

Poplar Farm Weekly Newsletter



Monday 22 June 2026

I am sure everyone has seen the weather forecast for this week, so just a few updates and reminders to keep everyone safe during the school day:

- Children can wear their school PE kit (dark shorts / white t-shirt) to school this week, if this is cooler for them than wearing their usual school uniform.
- Children to have a hat and water bottle in school every day.
- Suncream to be applied at home before the start of the school day.
- In extreme heat, the children will only be outside for limited periods of time.
- Whole school assemblies will be postponed, so avoiding large numbers of people together in one inside space.
- Highly physical activities will not be permitted outside in extreme heat.

Article 18 - Parental responsibilities

Mrs Hodson

Head Teacher

Attendance

Last week, Classes 0R and 2G had the joint highest attendance with 99.3%. Well done!

The whole school attendance for the week was 97.1% 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

Earrings

A reminder that any earrings worn by children must be studs and need to be removed for PE lessons. If the children can't remove the earrings themselves, please remove them at home in the morning.

If your child is hoping to have an ear piercing soon, please book an appointment for the start of the summer holiday. This will then ensure the children will be able to remove them for PE lessons when they return to school in September.

Article 18 - Parental responsibilities

PopFest

Thank you to those of you who have made a payment for PopFest. This unique and incredible experience for the children is only possible with your support, so we would be most grateful if you could make a payment on the MCAS app by Wednesday.

All children will take part in at least 5 workshops on Thursday and be able to take part in as many activities as they choose on the Friday. All 14 workshops on the Thursday are run by external providers, so your payments really are critical for the success of this pupil favourite event!

Article 31 - Take part in a range of activities



Diary Dates

Monday 22 June - Mrs Bamford's first day back after maternity leave

Tuesday 23 June - Y5 curriculum day at Walton Academy

Wednesday 24 June - 10am EYFS transition visit

Wednesday 24 June - KS2 athletics event for some children

Thursday 25 June - PopFest

Friday 26 June - PopFest

Monday 29 June - September 2026 class teacher letters sent home today

Monday 29 June - Start of 3 x Y6 transition days at West Grantham Academy

Monday 29 June - EYFS visit to Newton House

Tuesday 30 June - Meet your teacher morning

Tuesday 30 June - Start of 3 x Y6 transition days at Walton Academy

Tuesday 30 June - 9.15am EYFS transition visit

Wednesday 1 July - Hong Kong, Independence Day

Thursday 2 July - Y6 transition day at Belvoir Academy

Thursday 2 July - 2.40pm 'stay and play' session for The Hive parents

Friday 3 July - 9am SEND coffee morning for transition

Friday 3 July - Belarus, Independence Day

Tuesday 7 July - Poplar Rights Day

Tuesday 7 July - World Chocolate Day

Tuesday 7 July - KGGS, Kings and Priory Ruskin Y6 transition day

Wednesday 8 July - 6.30pm Y6 performance of Olivia!

Thursday 9 July - Sports Day

Friday 10 July - 2pm Y6 performance of Olivia!

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The Poplar Promise

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

A vibrant green poster for PopFest 2026. At the top, a red and white striped tent canopy is surrounded by various musical instruments including a guitar, a drum set, a keyboard, and speakers. The background is filled with colorful stars, a pink flower, and a sunflower. In the center, a white oval contains the event title and logos. Below the oval, a white rounded rectangle lists the date and dress code. At the bottom, another white rounded rectangle lists the date and dress code, followed by a list of activities.

PopFest 2026



**THURSDAY 25 JUNE
WEAR YOUR PE KIT**

**GLASS ART | DECADES DANCE
MUSICAL THEATRE | FREESTYLE FOOTBALL
BOLLYWOOD DANCING | BUBBLE SCIENCE
CIRCUS SKILLS | CHEERLEADING
YOGA | GRAFFITI ART
PARKOUR | MARTIAL ARTS
MUSIC MAKER | DRAMA-CIZE**

**FRIDAY 26 JUNE
WEAR YOUR FESTIVAL CLOTHES**

**POPLAR'S GOT TALENT | FACE PAINTING
BALLOON MODELLING | SILENT DISCO
TEMPORARY TATTOOS | CARNIVAL GAMES**