

Poplar Farm Weekly Newsletter



Monday 14 September 2026

The weather is quite variable at the moment - wind, rain, sunshine - all present in just one day on the Poplar site! Please ensure your child comes to school with appropriate **named** clothing, including a coat and suitable footwear, as we continue to play outside and use the field during these autumn months. Thank you for your support with this.

Article 18 - Parental responsibilities

At the start of this school year information was sent to parents to use the MCAS app to give permissions for walks in the local area, photos on the website etc. Please can you complete this as soon as possible to ensure your child doesn't miss out on anything!

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Mrs Hodson

Head Teacher

Attendance

Last week, Classes 4T and 6J had the joint highest attendance with 100%. Well done!

The whole school attendance for the week was 98%, which means the attendance for the year to date is 97.3%

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

Attendance Expectations - holidays

At the start of the school year, it is important to inform all parents about attendance expectations. We must adhere to the DfE guidance - a copy of which can be viewed [here](#).

A reminder that the guidance from the DfE contains strict rules for unauthorised absences. Please take the time to read the document and consider the fines, which continue to be in place, before booking a holiday during term time.

There are 13 weeks in the year for you to take a holiday without receiving a fine.

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Diary Dates

Monday 14 September - Y1 year

ahead meeting for parents, 3.30pm

Tuesday 15 September - International Day of Democracy

Tuesday 15 September - Stay & play session for 'The Hive' parents, 8.50am

Tuesday 15 September - Y6 year ahead meeting for parents, 3.30pm

Saturday 19 September - Non-verbal & spatial reasoning 11+ test for Y6

Monday 21 September - Recycle Week

Monday 21 September - International Day of Peace

Wednesday 23 September - International Day of Sign Language

Wednesday 23 September - Bee Netball event for 8 x Y3/4 children

Saturday 26 September - European Day of Languages

Tuesday 29 September - NHS flu vaccinations taking place in school

Wednesday 30 September - Well Being Ambassadors to visit Newton House

Thursday 1 October - Lincolnshire Day

Thursday 1 October - China, National Day

Thursday 1 October - Nigeria, Independence Day

Thursday 1 October - Girls only Rugby Festival for 10 x KS2 girls

Friday 2 October - Photographer in for individual pupil photos

Monday 5 October - World Teachers' Day

Tuesday 6 October - Egypt, Independence Day

Tuesday 6 October - Artwork for FoP Xmas4Schools returned by today

Car park

I can't believe I am writing about dangerous and inconsiderate car park behaviour so early in the school year. The parking last week was unacceptable, resulting in staff unable to park and start work on time, as well as parents being late to work due to double parking.

Double / triple parking does not occur in any other car park, so I'm unsure why some parents believe it can happen at Poplar. Arriving at 8.15am / 2.30pm to secure a space is also unacceptable and unnecessary - arriving at these times gives parents plenty of time to park away from school and walk to one of the four available gates.

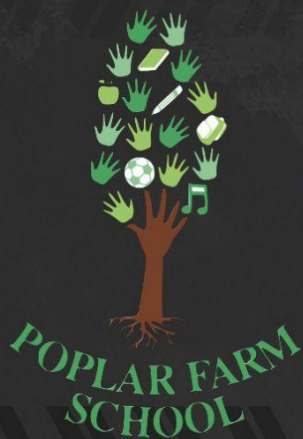
I urge you to find new routines and not use the school car park.

Article 18 - Parental responsibilities // Article 24 - Right to the best possible health

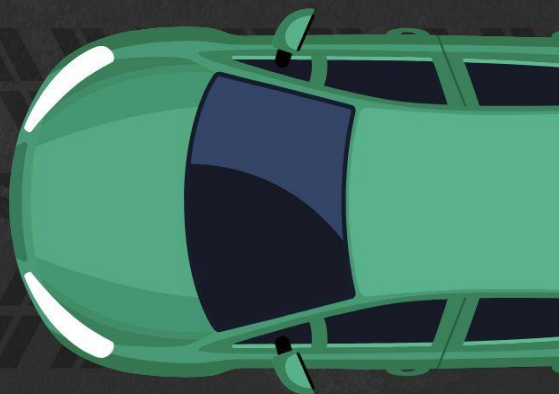
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The Poplar Promise

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



SCHOOL CAR PARK



Who should use the school car park?

- ✔ School staff
- ✔ Blue badge holders
- ✔ Poplar Pioneers
- ✔ Parents 'dropping off' or collecting children
- ✔ Parents 'dropping off' children in the morning only, not for parking

School car park expectations...

- ✔ Single parking only, no double or triple parking
- ✔ Drive slowly and carefully