

Poplar Farm Weekly Newsletter



Monday 27 April 2026

We had a busy start to the summer term last week, including interviews for 2 new Class Teachers. Children from across school were involved in a number of the interview activities and their insightful comments were invaluable. I am delighted to inform you that Miss Hilton and Miss Pacey will both join our teaching team in September.

Article 17 - Access to information

A reminder that children are not permitted to bring toys from home, including footballs and other play equipment. We have a wide range of safe and appropriate resources available for children to use during playtimes and lunchtimes, which helps ensure fairness and prevents items from being lost or damaged.

Article 18 - Parental responsibilities

Mrs Hodson

Head Teacher

Attendance

Last week, Class 6J had the highest attendance with 99.7%. Well done!

The whole school attendance for the week was 96.1% which means the attendance for the year to date has remained at 96.4%.

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

PopFest '26

An email was sent to you all last week with the information about PopFest '26, which will take place on Thursday 25 and Friday 26 June. This unique event can only run with your donations, so your support is massively appreciated.

The children are already incredibly excited for the main event and with auditions for PGT starting this week, I'm sure the excitement levels will continue to grow!

Article 31 - Right to take part in a wide range of activities

After school behaviours

There has been a noticeable increase in some inconsiderate and dangerous behaviours during collection time at the end of the day. To ensure everyone stays safe, and school equipment does not get damaged, please can everyone follow the guidance below:

- Only **walk** with bikes or scooters on school site.
- All children and adults to wait on the hard surfaces, **no-one is permitted** to use the field.
- Ensure language used is appropriate - **no swearing** or aggressive language.

In advance, thank you for your support and understanding with these requests.

Article 18 - Parental responsibilities

"A little consideration, a little thought for others, makes all the difference."

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Diary Dates

Monday 27 April - South Africa, Freedom Day

Tuesday 28 April - 8.50am Stay and play session for The Hive parents

Wednesday 29 April - International Dance Day

Wednesday 29 April - Well-Being Ambassadors to visit Newton House

Thursday 30 April - KS2 Cross-Country event

Friday 1 May - Start of National Walking month

Monday 4 May - School closed for Early Bank Holiday Monday

Tuesday 5 May - World Asthma Day

Wednesday 6 May - Y4 to Ravenstor for 2-night residential

Friday 8 May - Y4 back from Ravenstor

Friday 8 May - National Children's Day

Friday 8 May - 1pm Y5 online safety workshops

Saturday 9 May - World Fairtrade Day

Monday 11 May - Start of Y6 SATs week

Tuesday 12 May - National Limerick Day

Wednesday 13 May - 6pm EYFS intake parents' information meeting

Thursday 14 May - Y3/4 All Stars Cricket Festival

Friday 15 May - International Day of Families

Wednesday 20 May - No Pens Day

Wednesday 20 May - World Bee Day

Wednesday 20 May - Well-Being Ambassadors to visit Newton House

Thursday 21 May - World Meditation Day

Thursday 21 May - Y1 visit to White Post Farm

Thursday 21 May - 2.40pm Stay and play session for The Hive parents

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The Poplar Promise

We are: Problem solvers; Open minded & curious; Positive & independent; Loved & nurtured; Accepting of all; Resilient.