

Poplar Farm Weekly Newsletter



Monday 13 July 2026

Last week we had the joy of watching our Y6 children perform their production 'Olivia!'. The children were all amazing - those on stage and those working behind the scenes. I felt immensely proud seeing the year group work together, support one another and perform with such enthusiasm. Well done to each and every one of them. Thank you also to the staff involved with the preparation and production of the show.

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

As the weather continues to be quite variable - but mostly warm - if the children feel cooler in their PE kits, they can wear this for the rest of this term. If children prefer, they can wear their usual uniform.

Article 24 - Best possible health

Mrs Hodson
Head Teacher

Attendance

Last week, Class 1BT had the highest attendance with 98.7%. Well done!

The whole school attendance for the week was 95.5% which means the attendance for the year to date has remained at 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

Staffing updates

Over the past few weeks, we have appointed some new members of staff, who will join us in September.

- Mrs Hunt will join the office team, as Mrs Durand beings training for a new career.
- Mrs Askew will join The Hive team, as Miss Tenniswood leaves to start her teacher training.

In September, Mrs Thorpe is changing her role in school. She will become our **Family and Pupil Engagement Lead** and will take a lead with pupil attendance, continue in her DDSL role, as well as run Solihull Togetherness programme.

Article 17 - Access to information

Sports Days

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the EYFS & KS1 Sports Day last week - the children had a wonderful time! This week we have the KS2 Sports Day on Thursday morning, please see the information below:

- KS2 Sports Day, Thursday 16 July.
- Event start at 9.30am, with the 'small steps' gate opening at 9.15am for parents.
- Parents to bring their own chairs / blankets for seating.
- Children to arrive in school in their sports day PE kit.
- Children to have sun cream applied before school.
- Children to have water bottle in school with them.

Article 31 - Take part in a range of activities

Diary Dates

Monday 13 July - 10am Rock Steady concert for Rock Steady parents

Monday 13 July - 6pm Poplar Achievement Awards Evening

Tuesday 14 July - France, Bastille Day

Tuesday 14 July - Well-Being Ambassadors to visit Newton House

Wednesday 15 July - Y6 trip to London to watch 'Wicked'

Thursday 16 July - 9.30am KS2 Sports Day

Friday 17 July - Staff v Y6 rounders match

Friday 17 July - 5pm Y6 Leavers' party

Monday 20 July - Mrs Anderson back following maternity leave

Monday 20 July - No after school Poplar Pioneers

Tuesday 21 July - 8.30am Y6 parade to school

Tuesday 21 July - 2pm Y6 leavers' assembly

Tuesday 21 July - Last day of academic year

Tuesday 21 July - No after school Poplar Pioneers

Tuesday 1 September - INSET day for staff

Wednesday 2 September - INSET day for staff

Thursday 3 September - First day of term 1 for children

Thursday 3 September - Stone Age workshops for Year 3

Friday 4 September - Rights Respecting Rangers visit to the Houses of Parliament

Friday 4 September - FoP Xmas4Schools templates sent home (Y1-Y6)