, we've got a full summer of stories and crafting sessions ahead across the Service to share with them all, but I'd be most grateful if you would put the information below on your Tapestry, Moodle, Dojo or other pages to ensure that the families know there are free sessions available at Central Library to keep the children and their attendant grown-ups entertained.

Booking is required, but that's a simple matter of either popping in to the library, or giving us a call on 01253 478080, and reserving a place.

Central Library Junior Story & Craft sessions, Summer 2025

- 24th July 2.30 3.30pm Come along to our Story Garden Summer Reading Challenge Craft Launch event, to listen to Dear Earth and make yourself a bookish badge to take home. Booking essential
- 31st July 2.30 3.30pm Come and join us to listen to the story of Sam Plants A Sunflower and, because it's a bit late to plant sunflowers, you can plant a nasturtium to take home and watch it grow, then eat it in a salad! Booking essential
- 7th August 2.30 3.30pm Beetle along to our creepy-crawly themed craft session, to listen to some minibeast facts and to make a Spotter's Guide zine to take home so you can look out for all sorts of tiny wildlife on your travels around town. Booking essential
- 14th August 2.30 3.30pm Join us for a roarsome time, to listen to "Where The Wild Things Are" and to make a nature-shapes crown to wear while you create your own wild rumpus! Free event, but booking essential
- 21st August 2.30 3.30pm Come along to Central Library to listen to "When The Bees Buzzed Off", hear some cool buggy facts and to make a rocking minibeast card to take away. Free event but booking is essential
- 28th August 2.30 3.30pm Come on over to listen to the story of "Impossible!" and to make one of our ever-popular recycled materials balloon cars to help you zoom off on your own adventures! Free event but booking essential

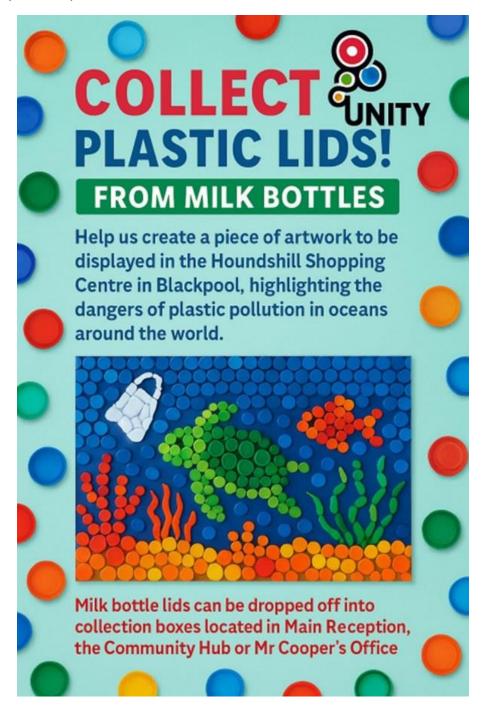
Wishing you a peaceful summer, with plenty of reading time.





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 Houndshill 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.



57th Blackpool (Unity Academy) Scouts



Did you know? Unity Academy has our very own Scout Group that runs each week on a Thursday to provide our young people with Skills For Life! More information can be found by clicking here.

We run sections for each age group from 4 years old and up. In addition to the weekly meetings on a Thursday after school we also offer a wide range of trips, camps, nights away and adventurous activities for all age groups.

- * Cubs (For ages 8- 10.5 years): Thursday : 3:15 until 4:45 pm
 * Scouts (For ages 10.5 14 years): Thursday : 3:15 until 4:45 pm

Our in school Scout Sections are run by a group of volunteers, most of which are parents of children at Unity Academy. Without this support, it would not be possible to provide these amazing opportunities for the young people. If you feel like volunteering with the Scouts is something you might be able to offer, please do get in touch. It might be to support one section meeting a month, offer a certain skill you have or to support behind the scenes with finance and administration. Whatever your skills, every little offer of help is invaluable to us. To inquire about a place for a young person or about adult volunteering with the Scouts, please click here.

Contact us!

Contact Us

If you wish to contact a teacher within school please use this link Parental Messages / <a href="Queries (Non-urgent). and we will get back to you. This form should be used rather than contacting an individual teacher email address as we can then ensure that you are responded to in a timely manner. Messages will be passed on and dealt with as quickly as possible. Our aim is to respond to you within 48 school working hours. Please note that this may not be checked during teaching hours and so please do not add anything urgent e.g. about your child being collected by someone else at the end of the day. If you have an urgent message or query, please contact the school office on 01253 355493. Thank you.

Attendance



		Attendance %	Late marks
•	RHH	95.22	1
•	1CL	91.52	9
•	1MT	94.20	4

•	2BH	91.30	6
•	2AP	92.36	1
•	ЗКС	86.41	2
•	ЗНВ	93.50	0
•	4JB	93.52	2
•	4CBL	92.41	5
•	5MB	97.41	4
•	5NO	97.08	1
•	6TT	94.58	5
•	6VA	90.09	7

Keeping children safe!





Celebrating Culture and Difference

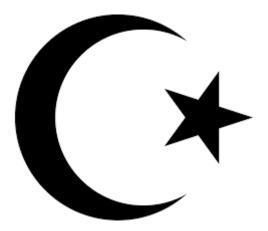




Saturday 21st June is World Humanist Day a celebration promoting the values of Humanism. <u>Click here to learn more</u>



Tuesday 24th June is Midsummers Day a pagan celebration of the Sun's power. <u>Click here to learn more</u>.



Wednesday the 25th June is Al-Hijra the first day of the Islamic New Year. <u>Click here to learn</u> <u>more</u>

Nursery



This week we have started learning about the differences between where we live and where others live in the world. The story we have been reading is 'Around the world with Max and Lemon.' We have spoken about the differences between our houses and the environments we live in.

The children have be working on matching numeral to quantity, we have done really well recognising our numerals to 10.

Reception



In Reception this week in Reception we released our butterflies! The children have been fascinated by them and have thoroughly enjoyed watching them grow and following their life cycle into butterflies.

It's quite apt that this week has been all about life cycles as the children began their transition sessions into Year 1. They have spent two sessions this week with their new teacher and will have two more next week. We realise the importance of building strong relationships between staff and children and ultimately, we want as smooth a transition as possible into new year groups!

We also discussed the Moggy's Coming story that Mrs Shaw shared with us in assembly. The children really gave some thoughtful responses as to how their body might feel if they were feeling unsafe and who they could turn to for help if they ever felt that way.

I always enjoy this time of year when I look back and see how far the children have come both academically and personally and socially! Some of them are definitely ready for Year One now!

Have a wonderful weekend Reception - Don't forget your sun cream! Mrs Hanvey and Mrs Hillier

Year 1



What a lovely week in Year 1!

In Maths this week we have been looking at position and direction. We have developed lots of knowledge including, quarter-,half-, three-quarter- and full-turns. We then moved on to looking at forwards, backwards, left, right, below and above. Although the children found some of these concepts tricky, they worked really hard and have made excellent progress over the week.

In English this week we have made jam sandwiches together. Although this doesn't sound too exciting at first, it was the children who were giving the adults instructions to support procedural writing. As you can imagine, things got quite messy for the grown ups! We were then able to discuss the importance of specific and explicit instructions, which supported our independent writing.

In Science this week, we completed one of our Crest Awards; Rainbow Collectors. Following our learning last week surrounding seasonal changes we notice in Summer, we took our learning outside to look at colours we notice in the summer season. The children's discussions included some wonderful vocabulary, including, "sapphire blue flowers", "emerald green grass", "olive green bushes", "indigo flowers", "the vibrant sun". Well done Year 1!

We hope you have a wonderful weekend in this lovely sunshine! The Year 1 Team



What a busy week year 2 have had.

In English we have continued reading the story 'Whatever Next' and have been learning all about homophones and finding them in the text. We then had a go a writing some sentences that included the homophones we found.

In Math we have continued learning all about time. We have been telling the time using quarter past and quarter to and learning how to tell the time past the hour.

In history we have been learning all about Neil Armstrong and created our own fact file all about him using pictures to help with our writing.

On Thursday afternoon we had a lovely afternoon at the rock gardens. We took part in some bird watching where we walked around the rock garden to see what different types of bird

we could find and ticked them off on our worksheet. We then had a walk round to the pond and had a look at the different plants and animals we could see. We then drew them in our table and wrote about what they we're doing in the pond. The children we're so well behaved during their time in the rock gardens and walking to and from school. Well done year 2, we are very proud of you all.

We hope you all have a lovely weekend.









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What a good week in year 3!

This week, in English, we have been writing and planning our very own newspaper article linked to the nasty trick in The Twits. Mr Twit sent Mrs Twit flying into the sky with lots of balloons! We have come up with the 5W's and a quote to include in our newspaper report - we are going to be typing them up using our computing skills!

In Maths, we have begun our topic on Shape. We have looked at right angles, acute and obtuse, horizontal and vertical lines. We have been really focused and this has greatly supported our learning so far. Test us on different angles at home!

In Science, we learnt the different ways that seeds are dispersed. We went outside with our 'seeds' and tested the different methods of seed dispersal including; explosions, wind, water and animals.

Please ensure your child is reading 3 times weekly and bringing their book every day.

Have a lovely weekend!

Year 4



We have been so creative this week in Year 4.

In English we have continued with our story into the Bewitched forest. We have written exciting setting descriptions using expanded noun phrases and our senses to encourage the reader to want to carry on reading. The children have enjoyed using their imaginations.

In Science, we have started our Crest award investigations and this week have been working in groups to investigate building bridges. They had to investigate different models and designs to see which held the most weight.

Shoe boxes

If anyone has any shoe boxes that they could donate to Year 4 for a project we are starting soon, we would be really grateful. We need 60!

Have a lovely weekend.



What a fantastic week we've had in Year 5!

Firstly, a huge well done to the entire year group as we begin rehearsals for our upcoming Shakespeare play. The enthusiasm, focus and excitement from the children has been amazing, and we're already so impressed with their commitment. Some pupils have even memorised their lines after just two days — a brilliant start that's setting the tone for what promises to be a wonderful performance!

In Science, we've been tackling the tricky concept of interpreting and drawing line graphs. Using data about how babies grow in height from birth to 12 months, the children showed great resilience and a positive attitude throughout the task — we're very proud of their efforts.

A gentle reminder that reading diaries should be signed at least **three times per week**. Now that rehearsals are underway, we're happy for the children to record their **script reading** as part of their weekly reading — it's a great way to continue developing fluency and expression.

We'll be sharing more information in the coming weeks about the **Year 5 performance**, including dates for when parents and carers can come to watch — so please keep an eye out for updates.

Thank you as always for your continued support. Have a lovely weekend!

The Year 5 Team

Year 6



This week has seen our Unity students being very brave and starting their transition sessions in the high school! They experienced art, graphics or geography lessons and most importantly, a free high school dinner in the side canteen. Luckily, over the last few weeks, they have been prepared well by Mrs Taylor for this moment and are very lucky to be in the position of attending an all-through school where we can make opportunities such as this possible.

Please note - for the next three weeks, children may come to school in their PE kit for their *Tuesday* transition day only.

A selection of Year 6 students have represented our school well this week at various sporting events - on Monday some attended Blackpool Youth Games to play football and on Thursday, those who attended Reading & Rugby in school and saw it through to the end, were invited to the Fylde Rugby Club in Ansdell to play on the pitch, meet the author and learn various

strategies to support the ability to speak to a large audience. Two great events - thank you to all children involved.

Mrs Campbell (Senior Teacher in charge of Transition at Montgomery) has been in touch with us this week to share the attached flyers with you - BJFF are looking to recruit girls for the upcoming season (current Year 6 & Year 7 students). The taster session takes place on Sunday 29th June at Unity Academy, 10-11am should your child be interested - further information can be found on the flyers.





Star of the Week



- RHH Cody For a wonderful attitude to learning and being a fantastic role model to others!
- 1CL Chandini For her fantastic attitude to learning and showing our school values. She puts a smile on our faces everyday and is a little ray of sunshine!
- 1MT Paisley For always working incredibly hard and bringing so many creative and interesting ideas to our class discussions!
- 2BH Mollie For going above and beyond in all lessons and showing strong resilience.
- 2AP Kendal For creating a fantastic fact file all about Neil Armstrong in history.
- 3KG Tilya-Jane For her wonderful attitude towards learning this week and completely turning it around! Keep it up!
- 3HB Leila For returning to school with a positive attitude and a readiness to learn we are so happy to have you back in
- 4JB Matilda For positive attitude to learning and producing a fantastic piece of writing in English
- 4CBL Tyler for the kind and caring way he looks after the younger children in the playground.
- 5MB Stanley For showing a calm and mature attitude in class and super explanations in maths
- 5NO Jasmine For showing excellent resilience with a tricky concept in Science.
- 6TT Bella Resilience and participating in all reading rugby activities

• 6VA - Ryan - For his sensible, mature and well rounded responses to questions

School Uniform



Revised policy from September: From September our uniform is changing. The decision was made following consultation with children, parents and staff. Large numbers of people shared their thoughts for the options given and the vast majority voted for a change to some aspects of our uniform.

As a reminder, please have a look at the list below and make sure your children are correctly dressed for both the school day and PE. To request items of uniform please click here and complete the short form. We will do our best to meet your needs, stock permitting.

Nursery Uniform

- Black sweatshirt with logo
- White polo shirt
- · Black trousers, tracksuit bottoms or skirt
- Black shoes if wearing trousers or skirt or Trainers (preferably black) if wearing tracksuit bottoms.

Primary uniform - All students should wear:

- Black V Neck school jumper with embroidered Unity Academy logo this item is compulsory!
- Plain White Shirt or blouse
- Plain **black** socks or tights
- House Badge (Provided by the academy initially, replacements can be purchased from the academy)
- All black footwear with no identifiable markings. If this footwear is a boot it must be no bigger than ankle length. No crocs!

Students have a choice of: (students must wear one of these)

- Plain black tailored skirt
- Plain black trousers or shorts (tailored type, not tracksuit bottoms/ jeans)
- A Black Blazer with the Unity logo is optional

P.E. Kit - Red polo shirt Black shorts Black socks Black Pumps

Summer Uniform

- Red check dress with white ankle socks
- Black short trousers

If your child has outgrown any uniform items and they are in good condition, please do send them into school where they can be added to our supply for other parents to access. Thank you



Lunchtime menu for this week



