



14th November 2025

Dear Parents / Carers,

Starting in the next few weeks, our school will be getting important building work done on the roof. This is fantastic for our school and will help improve our buildings.

While the builders are here, things will look a bit different outside. The work will mean some of the outside spaces around the school will be closed off. You'll notice this most around the primary entrances, which might affect your usual drop-off or pick-up spot.

Your child's safety is our number one priority. We are working closely with the building team to make sure the site is always secure. There will be safe, clear pathways for everyone, and staff will be on hand to help.

We also want to reassure you that this work will have **very little impact on your child's learning.** Lessons and classes will carry on as normal.

Thanks so much for your patience and understanding as we work to make our school even better!

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

On Monday, Mr Cooper was teaching in 5MB when they suddenly found themselves *invaded* by the Year 4 Roman Army! They marched in, captured the land and certainly kept Year 5 on their toes. It was a huge surprise for everyone, but the children absolutely loved it and it made for a fantastic immersive learning experience.

You may remember that a few weeks ago we shared news about the Eco Turtle created by our pupils and displayed at Houndshell Shopping Centre. We're delighted to announce that *Shellvish Presley* has now taken up permanent residence here at Unity! You can now find him proudly displayed in our main reception area, right next to Elmer.

This week has been a powerful reminder of the strength and unity within our school community. On Sunday, we were proud to see a strong representation of students from both the primary and secondary choirs at the Remembrance Day service at the Cenotaph. They sang beautifully, and one of our Head Students had the honour of laying a wreath on behalf of Unity Academy — a moment of real dignity and maturity.

In school, we paused together for the two-minute silence on Tuesday, taking time to honour those who served and sacrificed. Our RRS sessions and assemblies have continued this theme, exploring the origins of Remembrance while also reinforcing our daily standards and expectations.

Meanwhile, Year 11 have been hard at work with their mock GCSE exams. They've shown real determination so far, and we're proud of the effort they continue to put in.



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New Messages

Year 6's first set of mock SATs week begins very shortly - week beginning **Monday 24th November to Thursday 27th November**. This is a very important week as it makes clear the children's current position in regard to meeting the expected standard. It also highlights any gaps in knowledge that we can then work in over the next few months. Remember our expectation is that all children are: 'in school on time, every day' - but especially that week!!

We run the mock SATS week as closely as possible to the real SATs week. Our experience tells us that this means that the children are very well prepared and then take the full opportunity to show off how amazing they are when it comes to the testing week in May!

Monday 24th November - SPaG

Tuesday 25th November - Reading

Wednesday 26th November - Maths

Thursday 27th November - Maths

Look out for details of our upcoming Year 6 Steps to Success Evening. During this session, we will be providing crucial details about the upcoming Year 6 SATs tests. This will be an invaluable opportunity to understand where your child currently stands and how we can work together to ensure they reach their full potential.

Repeated Messages

Primary Tours

Following our successful Open Evening event last week, there are two additional primary tour dates booked in for Friday 28th November at 10:30 am and Monday 12th January at 9:45 am - please share these dates with anyone who has a child due to start in Reception for September 2026. To book onto a tour, please contact the school office on 01253 355493.

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, 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, and behaviour reports (Positive and Negative) are now also available.



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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>

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Yours sincerely,

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