

Poplar Farm Weekly Newsletter



Monday 15 December 2025

We enjoyed a very festive end to the week last Friday with Christmas Jumper Day, Christmas dinner and a visit from Father Christmas! Thank you to everyone who donated to Save the Children. To date an incredible £343 has been raised which is almost £100 over our target. Thank you! A big thank you as well to FoP who not only helped during Christmas dinner but also bought every child in school a gift.

Article 13 - Freedom of expression

Last week, we successfully made two new appointments to our Poplar Farm staff. Mrs Boneham will be joining our teaching team to cover Miss Wilding's maternity leave and will teach Class 1WT on a Monday and a Tuesday. Mrs Martinkiene will be joining our midday supervisor team. Both will start their new roles in January.

Article 17 - Access to information

Mrs Hodson
Head Teacher

Attendance

Last week, Class 2G had the highest attendance with 98%. Well done!

The whole school attendance for the week was 94.8% 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

Baby news!!!

We have exciting news to share with you all! Last week, two members of staff welcomed beautiful new additions to their families.

Mrs Anderson welcomed her baby boy Harley and Miss Marshall celebrated the arrival of her baby boy.

I'm sure you'll join us in wishing Mrs Anderson, Miss Marshall and their families health and happiness as they begin this exciting new chapter!

Article 17 - Access to information

Christmas Break

Thank you for all your support during the autumn term.

We look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Monday 5 January 2026 for the start of a new term!

Article 31 - Right to relax



Diary Dates

Monday 15 December - Pantomime performances in school

Monday 15 December - The Hive visit to Greenfields School farm

Monday 15 December - 2.45pm Y4
Carols around the tree

Tuesday 16 December - 9am Y5
Carols around the tree

Wednesday 17 December - 9am Y1
Carols around the tree

Wednesday 17 December - 2pm
Caring Christmas

Thursday 18 December - 9am Y3
Carols around the tree

Thursday 18 December - 2.15pm Y6
Carols around the tree

Thursday 18 December - FoP discos, EYFS & Y1, 3.15 - 4pm; Y2, Y3 & Y4, 4.15 - 5pm; Y5 & Y6, 5.15 - 6pm

Friday 19 December - 9am EYFS
Carols around the tree

Friday 19 December - 2.30pm Y2
Carols around the tree

Friday 19 December - Last day of term

Monday 5 January - Term 3 begins

Tuesday 6 January - 2pm Open afternoon for EYFS 2026 intake

Tuesday 13 January - MHST worry workshops for Y3 & Y4

Thursday 15 January - Closing date for EYFS 2026 applications

Thursday 15 January - Panathlon event for some children

Sunday 18 January - Winnie the Pooh day

Sunday 18 January - World Religion Day

Monday 19 January - Martin Luther-King Day

Tuesday 20 January - Recycle workshops taking place in school

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The Poplar Promise

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