

# Poplar Farm Weekly Newsletter



## Monday 14 July 2025

Thank you to everyone who joined us for Sports Day last week. It was wonderful to see so many of you support this annual event. Our children enjoyed their races and are always so good at cheering each other!

*Article 31 - Right to take part in a wide range of activities*

We're looking forward to opening the Time Capsule on Thursday with our Y6 children and some of their parents who were at Poplar when it was buried in 2018. We are busy preparing some work and information to bury in the time capsule again. This will be opened when the school is 25 years old in 2043. Who knows if any of our current staff and families will still be part of the school when the Time Capsule is opened again?

*Article 17 - Access to information*

**Mrs Hodson**

Head Teacher

### Attendance

Last week, Classes 0RF and 3WT had the joint highest attendance with 98.7%. Well done!

The whole school attendance for the week was 96.5%, which means the attendance for the year to date has risen slightly to 96.2%.

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*

### Staying Safe

As we approach the school summer holiday, we want to help our children to have fun and also stay safe at home, as well as when visiting friends, family or new places.

Mrs Buckley has shared a poster on Class Dojo for you all to see some tips for helping keep your children safe this summer. A copy of this poster is also available to see at the end of this newsletter. Please take the time to share these tips with your children.

*Article 19 - Right to be protected*

*Article 18 - Parental responsibilities*

### End of year arrangements

As we come towards the end of this academic year, there's a few activities to share with you:

- Dojo points for this year will end on Monday 14 July. New classes will be set up before the end of term.
- All reading books will need to be back in school by Friday 18 July.
- Completed school exercise books will start to come home from Tuesday 15 July.
- If school uniform is too small for your child at the end of this school year, please remember our Pre-Loved uniform shop in the main office. We welcome donations!

*Article 17 - Access to information*

### Diary Dates

**Monday 14 July** - France, Bastille Day

**Monday 14 July** - Last day for Class

Dojo points to be awarded

**Monday 14 July** - 6pm Poplar Farm

Achievement Awards Evening

**Wednesday 16 July** - Y6 trip to London to see 'Wicked'

**Thursday 17 July** - 10am opening of the Time Capsule

**Friday 18 July** - Staff v Y6 rounders match

**Friday 18 July** - Reading books back in school by today

**Friday 18 July** - 5-7.30pm Y6 Leavers' Party

**Monday 21 July** - Dojo Shop visiting classes

**Monday 21 July** - FoP delivering end of year 'sweet treat' to every child

**Tuesday 22 July** - 8.30am Y6 parade to school

**Tuesday 22 July** - 2pm Y6 leavers' assembly

**Tuesday 22 July** - Last day of academic year

**Thursday 4 September** - First day of academic year for children

**Friday 5 September** - KS2 Rights Respecting Rangers to visit The Houses of Parliament

**Thursday 11 September** - Y6 visit to Warning Zone

**Wednesday 24 September** - Well Being Ambassadors to visit Newton House

**Monday 29 September** - 9am MHST Parent Drop-in session

**Wednesday 1 October** - Lincolnshire Day

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### The Poplar Promise

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

# SUMMER SAFETY



## Stranger Awareness

Children should be reminded of how to stay safe when out and about:

- Practice the, "no, go, yell, tell" strategy if they feel unsafe.
- Encourage them to stay with friends or trusted adults.
- Teach them not to accept gifts, rides, or help from strangers.
- Make sure they know who to contact in an emergency.
- Familiarise them with safe places they can go if they need help.



## Getting Lost

Preparing children ahead of time can help reduce panic and support a safe reunion:

- Teach them to stay in one place if they realise they're lost.
- Encourage them to ask for help from a safe adult—for example, a shop assistant or security staff.
- Help your child learn your mobile number and their full name.
- Consider giving them an ID bracelet or card with contact details.
- If you're in a busy place, agree on a meeting point in advance.
- Remind them never to leave with anyone without checking with their parent or guardian.



## Sun Safety

Prevent sunburn and heat exhaustion:

- Use at least SPF 30 sunscreen, reapplied every 2 hours.
- Wear sun hats and UV-protective sunglasses.
- Choose lightweight, long-sleeved clothing
- Drink plenty of water.
- Stay in the shade between 11am and 3pm.



## Road Safety

Help children stay safe while walking or travelling:

- Use pedestrian crossings and follow traffic signals.
- Practice the, "stop, look, listen, think" approach.
- Younger children should be accompanied by an adult.
- Always use appropriate car seats and seatbelts (this is the law!).
- Avoid distractions like phones when walking near roads.



## Water Safety

Always supervise your child and help keep them safe with these tips:

### At the Beach

- Choose lifeguarded beaches whenever possible—look for red and yellow flags, which mark areas supervised by trained professionals.
- Swim only between the flags in designated safe zones.
- Pay attention to safety signs and tide information.
- Check weather conditions before heading out, especially for strong currents or winds.
- Avoid inflatable toys near the sea—they can be swept out quickly by wind or tide.

### In Pools & Open Water

- Always stay within arm's reach of young children and weak swimmers.
- Make sure children wear floatation devices if they're not strong swimmers.
- Teach children to never swim alone and to always ask an adult before entering water.
- Reinforce boundaries around ponds, lakes, or rivers—these can be deceptively deep and cold and have unseen hazards.