

Poplar Farm Weekly Newsletter



Monday 11 May 2026

Thank you to everyone who has already made a payment on MCAS for PopFest. The shop item is still open for those who have yet to pay. The plans continue to move at pace, including Poplar's Got Talent arrangements. Most auditions have taken place, and the children will soon be informed if they have made it through to the final!

Article 29 - Goals of education

Details about the annual FoP Colour Run have been shared on Class Dojo, so please take a moment to read the post. It's always a highlight for our children, so do check book bags for the necessary paperwork that needs signing allowing them to take part.

Article 31 - Take part in a range of activities

Mrs Hodson

Head Teacher

Attendance

Last week, Classes 2G and 4W had the joint highest attendance with 97.9%. Well done!

The whole school attendance for the week was 95.6% which means the attendance for the year to date has fallen slightly to 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

Pupil appointments

If your child has an unavoidable appointment during the school day, we must see evidence of this to be able to authorise the absence.

I would also like to remind you that the school day finishes at 3.15pm for EYFS & KS1 children and 3.25pm for KS2 children.

Early collections are not permitted

unless they have been agreed in advance with the school. This helps us ensure the safety of pupils and smooth running at the end of the school day.

Article 18 - Parental responsibilities

School lunches

We are incredibly lucky to have our own kitchen on site to ensure our meals are freshly cooked each day and follow the School Food Standards. Having an on-site kitchen also allows us to adapt our menu in response to pupil and parent feedback. With all of this in mind, there are some updates to share with you:

- We have a new menu board on display in the hall. This enables children to see the menu for the full week and know what to expect each day.
- From term 6, there will be a trial of a third main meal option.
- Chef Lyon will start to hold some 'pupil taster' sessions when considering new meal options to be added to the menu choices.

We hope you agree these updates will help us to further improve our school lunch offer to our pupils.

Article 24 - Right to the best possible health

Diary Dates

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 for some children

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

Friday 22 May - 2025 Achievement Award trophies returned to school by today

Friday 22 May - 2pm FoP Colour Run

Friday 22 May - Last day of term 5

Monday 1 June - INSET Day for staff

Tuesday 2 June - First day of term 6 for the children

Tuesday 2 June - Republic Day, Italy

Wednesday 3 June - 10am EYFS transition visit

Thursday 4 June - Photographers in for class and group photos

Thursday 4 June - Y5/6 Mixed Cricket Festival for some children

Friday 5 June - World Environment Day

Monday 8 June - Y6 visit to Holocaust Centre

Tuesday 9 June - 1.30pm EYFS transition visit

Friday 12 June - Philippines, Independence Day

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The Poplar Promise

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