



20th March 2026

Dear Parents / Carers,

It is with a degree of sadness that I announce that **Ms Kelly Shaw, Deputy Headteacher (Primary)**, will be leaving us at the end of the academic year. Ms Shaw has been appointed Headteacher of Westcliff Primary Academy, starting in September. Westcliff's gain is certainly our loss and she will be sorely missed when she does leave us. We are looking at the difficult task of replacing Ms Shaw and will keep you updated as things develop. My sincere thanks go to Ms Shaw for all the hard work she has done here at Unity as I am sure yours do as well.

A huge well done to our **Year 6 pupils** who recently completed their mock SATs. We know these assessments can feel like a bit of a mountain to climb, but the resilience and focus shown by the children were truly impressive.

They've put in a tremendous amount of hard work, and while these mocks are a great way for us to see where they are, we are most proud of their **tenacity and positive attitudes**.

Moving over to our secondary pupils, we are pleased to report that the **new fob system** for school lunches is officially a success.

The primary goal was to reduce queue times, and the results have been fantastic. Transactions are now significantly faster, meaning pupils have more time to actually eat and socialise rather than standing in line. It's been a "fob-ulous" start (if you'll pardon the pun).

What's coming next? We know that staying on top of lunch money is important. We are currently working on a way for pupils to **check their balances more easily** and independently. We plan to introduce a dedicated balance-check station or portal soon, so pupils aren't left guessing at the till.

Thank you for your continued support as we keep fine-tuning things to make the school day smoother for everyone.

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

Year 6 completed another set of mock SATs this week and approached them with such determination! Well done to all of you for your positive attitude! The staff team are working hard and ensuring they are well prepared for the real SATs in May (11th-14th) through high quality first teaching and precision tutoring.

Our RRS curriculum this week focused on E-Safety using the story Webster's Manners. Mrs Shaw spoke with the children in assembly about their use of technology as Webster's Dad put rules in place for him E.g. no technology when eating, in bed, when running late etc. Webster then put rules in place for Dad E.g. when using



hot pans, driving and when talking to Webster. The simple story is something we can all learn from. Nothing beats a face to face conversation! Next week we will focus on 'Taking Care of our equipment'.

This week in the secondary phase, our RRS curriculum and assemblies have provided a wonderful opportunity for students to reflect on the cultural and spiritual significance of both Easter and Eid, fostering a deeper understanding of the diverse traditions within our community. It has been an especially productive week for Year 8, who engaged brilliantly with their workplace encounters, gaining valuable insights into the professional world and the various career pathways available to them. Meanwhile, our focus on Year 11 academic success continues to intensify; all students in the cohort have now received their comprehensive revision packs as part of our structured programme of support. To ensure these resources are used to their full potential, Mr Bradshaw led a practical demonstration on the "Revision Clock" method, showing students how to break down complex topics into manageable time-bound segments to maximise their memory retention.

[New Messages](#)

As we maintain our high standards of pride in our school identity, we would like to remind parents and carers that Unity jumpers, and cardigans in primary, must be worn as part of the daily uniform. While we expect students to arrive at lessons and move around the academy with their jumpers on, they are always welcome to ask their teacher's permission to remove them during class if they find they are becoming too warm.

Decorated Eggs Competition - Please see the image below for ideas/ further details! All competition entries are to be brought into school on Wednesday 25th March. Please ensure they are clearly labelled with your child's name and class. Thank you

Staff changes - Miss Gleadell will be leaving us shortly to have her baby. We wish her the best of luck with her new bundle of joy when she arrives and cannot wait for baby cuddles! Mrs Bass returns from her Maternity Leave after Easter and will work alongside Miss Smith to teach 3KG until the end of the school year. There will be a handover starting next week and continuing after the holidays before Miss Gleadell starts her Maternity Leave.

[Repeated Messages](#)

Attendance

This week sees the launch of our next attendance challenge. This takes place across the 67 school days between 25th March and 17th July 2026. Very straightforwardly, attendance on all 67 days earns an invitation to our inaugural **6 7 Attendance Festival**, which will be held in the last week of the summer term. This will offer a wide range of enjoyable activities, including the ice cream van being in attendance and more! Children will be



hearing much more about this from next week onwards. Please encourage your child to meet this standard and earn an invitation.

Thank you, in anticipation of your support

Uniform and Refreshments Reminder

To ensure the safety of all our students, please remember that jewellery is limited to one pair of plain ear studs only; hoops, rings, or dangling earrings are not permitted. We also ask for your support in keeping our school a healthy environment by ensuring fizzy and energy drinks are not brought onto the premises. Water or still juice are much better options for staying hydrated and focused throughout the day.

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.

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,





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