



Poppleton Ousebank PRIMARY SCHOOL



Newsletter - Wednesday 22nd October 2025

'Capturing the imagination of young minds'

A message from Miss Collier

As we come to the end of a busy and productive first half term thank you for your continued support. The children have settled so well, working incredibly hard and making great progress. We are so proud of their achievements and hope they enjoy a well-deserved break. As always at the start of a new school year, you may have lots of questions. If you are unsure of anything at all, please do not hesitate to contact the class teacher via Dojo so that important issues can be dealt with at the earliest opportunity. Don't forget school is closed on Friday for a training day. Wishing you a restful and enjoyable half term.

Staffing update

I am pleased to share with you that we will be welcoming Mrs Lizzy Richards to our school from 5th January 2026 as full-time SENDCo. We are incredibly excited about this and feel confident that Mrs Richards will be an amazing asset to our staff team. She brings with her extensive experience having been a SENCo for more than 10 years. She has vast knowledge across all years groups, while holding wider senior leadership responsibilities also. We are all very much looking forward to Mrs Richards joining us and are confident she will be a fantastic addition to our team.



Ambassadors

The new Ambassadors have made an incredible start to the year, proving to be exemplary champions throughout school. We now have a vast range of Ambassadors including; Reading Ambassadors, Well-being Ambassadors, Digital Leaders, Eco Leaders, School Council. We ran an election in the upper school hall which the children loved! They have already represented the school in assemblies and wider events and are doing us so very proud!



Macmillan Coffee morning

The School Council did an excellent job hosting the Macmillan Coffee morning this year. Even hosting our own Coffee quiz for fun, Alice and Jesse did an amazing job hosting this. Thank you to everyone who contributed with cakes and attended our event. So far we have raised a £247.49. If you would still like to donate our [page](#) is still available and will be closed after the half term.



EYFS OPEN AFTERNOON

Tuesday 11th November 4pm - 5pm

Is your child due to start school in September 2026?

Join us at an open session for an exclusive look around our thriving school.



"Children in the early years make an **exceptionally strong** start at Poppleton Ousebank. The school is **highly ambitious** for its youngest children."
Ofsted - May 2024

"The curriculum in Nursery and Reception is **excellent**. The **extensive learning environment** in the early years fosters **independence, exploration and discovery**." Ofsted, May 2024

OUR VALUES

RESPECT | KINDNESS | RESILIENCE

"Capturing the imaginations of young minds"

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PRIMARY SCHOOL

EVERY DAY COUNTS

Success at school starts with **good attendance**

190 DAYS at school each year ▼ Maximum attendance WELL DONE!	180 DAYS at school each year ▼ 10 DAYS of missed learning	171 DAYS at school each year ▼ 19 DAYS of missed learning	161 DAYS at school each year ▼ 29 DAYS of missed learning	152 DAYS at school each year ▼ 38 DAYS of missed learning	143 DAYS at school each year ▼ 47 DAYS of missed learning
100% attendance	95% attendance	90% attendance	85% attendance	80% attendance	75% attendance

There are **175 non-school** days a year.

That's 175 days for wellbeing, socialising
and non-urgent appointments.

Autumn 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