

Poplar Farm Weekly Newsletter



Monday 21 September 2026

Autumn weather at Poplar remains unpredictable, with a mixture of wind, rain and sunshine throughout the day. To help children stay comfortable and enjoy outdoor learning and play, please ensure they come to school with **named**, weather-appropriate clothing, including a coat and suitable footwear. As we will continue to use the field regularly, your support in providing these items is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Article 18 - Parental responsibilities

Thank you to those of you who have completed the permissions section on MCAS. For those of you who haven't, please can you do so as possible to ensure your child doesn't miss out on anything!

Article 18 - Parental responsibilities

Mrs Hodson
Head Teacher

Attendance

Last week, Class 1S had the highest attendance with 98.3%. Well done!

The whole school attendance for the week was 96.3%, which means the attendance for the year to date has fallen to 97.2%

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

We are delighted to share that we have successfully appointed several new members of staff to join the Poplar Farm team.

Ms Hewson, Miss Howe and Miss Millington will be joining our lunchtime supervisor team in October, and we look forward to welcoming them to Poplar.

We are also pleased that Miss Birch will be joining our SEND Teaching Assistant team in October. We are excited to have her on board and know she will be a valuable addition to our school community.

Article 17 - Access to information

Diary Dates

Monday 21 September - Recycle Week

Monday 21 September - International Day of Peace

Wednesday 23 September - International Day of Sign Languages

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

Thursday 8 October - World Sight Day

Thursday 8 October - Mixed football event for 7 x Y5/6 children

Thursday 8 October - 2.50pm The Hive 'stay and play' session

Friday 9 October - 11+ results day

Friday 9 October - Hello Yellow Day

Monday 12 October - Y6 to Grafham Water for 2-night residential

Car park

Unfortunately, too many parents are still ignoring requests not to double or triple park. This thoughtless and careless behaviour poses a serious risk to the safety of everyone around the school and could obstruct access for emergency vehicles in the event of an emergency.

Double / triple parking does not occur in any other car park, so parents should not do this at Poplar. Arriving ridiculously early to secure a space is also unacceptable and unnecessary - if you have time to sit and wait in your car, you have time to park away from school and walk to one of the four available gates.

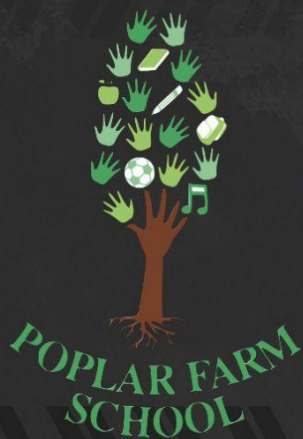
I urge you to find new routines and stop using the school car park.

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

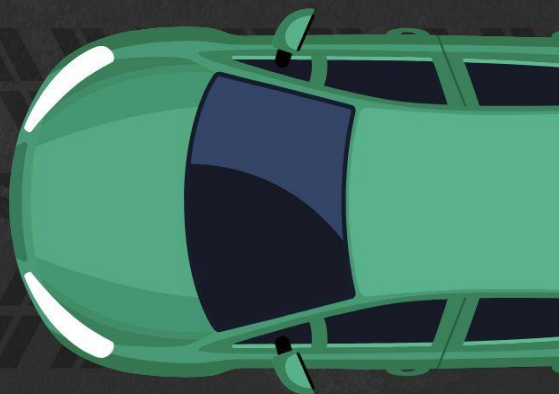
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The Poplar Promise

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