

Poplar Farm Weekly Newsletter



Monday 24 November 2025

As part of our ongoing commitment to keeping all children safe, we will be carrying out a lockdown drill this week. This is a routine safety exercise that schools are required to undertake annually. The purpose of the drill is to ensure that staff and pupils know what to do in the unlikely event of a situation where it is safer to remain inside the building.

Article 19 - Protection from violence

We are getting excited for our December Poplar traditions! Monday 1 December is 'Bring a Bauble' day, when the children can bring a decoration or bauble to decorate one of the Christmas trees in school. Please don't feel pressure to buy anything new - an old one from home or a homemade one would be perfect! Younger siblings can decorate the tree in the foyer when they drop off or collect older siblings from school.

Article 13 - Freedom of expression

Mrs Hodson

Head Teacher

Attendance

Last week, Class 5S had the highest attendance with 99%. Well done!

The whole school attendance for the week was a lower 95.7% which means the attendance for the year to date has fallen slightly to 96.6%.

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 achieve this high attendance.

Article 28 - Right to an education

Weather

The weather has turned much cooler (we even had some snow last week) so please ensure the children have appropriate clothing to wear at playtimes and lunchtimes.

The Poplar site is not very sheltered so to stay warm, children need the following items in school - named!

- Coat
- Scarf
- Hat
- Gloves

Article 27 - Adequate standard of living

Parent Questionnaire Feedback

Why do you report attendance to parents?

We share attendance information because being in school every day makes a big difference to children's learning and wellbeing. Good attendance helps pupils stay on track academically and feel part of school life. By keeping you informed, we can work together to spot any issues early and make sure every child gets the best possible start.

Can we have more updates about the progress of our child?

Parents receive academic and progress information 3 times a year - the first 2 parent consultations and in the end of year report. This is in line with DfE guidance.

Article 17 - Access to information

Diary Dates

Monday 24 November - UK Parliament Week

Monday 24 November - Mop-up flu vaccinations

Monday 24 November - Young Carers visit to Newton Bridge Academy

Tuesday 25 November - 5-7.30pm Parents' evening

Wednesday 26 November - National Cake Day

Wednesday 26 November - Well-Being Ambassadors to visit Newton House

Wednesday 26 November - 3.30-6pm Parents' evening

Thursday 27 November - Protecting Our Planet Day

Thursday 27 November - Cheerleading event for some children

Friday 28 November - EYFS Christmas visit to Rand Farm Park

Sunday 30 November - St. Andrew's Day

Monday 1 December - Homelessness Awareness Week

Monday 1 December - Bring a Bauble Day

Monday 1 December - Romania, Great Union Day

Wednesday 3 December - International Day of Persons with Disabilities

Thursday 4 December - World Wildlife Conservation Day

Friday 5 December - World Soil Day

Monday 8 December - Computer Science Week

Tuesday 9 December - 2pm Open afternoon for September 2026 intake

Wednesday 10 December - Human Rights Day

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The Poplar Promise

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