

# Poplar Farm Weekly Newsletter



## Monday 23 February 2026

Welcome back to a new term. I hope you all had an enjoyable break and the children are returning feeling refreshed and ready for the term ahead!

*Article 28 - Right to an education*

We were delighted to have the swimming pool on site last term, with more than 200 children taking part in lessons! The children thoroughly enjoyed their small group sessions and made incredible progress within a range of strokes and water safety. Unfortunately, due to insufficient parental contributions to support the cost of swimming, we need to make alternative plans for next year. As a result, far fewer children will take part, with lessons taking place off site to focus solely on Y6 children achieving the 25m requirement. More information will be shared closer to the time.

*Article 29 - Goals of education*

### Mrs Hodson

Head Teacher

#### Attendance

In the last week of term 3, Class 0R had the highest attendance with 100%. Well done!

The whole school attendance for the week was 95.4% which means the attendance for the year to date has remained at 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*

#### Year group topics

Year group newsletters for term 4 will be sent home by the end of this week, but before then, the topic titles are listed below:

**EYFS** - Let it grow!

**Year 1** - What makes someone a hero?

**Year 2** - How have holidays changed?

**Year 3** - Who would live in a place like this?

**Year 4** - Could we survive without trees?

**Year 5** - What impact are we having on the world?

**Year 6** - All's not quiet on the Western Front.

*Article 17 - Access to information*

#### World Book Day

World Book Day takes place on Thursday 5 March. Book tokens were sent home at the end of last term and we'd love to hear about the books the children have bought with these!

The children are invited to dress up as a book character for World Book Day. Dressing up is optional, so those not dressing up should come to school in their uniform as usual. There is no expectation for costumes to be bought - homemade costumes or accessories are just as much fun! We look forward to seeing a range of imaginative costumes on the day!

*Article 13 - Freedom of expression*

*Article 31 - Right to take part in a wide range of activities*

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## Diary Dates

**Monday 23 February** - Term 4 begins

**Tuesday 24 February** - Emotional Health Day

**Wednesday 25 February** - Well-Being Ambassadors to visit Newton House

**Wednesday 25 February** - Y5 to KSHS to watch 'Much Ado about Panto' performance

**Friday 27 February** - 9am SEND coffee morning

**Sunday 1 March** - St. David's Day

**Tuesday 3 March** - Bulgaria, Liberation Day

**Tuesday 3 March** - Planetarium visit for Y1

**Wednesday 4 March** - World Hearing Day

**Thursday 5 March** - World Book Day

**Friday 6 March** - KS2 swimming gala

**Sunday 8 March** - International Women's Day

**Sunday 8 March** - Grantham Schools Gymnastic Tournament

**Monday 9 March** - Last week of Spring term extra-curricular clubs

**Monday 9 March** - British Science Week

**Monday 9 March** - 9am MHST parent drop-in sessions

**Wednesday 11 March** - Lithuania, Restoration of Independence Day

**Friday 13 March** - International School Meals Day

**Sunday 15 March** - Mothering Sunday

**Monday 16 March** - Disabled Access Day

**Monday 16 March** - Young Carers Action Day

**Tuesday 17 March** - St. Patrick's Day

**Wednesday 18 March** - Global Recycling Day

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### The Poplar Promise

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