

Poplar Farm Weekly Newsletter



Monday 6 October 2025

The weather is quite variable at the moment - wind, rain, sunshine - all present in just one day on the Poplar site! Please ensure your child comes to school with appropriate **named** clothing, including a coat and suitable footwear, as we continue to play outside and use the field during these autumn months. Thank you for your support with this.

Article 18 - Parental responsibilities

Last week, we welcomed Miss Shepherd to our midday supervisor team. I'm sure the children have enjoyed getting to know her. This week we are interviewing for another midday supervisor as well as a SEND teaching assistant to cover Miss Marshall's maternity leave. We will inform you when successful appointments have been made.

Article 17 - Access to information

Mrs Hodson

Head Teacher

Attendance

Last week, Classes 2A and 4W had the joint highest attendance with 100%. Well done!

The whole school attendance for the week was 97.1%, which means the attendance for the year to date has fallen slightly to 97.3%.

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 maintain this high attendance.

Article 28 - Right to an education

Mystery Reader

As part of our drive to raise the profile of Reading for Pleasure at Poplar and work towards the Silver accreditation, we're looking for some volunteers to become a 'mystery reader'.

Our mystery readers can read a section of a class story, or a section of a favourite book of choice to one of our classes.

To become a mystery reader, please send the class teacher a message on Dojo to arrange your visit!

Article 29 - Goals of education

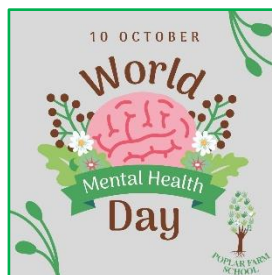
World Mental Health Day

Friday 10 October is World Mental Health Day - a day to raise awareness about mental health issues and advocate against social stigma.

The charity 'Young Minds' runs an annual awareness event to show young people they're not alone with their mental health. Right now, the world can be a tough place for children to grow up in. Young Minds encourages us to wear yellow on World Mental Health Day, to make things a little brighter.

On Friday, the children can wear their own clothes, including something yellow in support of this annual day.

Article 24 - Best possible health



Diary Dates

Monday 6 October - Egypt,

Independence Day

Monday 6 October - Start of Dyslexia Awareness Week

Monday 6 October - Start of World Space Week

Friday 10 October - World Mental Health Day

Monday 13 October - 9.30am Open morning for September 2026 starters

Wednesday 15 October - 9am Parent workshop with MHSTs (Co-regulation)

Thursday 16 October - Mixed football event for some children

Thursday 16 October - 2.45pm Y6 shared learning event with parents

Friday 17 October - World Values Day

Friday 17 October - 9am SEND coffee morning

Friday 17 October - Y3 visit to Flag Fen

Friday 17 October - 2.30pm EYFS shared learning event with parents

Monday 20 October - 2.30pm Y2 shared learning event with parents

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

Wednesday 22 October - Y6 residential to Grafham Water for 2 nights

Wednesday 22 October - Well Being Ambassadors to Newton House

Wednesday 22 October - 2.30pm Y1 shared learning event with parents

Thursday 23 October - Football tournament for some girls

Thursday 23 October - 2.45pm Y4 shared learning event with parents

Friday 24 October - Miss Marshall's last day before starting maternity leave

Friday 24 October - 2.45pm Y5 shared learning event with parents

Friday 24 October - Last day of term 1

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The Poplar Promise

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