



27th February 2026

Dear Parents / Carers,

As we approach a pivotal point in the academic year, we are writing to inform you that our Year 11 pupils will soon be embarking on a **second round of mock exams** specifically for English and Maths.

These assessments will take place over the next few weeks and serve as a vital benchmark for our pupils as they head toward their final summer exams.

While all subjects are important, English and Maths hold a unique position in your child's educational journey for two primary reasons:

- **Foundation for Learning:** These subjects provide the essential literacy and numeracy skills required to excel in almost every other area of study.
- **Future Requirements:** Achieving a passing grade now is essential for a smooth transition to the next stage. Pupils who do not secure a pass in these subjects are required by the government to continue studying them alongside their chosen courses at college or during an apprenticeship.

By performing well now, pupils can ensure their focus remains entirely on their new passions and career paths after they leave us.

We want to take a moment to say how **incredibly proud** we are of the dedication the Year 11 cohort has shown so far. Their commitment to revision and their resilience in the classroom have not gone unnoticed.

It is our sincere hope that the results of these practice exams will provide them with a well-deserved confidence boost, showing them exactly how much their hard work is paying off

You can support your child by ensuring they have a quiet space to revise and by encouraging a healthy balance of study and rest during this period.

Thank you for your continued partnership in supporting your child's success.

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

The children have returned to school looking extremely smart in their full school uniforms. This was a focus in our RRS assemblies in the run up to the holidays with a view to us addressing where uniform doesn't meet our expectations this half term. Thank you to everyone who has helped their child in following our 'Ready' school expectation. Where uniform does not meet our standard, a teacher may speak to you about it so that you are aware and a daily text will be sent home. A reminder that a full P.E. kit is also a part of our uniform. We do have good quality, pre-loved items in school so don't hesitate to contact us if we can help!



Primary's RRS this week was a re-focus on our school expectations of Ready, Respectful and Safe, along with our classroom rules of good looking, good listening, good sitting and kind friends. These are well-embedded in primary now with all children able to articulate them and demonstrate them. Next week we will move onto a focus on 'Showing Kindness to others' using the story 'Meesha makes Friends' by Tom Percival.

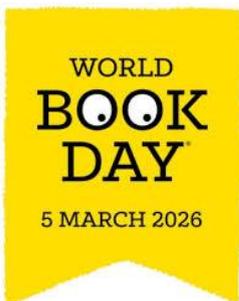
This week in Secondary RRS and assemblies, we explored the theme of stereotypes — challenging assumptions, encouraging critical thinking, and asking students to reflect on how labels can limit both themselves and others. The discussions were thoughtful and mature, with students linking the theme directly to our Ready, Respectful, Safe values and the importance of treating everyone as individuals.

On Friday, Year 7 and 8 represented Unity brilliantly at an inter-school athletics competition. Their effort, teamwork and sportsmanship were excellent — a great example of resilience and pride in action.

Meanwhile, Year 10 and 11 attended a careers talk delivered by representatives from the Army. Students gained insight into the wide range of pathways available, including apprenticeships, technical roles and leadership opportunities. It was a valuable opportunity to broaden horizons and connect school learning to future careers.

And finally — congratulations to the Year 11 Red Team, who won last half term's incentive competition. Their reward? A well-earned Subway and KFC celebration. A strong reminder that consistent attendance, positive RRS points and commitment outside of lessons genuinely pay off.

### New Messages



Remember that Thursday next week is World Book Day and we invite children to dress up as a word, a favourite book character or simply remain in their school uniform. We will be enjoying a 'Story & Slippers' session so please encourage your children to bring a pair of slippers in a bag. We would also love to see some competition entries as promoted in the letter that went out on Wednesday - It's your chance to get creative again making character spoons or a story shoe box!



### Year 6 Mock SATs

The week beginning **16th March** is our next **mock SATs week** - this date has changed from what we'd previously planned and the tests will only take place from Monday to Wednesday. Please ensure your child is in school, on time every day throughout this very important week. Thank you



### **Parking**

If you are parking close to the school, please be very careful and aware of child pedestrians and both mindful of and courteous towards residents and school neighbours. Please observe no parking zones such as double yellow lines and those indicated by student safety signage. We are aware that Parking Enforcement Officers are operating in the area and issuing tickets.

### **Repeated Messages**

#### **Attendance**

Well done and thank you very much to all students, parents and carers for working very hard and successfully to improve attendance. This is having a very positive impact. Year on year primary attendance has increased by 1.5%, secondary by 4.4% and whole school attendance by 3.2%. Punctuality is also massively improved with late arrivals reduced by 68%. This translates into approximately **10000** days of additional school attendance! We now need to keep pushing to improve these yet further.

Thank you

### **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:



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Yours sincerely,

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