

# Poplar Farm Weekly Newsletter



## Monday 12 January 2026

Thank you for your support and understanding last week with the temporary closure of the 'big steps' gate for drop off and collection. With the weather currently being so unpredictable, and the lack of sunshine on the steps it was safer not to use them at all. This gate will be closed again this week, as the forecast continues to change.

*Article 24 - Right to the best possible health*

Over the Christmas break, we had an update to all school email address. The main email is now [enquiries@poplar-cit.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@poplar-cit.co.uk) and the ending for the Poplar Pioneers, SENDCO and Safeguarding email address have also been shortened to [@poplar-cit.co.uk](mailto:@poplar-cit.co.uk).

*Article 17 - Access to information*

### **Mrs Hodson**

Head Teacher

#### Attendance

Last week, Class 1CT had the highest attendance with 99.3%. Well done!

The whole school attendance for the week was 94.2% which means the attendance for the year to date has fallen slightly to 96.4%.

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*

#### Staffing Updates

Following interviews last week, I am delighted to inform you that Mrs Birch has been appointed as Admin Assistant. Mrs Birch will have a few weeks handover with Mrs Barske and Mrs Durand, before Mrs Barske leaves Poplar at the end of April 2026.

Mrs Boneham will join our Y1 teaching team from Monday 19 January, before Miss Wilding starts her maternity leave at the beginning of February. Mrs Boneham has spent several mornings and afternoons getting to know the children in Class 1WT and is looking forward to teaching them on a Monday and a Tuesday.

*Article 17 - Access to information*

#### Shared Learning Events

As mentioned in the newsletter last week, the shared learning events with parents have now been added to the school calendar and website. These will take place in the school hall on the following dates:

**EYFS** - Wednesday 11 February, 2.30pm.  
**Year 1** - Thursday 12 February, 2.30pm.  
**Year 2** - Monday 9 February, 2.30pm.  
**Year 3** - Wednesday 4 February, 2.45pm.  
**Year 4** - Tuesday 3 February, 2.45pm.  
**Year 5** - Thursday 5 February, 2.45pm.  
**Year 6** - Tuesday 10 February, 2.45pm.

*Article 24 - Right to the best possible health*

## Diary Dates

**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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**Wednesday 21 January** - Recycle workshops taking place in school

**Wednesday 21 January** - MHST worry workshop for Y1

**Thursday 22 January** - Y5 visit to Magna Science Centre

**Thursday 22 January** - KS2 New age Curling event for some children

**Monday 26 January** - Swimming pool on site for the next 3 weeks

**Monday 26 January** - India Republic Day

**Monday 26 January** - Y4 Roman workshop

**Monday 26 January** - 9am MHST parent workshop

**Tuesday 27 January** - Chocolate Cake Day

**Tuesday 27 January** - Holocaust Memorial Day

**Wednesday 28 January** - Lego Day

**Wednesday 28 January** - Well-Being Ambassadors to visit Newton House

**Thursday 29 January** - National Puzzle Day