

Poplar Farm Weekly Newsletter



Monday 17 November 2025

Thank you to everyone who completed a parent questionnaire earlier this term. I was delighted to see 99% of you agree that your child likes being at school and 99% agree that your child feels safe at school. The full results are available at the end of this newsletter, as well as some of the amazing comments you wrote. Thank you! I will respond to the further comments on the weekly newsletter over the next few weeks.

Article 17 - Access to information

Thank you to everyone who supported our fundraising for Children In Need last week. We had a target to raise £250, but the final figure was an incredible £427! I'm sure if any of you watched some of the CiN footage on television last Friday, you will know that funds raised make such a positive difference to so many children. Thank you again.

Article 27 - Adequate standard of living

Mrs Hodson
Head Teacher

Attendance

Last week, Class 2G had the highest attendance with 99.3%. Well done!

The whole school attendance for the week was an improved 97% which means the attendance for the year to date has risen slightly to 96.8%.

Good attendance is essential for pupil wellbeing and academic progress. We aim for our attendance to be at least 97% and hope you can help us achieve this high attendance.

Article 28 - Right to an education

Uniform Donations

It has been positive to see how many parents continue to access the pre-loved uniform rail outside the main entrance. We're topping up the stock daily! A reminder that you can make an optional donation for clothes on MCAS.

However, with pre-loved uniform in demand, if you have any old items in good condition to donate, please send them to the main office. We'd particularly appreciate any grey dresses you might have, that are now too small for your child! Thank you.

Article 27 - Adequate standard of living

Car Park

A massive thank you to everyone who has found a new routine for drop-off and collection at school, which means you no longer use the car park. Double parking in the car park significantly decreased last week and I hope this continues. Many parents have commented on how much safer it is for their children.

Attached with this newsletter is a poster, giving guidance about use of the car park. Please ensure you read this and follow the directions given within the poster. Unless you are dropping off at Pioneers, or have a blue badge, you should not be using the car park. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Article 24 - Best possible health

Diary Dates

Monday 17 November - Road Safety Week

Monday 17 November - Young Carers visit to Newton Bridge Academy

Tuesday 18 November - Latvia, Independence Day

Wednesday 19 November - Cinema trip for pupil council members

Thursday 20 November - World Children's Day

Friday 21 November - Mrs Anderson's last day before starting maternity leave

Friday 21 November - World Hello Day

Monday 24 November - UK Parliament Week

Monday 24 November - Mop-up flu vaccinations

Tuesday 25 November - 5-7.30pm Parents' evening

Wednesday 26 November - National Cake Day

Wednesday 26 November - Well-Being Ambassadors to visit Newton House

Wednesday 26 November - 3.30-6pm Parents' evening

Thursday 27 November - Protecting Our Planet Day

Thursday 27 November -

Cheerleading event for some children

Friday 28 November - EYFS Christmas visit to Rand Farm Park

Sunday 30 November - St. Andrew's Day

Monday 1 December - Homelessness Awareness Week

Monday 1 December - Bring a Bauble Day

Monday 1 December - Romania, Great Union Day

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Parent Questionnaire Results - November 2025	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
My child likes being at this school	64%	35%	1%	0%
Staff treat my child fairly and with respect	66%	33%	1%	0%
I feel that my child is safe at the school	69%	30%	1%	0%
I feel staff know my child as an individual	55%	37%	7%	1%
My child receives the help they need to do well	40%	57%	3%	0%
My child is making good progress at this school	50%	46%	3%	1%
I feel comfortable approaching the school with questions, suggestions, and/or a problem	46%	49%	4%	1%
The school supports my child's wider development	46%	50%	3%	1%
The school has high expectations for my child	42%	51%	6%	1%
I would recommend this school to another parent	Yes - 96%		No - 4%	

Please comment on the things you value most at the school (a sample of comments)

- Poplar Farm is a vibrant school where teachers are going out of their way to make learning engaging, high quality and fun. Communication is especially good, it's really valuable to see learning on Class Dojo and be regularly invited into school to see activities first hand. At Poplar, I know that every member of staff prioritises emotional wellbeing above all else and this is the most important thing to me as a parent.
- I like having the Class Dojo to be able to see what the children have done in the week.
- The staff kind and caring nature. The facilities.
- Everyone is treated with respect. Good behaviour - clear rewards and sanctions policy which is clear to see happening. Good communication about what is happening in school. Lots for children to look forward to.
- Great teachers.
- The extra activities such as PopFest & the Great Fire of London are really good experiences for the children.
- The emotional support both my children have received, when required, during their time at Poplar has been amazing. Support goes beyond that of just learning and it is reassuring to know that their emotional needs are being met too.
- Organisation. Weekly newsletters, communication is very good.
- Such a fun school.
- The caring atmosphere, the staff know my son and genuinely care about him.
- Good attitude and approach.
- That the staff make it an exciting and enjoyable place for my children to be.
- Communication and social, emotional and academic progress.
- Enthusiastic and caring staff.
- That my child enjoys school and feels safe.
- My kids enjoy it here.
- My daughter joined this school in the summer term. Right from the start, she has made a connection with her teacher. She slowly built her confidence to become a part of the community in which she was encouraged to speak out and to take pride in everything she does.
- The teachers work exceptionally hard. The ethos of the school is fantastic, and this is recognised in my daughter and her understanding of the Poplar Promise. My daughter thoroughly enjoys her time at school and that is testament to the safe and exciting environment she attends. Things like PopFest, Houses of Parliament trips etc are fantastic for enhancing and personally developing my daughter and I appreciate how much hard work goes into these events.
- I like the fact that they are encouraged to be independent, and helped along the way, I like that we can donate toys/books and clothes to pass down to children along the years!
- Range of activities. Support and recognition for effort given to the children.
- Teaching the children about being unique. Being an all-round educator- holistic approach. Giving children independence.
- I am always pleased that my child has something to look forward to. Lots of great ideas to make school fun alongside working hard on their own academic / personal progress.
- My child is learning so much, he's very happy and is very proud of the things he learns every day!
- I couldn't recommend Poplar more than I already do. The staff are fantastic from the Pioneers staff to Mrs Hodson, you are all amazing.

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