



Poppleton Ousebank PRIMARY SCHOOL

'Capturing the imagination of young minds'

Newsletter - Friday 18th July 2025

A message from Miss Collier

As we reach the end of another fantastic year at POPS I want to say a heartfelt thank you to everyone who makes our school a special place to be. It is an absolute pleasure to be part of a community who work together to help all children achieve their full potential.

The children are always an absolute credit to you. They are a joy! Their **respect** and **kindness** for one another, hard work and **resilience** makes our school a great place to be. I would like to say farewell to all our Year 6 pupils and other leavers as they move onto new schools. I know they will continue to impress their new teachers and I hope they continue to love every moment of their learning.

Every single member of our team works incredibly hard to create the best for your children and prepare exciting lessons that inspire your children to learn. I will never be able to show you or express just how much effort and how many hours go into making each and every day count. To every single staff member, your work never goes unnoticed; a huge thank you.

Thank you to the Governing Body for their important role in school improvement. As well as attendance at meetings throughout the year, our Governors have regularly visited school during the day to see us in action! Thank you for the time you give to our school to help guide, challenge and support us.

My thanks to you too, the parents, for your continued help and support. It really is appreciated. We are fortunate to have such an active Friends group who volunteer their time generously to plan fundraising events throughout the year, which not only do the children enjoy, but also help raise important funds for the school. If you would like to volunteer in school next year, hear readers, support trips, create displays then please sign up [here](#).

I do hope that you all have an amazing summer break and that the children return to school rested and ready on Tuesday 2nd September. Parents of children in reception and nursery have received individual start dates and time. Please check these carefully.

Best wishes for a truly wonderful and well-deserved summer holiday.

Miss Collier



Random acts of kindness

Freddie Turnbull decided to run 50k in 50 days to raise money for the NSPCC after PSHE lessons on poverty and people who live in different circumstances to us. He completed the challenge and has raised well over £300.

Jenny Sainz-Bowater had her hair cut for the Little Princess Trust, a childhood cancer charity, and raised an amazing £444.46. Well done to both of you!

Smartphone Free School

We aim to be a fully 'Smartphone Free school' in September. Smartphones and smart watches will not be allowed on school premises. We please ask that if you feel your child needs a phone at primary age, then you look to purchase a 'brick phone' as a basic communication device. The smartphone free childhood [website](#) has been updated significantly and has provided some really clear guides and recommendations for parents around devices, and trackers. Brick phones will be handed in to the class teacher. If a smartphone is seen or heard in school these will be confiscated and kept secure in the school office until a parent collects it.



After School Clubs

Please complete this [form](#) by Monday 1st September if you would like your child to participate in an after school club. These will start w/c 15th September. Clubs start after school and finish at 4.15pm. You will be notified if your child has received a place by the end of the first week of the new term. In addition to these, private clubs will be led by Total sports and Taekwondo. Information for these will be sent directly from the provider.

KS2 Ambassadors (after school)

At POPs, we are really proud of the work that our ambassadors do. Our ambassadors organise events, represent their peers and make a real difference to the school community. Next year, we will keep the same ambassador opportunities for children. Children can put themselves forward for as many roles as they would like and we will hold an 'election day' in September where all children will have the opportunity to cast their vote and the roles will be allocated. Please complete the [Google Form](#) by Monday 1st September if your child would like to put themselves forward for any of the ambassador roles below.

Y5/6 Consent to walk home - Children in Y5/6 are able to walk to and from school independently. We require parental [consent](#) for this. We ask this is completed for all Y5/6 children each year, even if you gave consent last year. Children without consent will not be permitted to walk home on their own.

Emergency details - Please ensure the school has been informed of any changes to medical, allergy and emergency contact details. It is vital that school has up to date records and are able to contact parents in an emergency. Please continue to update the school office if your details change by emailing hello@pop.hlt.academy.

School uniform - We very much appreciate parents' support in ensuring that the children attend school smartly dressed and in the correct uniform. All pupils should wear the correct clean school uniform. Please check our [school website](#) for details. We continue to have a worrying amount of unnamed lost property. Please help us with this by ensuring all items of clothing are clearly marked with the child's full name.

Autumn Term

Monday 1st September Training day. School closed.		
Tuesday 2nd September	School opens	
w/c 8th September	Y4 swimming starts	
Monday 8th September	Y3/4 Welcome meetings	Classrooms 3:30 - 4:00 pm
Tuesday 9th September	Y5/6 Welcome meetings	Classrooms 3:30 - 4:00 pm
Thursday 11th September	Y1/2 Welcome meetings	Classrooms 3:30 - 4:00 pm
Friday 12th September	Reception Stay and Play	Classrooms 2:30 - 3:00pm
w/c 15th September	After school clubs start	
Tuesday 23rd September	WBIM Parent Drop in	POPSOC 8:45 - 9:45
Tuesday 23rd September	Y5 Wonder Dome Visit	In school
Wednesday 24th September	Individual/Sibling photographs	
Friday 26th September	Macmillan Coffee Morning	8:45 - 10:00am Upper school hall
Tuesday 14th October	Early Years/ KS1 Phonic workshops	3:30 - 4:15pm Classes
Thursday 16th October	Y4 Geography Trip	Howsham Mill
Friday 17th October	Reception Stay and Play	Classrooms 2:30 - 3:30pm
Tuesday 21st October	WBIM Parent Drop in	POPSOC 8:45 - 9:45
Tuesday 21st October	Parents' evening	3:30-6:30pm Classrooms
Thursday 23rd October	Parents' evening	3:30-6:30pm Classrooms
Friday 24th October Training Day. School Closed		
w/c 27th October Half Term		
w/c 10th November	Anti-bullying week - Power For Good	Plans TBC by School council
Monday 10th November	Odd Socks day	Wear odd socks to celebrate being unique.
Tuesday 11th November	Reception open afternoon 26/27	4:00-5:00pm
Wednesday 12th November	Reception Bog Babies Forest school day	All day - in school.
Friday 14th November	Children in Need	Plans TBC by School council
Tuesday 25th November	WBIM Parent Drop in	POPSOC 8:45 - 9:45
Monday 1st December	Tree day	Bring a bauble to hang. Non glass and named.
Tuesday 2nd December	Y6 Trip	Royal Armoury Museum, Leeds
Monday 8th December	Reception Nativity	9:15am 1:15pm
Monday 8th December	Nursery Christmas Songs	2:30 -3:00pm
Tuesday 9th December	Y1 Christmas show	9:15am 2:30pm
Wednesday 10th December	Y2 Christmas Show	9:15am 2:30pm
Wednesday 10th December	Festive film night	Y1- Y6 3:15 -5:00pm
Friday 12th December	Mental Elf Festive fun run - York Mind charity	Come dressed as an elf or wear elf ears/hat
Monday 15th December	Pantomime afternoon	EY/KS1- Riding Lights in school KS2 Sleeping Beauty York Theatre Royal
Wednesday 17th December	Elfridges	Friends PTA
Thursday 19th December	Festive day (Last day of term) - Christmas dinner	Wear your Christmas jumpers/party clothes
	Friday 19th December	School closed Training day

Spring Term

Monday 5th January Training day. School closed.		
Tuesday 6th January	School opens	
Wednesday 7th January	Y3/4 VR Workshops	
w/c 12th January	Clubs start	
Monday 19th January	World Religion Day	A day celebrating other faiths
Tuesday 3rd February	Early Years/ KS1 Phonic workshops	3:30 - 4:15pm Classrooms
Tuesday 10th February	Safer Internet Day	
Tuesday 10th February	Young Voices Concert	Sheffield Arena
w/c 16th February Half Term		
Tuesday 24th February	Parents' Evening	3:30-6:30pm Classrooms
Thursday 26th February	Parents' Evening	3:30-6:30pm Classrooms
Thursday 5th March	World Book Day	Plans TBC
Thursday 5th March	Friends Book Bonanza	All children to receive a free book
Thursday 5th March	Reception 'Someone Special' reading	Reception Ouse/Foss 2:30 - 3:00pm
Friday 20th March	Red Nose Day	Plans TBC by School council
Tuesday 24th March	Y3/4 Production	5:00pm
Wednesday 25th March	Nursery Stay and Play - phonics	9:00 - 9:30am
Thursday 26th March	Y3/4 Production	2:00pm 5:00pm
Friday 27th March	Last day of school	

Summer Term

Monday 13th April	Back to school Careers Week	
Monday 20th April	Clubs begin	
Monday 20th April	Y4 Residential Meeting	3:30 - 4:00pm Classrooms
Tuesday 21st April	Class Photographs	
Monday 4th May Bank holiday. School closed.		
w/c 11th May	Y6 SATs	
w/c 18th May	Walk to school week	
Monday 18th May	Y6 Parent meeting for Residential	3:30pm Classrooms
Tuesday 19th May	Early Years/ KS1 Phonic workshops	3:30 - 4:15pm Classrooms
Thursday 21st May	POPS Got Talent	2:00pm Hosted by School Council
w/c 25th May Half Term		
Friday 5th June	Pride -TBC	Wear colour/rainbow celebrate difference
w/c 8th June	Y1 Phonic Screening check	Y4 Multiplication check
Wednesday 10th June	Nursery sports morning	10:30- 11:00am, Picnic lunch with parents
Friday 12th June	Sports Day	R/KS1 9:15am KS2 2:00pm School field
Friday 12th June	Non uniform day	Donation for the summer fair
w/c 15th June	Y6 Bikeability	
Monday 15th- 16th June	Y4 Residential	Malham Cove
Tuesday 16th June	Welcome to Early Years	4:00-5:00pm
Wednesday 24th -26th	Y6 Residential	Robin Wood
Friday 26th June	Staffing for next year/Classes go out	TBC
Weds 1st Thurs 2nd July	Whole School Transition days	TBC
Friday 3th July	Popfest / Summer fair	All day / 3:15-5:30 pm
Tuesday 7th July	Y6 Production	2:00 pm 5:00pm
Thursday 9th July	Y6 Production	5:00pm
Friday 10th July	Reports go out	
Thursday 16th July	Y6 Colour Run	2:00pm
Friday 17th July	Y6 Leavers' assembly	2:30pm Hall
Friday 17th July	Last day of term	
Monday 20th - School closed Training day		

Other important dates for your diary

Training days

Monday 1st September
Friday 24th October
Friday 19th December
Monday 5th January
Monday 20th July

Class sharing assemblies

Friday 27th February Y6 Nile
Friday 6th March Y6 Niagara
Friday 13th March Y5 Mekong
Friday 20th March Y5 Mississippi
Friday 27th March Y4 Danube
Friday 17th April Y4 Douro
Friday 24th April Y3 Rhone
Friday 1st May Y3 Rhine
Friday 8th May Y2 Avon
Friday 15th May Y2 Aire
Friday 22nd May Y1 Tyne
Friday 5th June Y1 Thames
Friday 12th June R Foss Graduation
Friday 19th June R Ouse Graduation