

Poplar Farm Weekly Newsletter



Monday 19 October 2026

As we reach the end of another fantastic term, I would like to thank our pupils, staff and families for their continued support, hard work and commitment. This term has been filled with memorable learning experiences, achievements and opportunities, and we are incredibly proud of everything our children have achieved. However, we have events continuing this week - so please read the diary dates carefully!

Article 17 - Access to information

We wish all our families a happy, restful break and look forward to welcoming everyone back next term. Term 2 starts on Monday 2 November 2026, with the gates opening at 8.40am.

Mrs Hodson
Head Teacher

Attendance

Last week, Classes 0D & 5W had the joint highest attendance with 99.3%. Well done!

The whole school attendance for the week was 96.4%, which means the attendance for the year to date has fallen slightly to 97%

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

Uniform

It is wonderful to see how frequently our pre-loved uniform rail is being used by families, and we are pleased that it continues to support our school community.

To help keep the rail well stocked, we are currently running low on a few key items. If your child has recently outgrown any good-quality uniform, we would be very grateful for donations of the following:

- Grey dresses / skirts / trousers
- Green jumpers / cardigans

Thank you for your continued support and generosity. Donations can be brought to the school office.

Article 18 - Parental responsibilities

Diary Dates

Monday 19 October - CGS Outreach PE profiling across school

Monday 19 October - First swimming session for Class 4T

Tuesday 20 October - 2.45pm Y4 shared learning event with parents

Wednesday 21 October - Well Being Ambassadors to visit Newton House

Wednesday 21 October - 2.45pm Y3 shared learning event with parents

Thursday 22 October - CGS Outreach PE profiling across school

Thursday 22 October - World Values Day

Thursday 22 October - Football event for 10 x KS2 girls

Thursday 22 October - 2.30pm EYFS shared learning event with parents

Thursday 22 October - 2.45pm Y5 shared learning event with parents

Friday 23 October - FoP Xmas4Schools online ordering portal opens

Friday 23 October - 2.45pm Y6 shared learning event with parents

Friday 23 October - Last day of term 1

Thursday 29 October - Turkey, Republic Day

Monday 2 November - Term 2 begins

Monday 2 November - 9am MHST Co-regulation workshop for parents

Wednesday 4 November - 9am, first 'Togetherness' session in school

Tuesday 10 November - Poplar Local Geography and Mapping Day

Tuesday 10 November - 9.30am Open morning for EYFS intake

Wednesday 11 November - Remembrance Day

Wednesday 11 November - Poland, National Day

School Car Park

The inconsiderate parking issues unfortunately continued last week, with some staff unable to leave the school site to collect their own children because vehicles were double and triple parked. This situation is unacceptable. If no parking spaces are available, please do not block other vehicles or access routes.

Our staff should be able to arrive at work and park safely, and they must be able to access their vehicles at the end of the day without obstruction. We ask all parents and carers to be mindful of others, follow the parking requests, and work with us to ensure the school site remains safe, accessible and respectful for everyone.

I urge you to find new routines - if you must drive to school, park off site and use the pedestrian gates at the back of the school.

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

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The Poplar Promise

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