

Poplar Farm Weekly Newsletter



Monday 7 September 2026

We enjoyed a fabulous start to the new school year last week. The children have come back full of enthusiasm and eager to follow the Poplar Promise. They have also come back to school looking very smart in their school uniform! Please ensure that all nail polish has been removed and hair accessories are school colours - green, white, grey or black. More details about school uniform can be seen on our [website](#).

Article 18 - Parental responsibilities

Thank you for helping make our new members of staff Mrs Askew, Miss Hilton Mrs Hunt, Miss Pacey and Miss Sellars feel so welcome at Poplar. They all enjoyed their first few days getting to know the children and finding out about life at Poplar!

Article 17 - Access to information

Mrs Hodson
Head Teacher

Attendance

Last week, Classes 0R, 2P, 4S and 4T all had the joint highest attendance with 100%. Well done!

The whole school attendance for the week was 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

PE Days

The children will have PE on the days as listed in the table below.

Children in Y1-Y4 must wear their PE kit to school on PE days, and Y5-Y6 must have their PE kit at school to get changed for their lessons.

Year group	PE Days
EYFS	Wednesday
Y1	Tuesday & Friday
Y2	Tuesday & Friday
Y3	Monday & Wednesday
Y4	Monday & Thursday
Y5	Wednesday & Thursday
Y6	Monday & Thursday

Article 29 - Goals of education

Celebration Assemblies

This year, we have decided to introduce a new approach to our Friday Celebration Assembly. Instead of teachers choosing a child to receive a 'Superstar' certificate, they will randomly select a child from their class to receive a **Poplar Peer Praise Award**.

Each award certificate will include positive comments from classmates, highlighting qualities, actions or characteristics they value about the recipient. This gives children the opportunity to celebrate one another and recognise the positive impact their peers have within the classroom community.

Parents will continue to be invited to join us for this celebration (Friday, 9am), so keep an eye out for an email on a Thursday!

Article 31 - Take part in a range of activities

Diary Dates

Monday 7 September - Y2 year ahead meeting for parents, 3.30pm

Tuesday 8 September - Y5 year ahead meeting for parents, 3.30pm

Tuesday 8 September - Y6 residential meeting for parents, 5.30pm

Thursday 10 September - Y6 visit to Warning Zone

Thursday 10 September - Y3 year ahead meeting for parents, 3.30pm

Friday 11 September - Mrs Durand's last day at Poplar Farm School

Friday 11 September - Y4 year ahead meeting for parents, 3.30pm

Saturday 12 September - Verbal reasoning 11+ test for Y6

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

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The Poplar Promise

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