

Poplar Farm Weekly Newsletter



Tuesday 5 May 2026

I hope you all had a lovely Bank Holiday weekend. It's hard to believe we're already halfway through the term - the countdown to summer has truly begun!

Article 17 - Access to information

I wanted to take this opportunity to inform you that Mrs Wilson has decided to leave Poplar Farm at the end of this academic year to work closer to home. I am sure you will all join me in wishing her the best for her new post. Miss Sellars (who the children met during the interviews a couple of weeks ago) is delighted to be joining our teaching team in September and getting to know the children.

Article 17 - Access to information

Mrs Hodson
Head Teacher

Attendance

Last week, Class 4T had the highest attendance with 100%. Well done!

The whole school attendance for the week was 97.1% which means the attendance for the year to date has risen slightly to 96.5%.

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

It is wonderful to see that so many of you support our drive for high pupil attendance and punctuality at school.

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 and smooth running at the end of the school day.

Article 18 - Parental responsibilities

Summer uniform and equipment

Over the past couple of weeks, we have definitely seen an increase in temperatures and sunshine! As the warmer weather continues, and the children have more access to play on the school field please can you ensure your child has the following:

- Named water bottle in school everyday
- Named sunhat in school everyday
- Suncream applied before school
- Shorts under dresses to protect their privacy when cartwheeling!

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

Article 18 - Parental responsibilities



Diary Dates

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 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

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The Poplar Promise

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