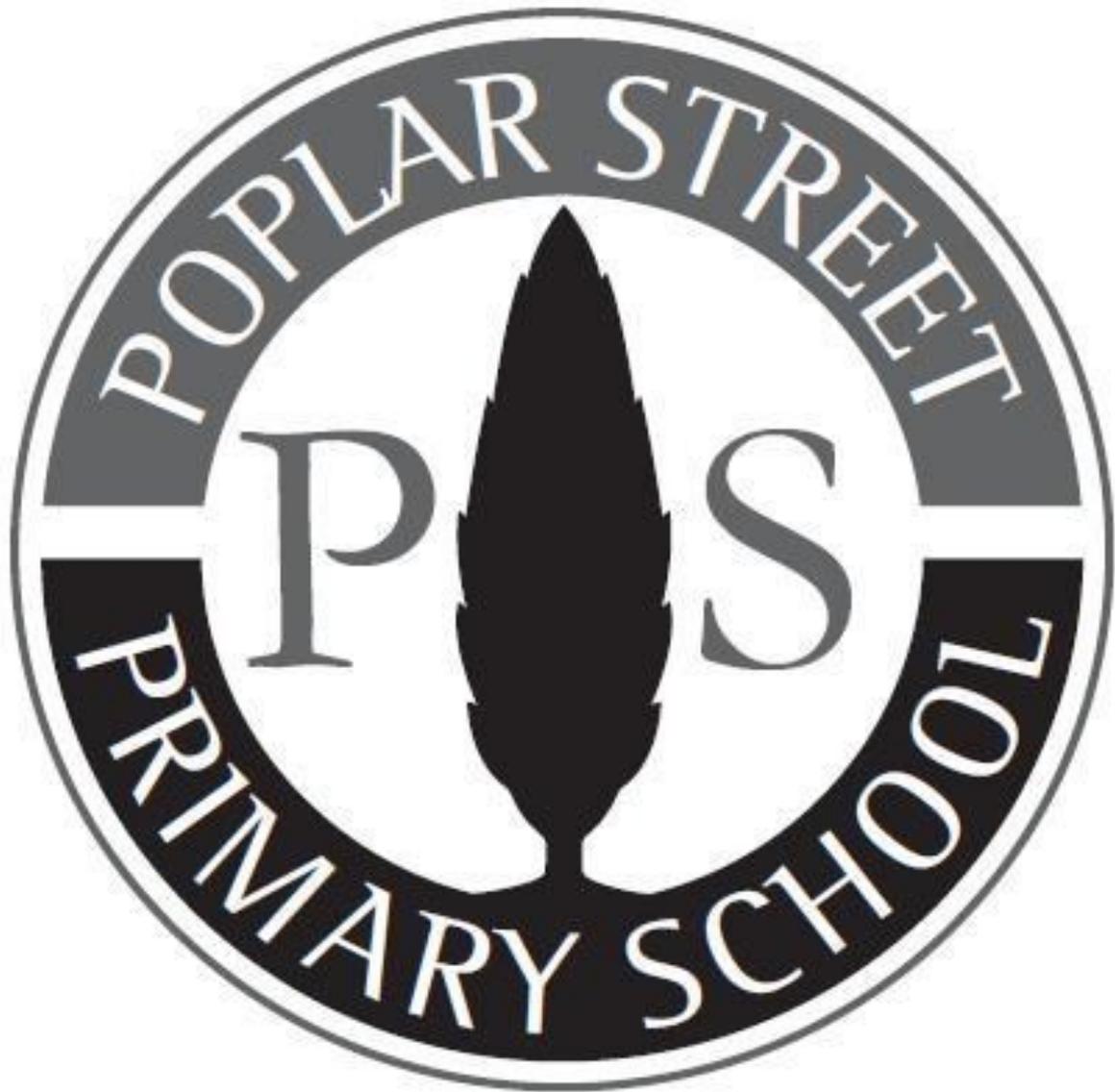


# Poppy Post



Foundation Stage

Autumn term

*'Working together-aiming high.'*

## Welcome to this term's newsletter.

Read on to find out what your child will be doing this term.

Dear Parents/Careers

Welcome to our first newsletter of the year. We are delighted at the way the children are settling in to school and we look forward to spending the following academic year together with you.

### Session Times:

Nursery am session – 8.45am – 11.45am (doors open from 11.35am)

Nursery pm session – 12.15pm – 3.15pm (doors open from 3.05pm)

Reception classes— 8.55am – 3.15pm (doors open at 8.45am & 3.05pm)

### Sessions for Nursery Parents:

We will offer parent sessions in school, to explain how you can support your child at home.

These sessions will focus on Letters & Sounds, Maths and Understanding of the World. They will take place later in the school year.

Dates to follow.



### Dates for your diary

Wednesday 10th October - Sensing The World visit from the RSPB (Nursery and Reception)

Week beginning Monday 12th November- Parents' Evening sessions (further information to follow)

Friday 16th November - Children In Need

Thursday 6th December—Christmas Activity Evening

Friday 26th October—finish for half term

Monday 5th November – Children return to school

Thursday 20th December Foundation stage party

Friday 21st December—Christmas Jumper day

### Fund Money:

Fund money is a voluntary contribution of £1 per week. The money from fund goes towards activities such as baking, cooking and food tasting. It also enables us to buy new resources through the year that need replacing.

Money can be paid through parent pay.

### Home School Books:

Both FSI & 2 send out Home/School books every Friday. These are to be completed over the weekend and **returned on Monday**

**Each Monday afternoon**, children take turns to stand and share their book with their group. This is a special time for each child to share their experiences with the rest of the class. It promotes speaking and listening skills and is a confidence building activity.

### Phonics sessions (Reception classes) only:

Daily Phonics sessions will begin soon. Each child will receive Phonics homework in their Letters and Sounds book every Friday. Please return your book by the following Wednesday.

### PE (Reception classes only) This session takes place each **Thursday morning**

Children need to have their PE kit in school every day. We ask parents to leave PE kits on pegs for the whole half term and to take them home over the holidays. PE kit consists of t-shirt, shorts and pumps. (These must be labelled with your child's name) At the beginning of the school year, the children will be changing into their pumps only. We will let you know when the children will begin to change into full kit. Please actively encourage your child to put on and take off their own shoes to help us during these sessions. **Velcro fastenings are easier than laces** for children to manage independently. **Please bear this in mind when buying new shoes.**



**Yoga:** Nursery children will have the opportunity to take part in yoga sessions during the Autumn term.

**Sports Coach:** Our Sports coach, Aiden, will work with both Nursery and Reception children this term. He will work alongside teaching staff to develop a variety of skills, eg turn-taking, sharing, throwing and catching.

### Labelling

Lots of our uniform, coats and shoes come from the same companies and with around 100 children in the Foundation Stage at any one time things can easily get misplaced. Please ensure that **all** of your child's clothing is clearly labeled (including coats, pumps and shoes) to enable us to easily identify your child's clothes. Could we remind all parents that children are allowed access to outside play every single day regardless of the weather. Please send them to school with suitable coats, gloves, scarves, hats etc. We have a limited stock of wellington boots and waterproofs which the children have to wear in particularly wet weather.

### Snacks:

Children receive free fruit and milk in the Foundation Stage. Once your child reaches the age of 5, milk ceases to be free. If you wish to pay for milk for your child, you can do this through [www.coolmilk.com/register](http://www.coolmilk.com/register). We do like to give the children a variety of additional healthy snacks including cereals and raisins. In Nursery, the teacher will stop the children to have their snack. In reception, children can access the snack table whenever they are hungry or thirsty.

### Toys from home:

We **do not** allow children to bring toys from home into the setting. The toys often get lost or broken and this upsets the child. Please supports up on this matter.

**Tapestry:** Tapestry is our online system enabling you to access and comment upon observations and photos of your child at school. You can also share your own photographs and information about things your child does at home. If you are having difficulty accessing Tapestry, please approach your child's class teacher, who will be pleased to assist you with this.

**Outdoor Equipment:** May we ask all Parents and Carers to refrain from sitting on our mud kitchen and other outdoor play equipment. All outdoor play equipment is very expensive, and we are encouraging the children to take care of it. Staff may set up outdoor equipment for the morning session. In Nursery, this will be protected by a locked gate. In Reception, the outdoor learning area is open for access in the morning. If equipment is outside, it has been set up for learning later that morning. Please do not allow your children to play with or to remove any of the equipment.

**Independence:** The children have begun the year on a very positive note. We are very impressed with the way in which children are coming into school happily and in Reception, mainly independently. If your child is struggling with this independence, please continue to encourage them to come into the reception class without an adult, and to hang up their coat and to put their belongings away by themselves.

The children are coping very well at lunch times. The reception children are expected to try to eat their food with a knife and fork where appropriate. Some of the children are struggling to use these. Please continue to help your child to use cutlery at home to make this job easier for them at school.

**Requests:** If you have any spare children's clothing that you could donate to Nursery and Reception we would be very grateful. We are in desperate need of underwear (knickers, underpants and socks) and trousers. (Please wash and return any borrowed clothing as soon as possible)

We need empty boxes and tubes for our workshop. Our children love to create models. Please send any suitable items to school with your child.

Kind regards

Foundation Stage Staff

Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Kearns, Miss Lewis, Mrs. Mason and Mrs. Greenhalgh

Do you have any talents or skills that you could share?

Come and join our Poplar Street family and be part of your child's education.

Can you:-

Help hear readers?

Are you creative?

Can you tell stories?

Are you enthusiastic?

If you are interested please speak to a member of staff.

If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to speak to us.

