

Poplar Farm Weekly Newsletter



Tuesday 22 April 2025

Welcome back to school and to the summer term! I can't believe we're in the final 'big term' of the school year. We have many events planned, so please take the time to read the diary dates section of this newsletter, as well as the calendar on our school [website](#).

Article 17 - Access to information

Thank you to everyone who attended Parents' Evening at the end of last term, and to those of you who visited the Book Fair to buy books. From the book sales over both evenings, we have over £800 in commission to buy books for school. All children in school will benefit from these new books in their classrooms for topic work, or in the library.

Article 29 - Goals of education

Mrs Hodson
Head Teacher

Attendance

In the last week of term 4, Class 1D had the highest attendance with 97.9%. Well done!

The whole school attendance for the week was 94.5%, which means the attendance for the year to date has fallen slightly to 95.9%.

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 meet this target.

Article 28 - Right to an education

Playground equipment

In the most recent pupil questionnaires, the children spoke about the need for more toys and games to play with outside and this is something we have tried to facilitate. The equipment has been re-organised and zoned, with specific storage in different areas around the school grounds. Mrs Anderson has also spent time with every year group to teach them where the resources are, and how they should be left at the end of playtimes.

With all of this in mind, please can you ensure that younger siblings and those in EYFS & KS1 do not play with the toys and games whilst waiting for older siblings at the end of the day. We need to keep the toys and games in good working order for use at playtimes and lunchtimes.

Article 31 - Right to play

St. George's Day

Wednesday 23 April is St. George's Day, and children are invited to wear their rainbow, beaver, cub, scout, brownie or guide uniform to school to celebrate the day.

As well as being the patron saint of England, St. George is also the patron saint of scouting. Baden Powell chose St. George to be the patron saint because of his qualities that reflect good scouting: responsibility; truthfulness; devotion to duty; a brave heart; a noble spirit; dedication to helping others.

If your child is not a member of one of these groups, they need to wear their school uniform as usual.

Article 15 - Freedom of association

Diary Dates

Tuesday 22 April - Term 5 begins

Tuesday 22 April - International Mother Earth Day

Wednesday 23 April - St. George's Day

Friday 25 April - FoP 'Break the Rules' Day

Sunday 27 April - South Africa, Freedom Day

Monday 28 April - 9am Dyslexia outreach team leading parent information session

Tuesday 29 April - International Dance Day

Wednesday 30 April - Well-Being Ambassadors to Newton House

Wednesday 30 April - Eileen Brown Virtual Author Visit for EYFS and Y2

Thursday 1 May - NO POPLAR PIONEERS TODAY (Polling station at school)

Thursday 1 May - Start of National Gardening Week

Thursday 1 May - 4pm Y3/4 Cross-Country event

Friday 2 May - National Space Day

Monday 5 May - School closed for Early May Bank Holiday

Monday 5 May - Start of Deaf Awareness Week

Tuesday 6 May - World Asthma Day

Wednesday 7 May - Sports for Schools event

Thursday 8 May - Well-Being Ambassadors to Newton House

Saturday 10 May - World Fairtrade Day

Sunday 11 May - National Children's Day

Monday 12 May - Y4 to Ravenstor for 2 evenings

Monday 12 May - Start of Y6 SATs week

Monday 12 May - National Limerick Day

Monday 12 May - Mental Health Awareness Week

Tuesday 13 May - Start of Coeliac Awareness Week

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The Poplar Promise

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