



21st November 2025

Dear Parents / Carers,

Important Update: Last Day of Term

Please note a change to our schedule for **Friday, 19th December**:

- **Secondary (Y7-11):** CLOSED all day.
- **Primary (Rec-Y6):** OPEN as normal, finishing at 12:30pm.

Why the change? We are using this time for essential staff training to plan improvements for the new term. This helps us ensure consistent, high-quality support for every child.

Return Date: All pupils return on **Monday, 5th January**.

Apologies for any disruption to your plans, and thank you for supporting us to create a better school.

What have we been up to this week?

In primary this week our RRS behaviour curriculum was focused on respecting the environment. This is important because when children learn to care for the environment—by throwing rubbish in the bin, tidying the environment, helping water a plant, or turning off the tap—they are learning that everything matters. These small actions teach them that they are an important part of a bigger world and that their choices can help keep our community and nature healthy and beautiful. By teaching them respect for the environment now, we are raising happy, thoughtful children who will grow up knowing how to take care of themselves and the planet!

This week, we've been shining a spotlight on Anti-Bullying Week across the secondary phase. Our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors have been out and about visiting form groups and distributing anti-bullying stickers to keep the message visible and positive throughout the week.

Year 8 have completed their careers questionnaire, helping us build a clearer picture of their interests and future pathways. Meanwhile, Year 11 have been pushing through the final stretch of their mock exams with real determination.

Finally, on Friday, we welcomed the BBC Bitesize Careers Tour, who delivered engaging careers sessions with pupils from Year 5 through to Year 10. The team were fantastic with the students, and we were also joined by Andy Bayes from BBC Radio Lancashire, who brought real insight into local media careers. Staff commented on how inspired the pupils were — a brilliant boost to aspiration and future-thinking across the school.

A busy, purposeful week with students continuing to embody our Ready, Respectful, Safe values.



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Repeated Messages

Y6 SATs

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.

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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