

Poplar Farm Weekly Newsletter



Monday 16 June 2025

We have noticed some children being dropped off after 8.15am at Poplar Pioneers, who still expect breakfast. To confirm, if you would like your child to eat breakfast at Pioneers, you must book and pay for this and ensure your child arrives by 8.10am at the latest. Thank you!

Article 18 - Parental responsibilities

We would like to remind parents of our 'no-pack lunch' policy for children in EYFS and KS1, which has been in place since the school opened and is shared with all parents before children join Poplar Farm. The children enjoy the freshly cooked meals prepared by our passionate and talented kitchen team, who meet all dietary and religious needs. The staff monitor popular (and less popular) meals and adapt the menu as required.

Article 24 - Right to nutritious food

Mrs Hodson

Head Teacher

Attendance

Last week, Class 3A had the highest attendance with 100%. Well done!

The whole school attendance for the week was a slightly improved 96.7%, which means the attendance for the year to date has remained at 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

Holiday fines

New attendance guidance from the DfE was launched in August 2024, which contains stricter rules for unauthorised absences. The document can be viewed [here](#).

Please take the time to read the document and consider the fines, which continue to be 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

Staffing Updates

We have made some new appointments for September 2025 over the past couple of weeks and are delighted to share these with you.

- Mrs Anderson will join the Senior Leadership Team as Assistant Head Teacher.
- Mrs Rowntree will be our SENDCO. Her working days will be Thursday and Friday. Mr Goodchild will assist Mrs Rowntree with some areas of SEND.
- Mrs Wilson and Mrs Church-Taylor will be joining our teaching team. The children will be able to meet them on move up morning.

We are still recruiting for another teacher, and one more SEND TA. Will we inform you when these appointments have been made.

Article 17 - Access to information

Diary Dates

Monday 16 June - 1.30pm EYFS transition visit

Tuesday 17 June - Start of Learning Disability Week

Thursday 19 June - National Clean Air Day

Thursday 19 June - Y5/6 Mixed Cricket Festival

Friday 20 June - World Refugee Day

Friday 20 June - 2pm FoP Colour Run

Saturday 21 June - Global MND Awareness Day

Monday 23 June - International Women in Engineering Day

Monday 23 June - Whole school photo (children to be in uniform, not PE kit)

Tuesday 24 June - Y5 curriculum day at Walton Academy

Wednesday 25 June - Well-Being Ambassadors to visit Newton House

Wednesday 25 June - 10am EYFS transition visit

Wednesday 25 June - KS2 Athletics event

Thursday 26 June - PopFest

Friday 27 June - PopFest

Monday 30 June - End of year reports sent home to parents

Monday 30 June - Y6 transition day at Walton and WGA

Tuesday 1 July - Meet your teacher morning

Tuesday 1 July - Y6 transition day at Walton, WGA, Charles Read, KGGS, Kings and Priory Ruskin

Tuesday 1 July - Canada Day

Tuesday 1 July - Hong Kong Independence Day

Wednesday 2 July - Y6 transition day at Walton and WGA

Thursday 3 July - Belarus, Independent Day

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The Poplar Promise

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

The background of the poster is a vibrant green. At the top, a red and white striped circus tent is centered. Surrounding the tent and the central text are various colorful illustrations: a yellow guitar, a blue guitar, a black speaker with red and yellow cones, a blue boombox, a red microphone, a yellow star, a pink flower, a yellow sunflower, and a small black house with a yellow roof. The central text 'PopFest 2025' is written in a large, bold, green font. Below the text, there are two logos: a shield-shaped logo with a rainbow and the word 'PopFest' and a tree logo with the words 'POPLAR FARM SCHOOL'.

PopFest 2025



**THURSDAY 26 JUNE
WEAR YOUR PE KIT**

**GLASS ART | STREET DANCE
CAMP FIRE | MUSICAL THEATRE
BOLLYWOOD DANCING | BUBBLE SCIENCE
CIRCUS SKILLS | CARNIVAL DANCING
YOGA | GRAFFITI ART
SPORT GAMES | MARTIAL ARTS
MUSIC MAKER | DRAMA-CIZE**

**FRIDAY 27 JUNE
WEAR YOUR FESTIVAL CLOTHES**

**POPLAR'S GOT TALENT | FACE PAINTING
ICE CREAM VAN | DISCO
GLITTER TATTOOS | CARNIVAL GAMES**