



3rd October 2025

Dear Parents / Carers,

I am very pleased with the success of our annual **Open Evening**, which took place yesterday. The school was vibrant and welcoming, with a large turnout of prospective families. The enthusiasm and positive energy throughout the building were impressive, making the event a memorable showcase of what our school offers. This success is entirely down to the incredible dedication of our **staff and pupils**. We extend our deepest thanks to all teachers and support staff who worked tirelessly behind the scenes and throughout the evening to prepare engaging displays, run interactive sessions, and speak with parents, carers and children.

I am also delighted to share the wonderful feedback received from recent visitors to our school. They have been incredibly impressed by the exceptional **politeness and helpfulness** displayed by our students across the school. Our pupils continue to act as outstanding ambassadors, reflecting the high standards of our community. Well done to all!

What have we been up to this week?

Our primary RRS behaviour curriculum focus this week has been to help children understand how to regulate their emotions and manage their responses in different situations. Learning to recognise feelings such as frustration, excitement or worry and knowing how to respond calmly is a vital life skill for young children. By practising strategies such as taking deep breaths, talking about how they feel or pausing before reacting, children begin to develop resilience and positive relationships with others. Supporting them to manage their emotions not only helps them feel more secure and confident but also builds the foundations for successful learning and wellbeing in the future.

This week has been a busy and exciting one across our Secondary Phase. On Monday, our Year 10 students took part in a Science Super Learning Day, where they immersed themselves in a range of engaging physics activities designed to deepen their scientific knowledge and curiosity.

We were also incredibly proud of the numerous students from across all year groups who supported staff during Open Evening. Their enthusiasm, maturity, and willingness to represent the school so positively made a huge impact on our visitors.

In terms of our Ready, Respectful, Safe (RRS) curriculum, we have continued to emphasise the importance of adhering to uniform expectations, particularly around jewellery and all-black footwear. Thank you to families for supporting us in maintaining high standards.

Finally, this week we have marked the start of Black History Month, both through assemblies and RRS, celebrating the significance of this commemoration and reflecting on the contributions, culture, and achievements of Black communities throughout history and today. These have been further enhanced on screens around the school.

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New Messages

Following our successful Open Evening event yesterday, 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.

At our recent primary Meet the Teacher session, we shared slides of our expectations in regard to the children's behaviour, attitude, attendance and home learning etc. For those of you who couldn't make it, we have sent out a copy of the slides the class teachers used. Please read through them so that both home and school are on the same page regarding meeting our expectations. Please can we ask all parents/carers to [click here to sign the Google form](#) to confirm that you attended Meet the Teacher and/or you have received and read the expectations slides, and you agree to support your child in meeting our expectations. Thank you!

Repeated Messages

Communication

We will be sharing various messages over the next few weeks linked to the greater use of the MCAS system for payments to school, and an update on potentially harmful electronic devices such as Vapes and Scooters.

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)



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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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