

# Poplar Farm Weekly Newsletter

**Tuesday 3 September 2024**

Welcome back to the new academic year and a welcome to our new families. There is a buzz of eagerness and enthusiasm for the year ahead around school, and it's wonderful to finally have a full school of children from EYFS-Y6.

*Article 29 - Goals of education*

The children have all come back to school looking very smart in their new uniform! Please ensure that all nail polish has been removed and hair accessories are school colours - green, white, grey or black. A reminder that children also need a pair of named wellies to keep in school. This will ensure they can access the full school grounds (including Forest School and playtimes on the field) throughout the year.

*Article 31 - Take part in a wide range of activities*

**Mrs Hodson**

Head Teacher

## Attendance

New attendance guidance from the DfE was launched in August, which contains stricter rules for unauthorised absences. The document can be viewed [here](#).

Please take the time to read the document and consider the higher fines, which are now 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.

*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 in school to change into.

Year Group	PE Days
1	Tuesday & Thursday
2	Monday & Friday
3	Monday & Wednesday
4	Monday & Tuesday
5	Wednesday & Friday
6	Thursday & Friday

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## Beginning and End of Day Arrangements

I know there was some confusion with where to collect your children at the end of the day. Hopefully the table below will help you be at the right place at the right time!

	8.40am - 3.15pm	8.40am - 3.25pm			
	EYFS, Y1 & Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Entrance & Exit Doors	Classroom doors	KS1 door (middle staircase)	KS2 door near food science room	Library door	KS2 playground exit

A reminder that we do have four gates open for drop off and collection to ease congestion outside the main entrance. With the new painting of double yellow lines outside school and down Helmsley Road, I urge you to park away from school and use one of the gates off the footpath behind the EYFS outside area and KS1 playground.

*Article 18 - Parental responsibilities*

## Diary Dates

**Tuesday 3 September** - Term 1 begins

**Tuesday 3 September** - 3.30pm Y6 year ahead meeting for parents

**Thursday 5 September** - KS2 RRR to visit the Houses of Parliament

**Thursday 5 September** - 3.30pm Y1 year ahead meeting for parents

**Monday 9 September** - 3.30pm Y4 year ahead meeting for parents

**Tuesday 10 September** - 3.30pm Y5 year ahead meeting for parents

**Thursday 12 September** - Y6 visit to 'Warning Zone'

**Thursday 12 September** - 3.30pm Y2 year ahead meeting for parents

**Friday 13 September** - Roald Dahl Story Day

**Saturday 14 September** - Y6 11+ verbal reasoning test

**Sunday 15 September** - International Day of Democracy

**Monday 16 September** - 3.30pm Y3 year ahead meeting for parents

**Tuesday 17 September** - 5.30pm Y6 residential parent meeting

**Thursday 26 September** - International Day of Peace

**Thursday 26 September** - European Day of Languages

**Friday 27 September** - School closed for academy trust INSET Day

**Tuesday 1 October** - Start of Black History Month



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## The Poplar Promise

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