



28th November 2025

Dear Parents / Carers,

It has been another busy week with Y6 practice SATs taking place in Primary. We also had a meeting with the governors towards the end of last week and I have shared their statement to parents and carers below:

#### Message from Governors

The School Development Body (Governors) met on November 20th and was very happy with the detailed report from Mr. Connolly, which gave a clear picture of the school and its main goals. We are reassured by how well **attendance and behaviour** are being managed, and we were proud to see Unity rated highly in the government's school comparisons for attendance.

We discussed the new improvement plan and the developing working relationship with the Regional Improvement for Standards and Excellence Team and our improvement partners at Great Schools Trust. Whilst progress is being made there is still a lot of work to be done to embed the changes and ultimately make improvements to the school. Some of the governors had also recently attended an Away Day with FCAT, sharing ideas and working with other schools across the trust.

#### What have we been up to this week?

This week in secondary, through our RRS curriculum, students have been exploring the importance of road safety during form time and in assembly. As part of this, students were shown a hard-hitting video from the Road Safety THINK! campaign to underline the real-world impact of unsafe choices. To reinforce these messages, we distributed bike lights and reflective stickers to students at the end of the day. Our primary pupils have also received bike lights today to ensure all children are equipped to travel safely during the darker months.

On Tuesday, Year 10 took part in their second Science Super Learning Day of the year. Students engaged in extended practical and theoretical work designed to deepen understanding and strengthen exam readiness.

Year 11 continued their strong start to the term with a geography field trip to Liverpool on Wednesday, where they gathered data and developed fieldwork skills essential for their GCSE studies.

Another busy week in primary at Unity! The week started with an assembly about young carers. We have a number of young carers in school and it is important to celebrate them whilst at the same time recognising the contribution they make to the lives of their family, the very valuable skills they learn but also to understand the impact this can have on them as children. They are amazing in my opinion!



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Mrs Shaw has spent the vast majority of her time this week supporting our Year 6 children with their mock SATs. We are very pleased with their attitude towards this first set and just asked that they try their best and show us what they know. This means that we can be very focused on any knowledge gaps they have and can direct homework activities and inform our daily teaching accordingly.

Our Year 6 Steps to Success evening is taking place on Wednesday 10th December at 3:30pm. Parental support at this meeting is so very important as we will share the results of your child's latest mock SATs tests with you and provide details of our precision tutoring sessions and our Attitude to Learning Reward Scheme, along with ideas for how you can support your child at home. Further details will come home today!

### [New Messages](#)

#### Christmas Hamper Appeal

As the festive season approaches, Unity will once again be running our annual Christmas Hamper Appeal to support families in our community. We are collecting non-perishable foods and essential items to help those who may appreciate a little extra support at this time of year.

Donations can be brought to school from **Monday 1st December to Friday 5th December**. Drop-off points will be available in the main school entrance.

All donated items will be assembled into hampers and distributed to families within our community.

#### Suggested donation items include:

- Canned goods (vegetables, fruit, soup)
- Pasta and rice
- Cereal and porridge oats
- Cooking oil
- Canned beans and lentils
- Long-life milk
- Baby formula, nappies and baby wipes
- Hygiene products (toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, shampoo)
- Non-perishable snacks (granola bars, crackers)
- Warm clothing items (gloves, socks, hats)

Please note that we are unable to accept alcohol or any items unsuitable for families.

Thank you in advance for your generosity and for supporting our community.



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## Repeated Messages

### Primary Tours

Following our successful Open Evening event, there is an additional primary tour date booked in for Monday 12th January at 9:45 am - please share this date with anyone who has a child due to start in Reception for September 2026. To book onto the 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.

**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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