

Poplar Farm Weekly Newsletter



Monday 5 January 2026

Happy New Year to all our Poplar Farm families! We hope you enjoyed a restful and joyful break. It has been wonderful to welcome the children back into school, full of energy and ready for an exciting new term. The snow has certainly helped to lift spirits today!

Article 27 - Adequate standard of living

We have many activities already planned for this term, with the shared learning events with parents to also be added to the school calendar. I will inform you when these have been finalised. We hope you will be able to join us for these.

Article 29 - Goals of education

Mrs Hodson

Head Teacher

Attendance

In the last week of term 2, Class 2G had the highest attendance with 99.3%. Well done!

The whole school attendance for the week was 93.8% which means the attendance for the year to date has fallen slightly to 96.5%.

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

Winter weather

Please take a moment to read the reminders below to help keep everyone safe and comfortable during winter:

- Please ensure children arrive in **named** warm coats, hats, gloves and suitable footwear.
- If snow is forecast, children will need a change of shoes / wellies to be able to play safely outside. The children can keep these in a plastic bag in their locker.
- Paths may be slippery, so take extra care when walking on site.
- On icy / snowy days, the **big steps** gate will not be used for drop off or collection.
- School will remain open wherever possible, but in extreme conditions any updates will be shared via MCAS and Class Dojo.
- Encourage children to wash hands regularly to help prevent winter bugs from spreading.

Article 24 - Right to the best possible health

Diary Dates

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

Tuesday 20 January - International Day of Acceptance

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