



School Newsletter

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NEWSLETTER: April 2026

Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

The summer term has officially arrived and with it, a renewed sense of wonder. Even though it is our final term and the school year may be winding down in the eyes of the calendar, our school tells a different story. We have a jam-packed final term ahead of us, overflowing with opportunities to celebrate the growth, resilience and enjoyment of our incredible children.

Our Poverty Proofing Journey: Creating an Even Fairer School

Recently, we underwent a Poverty Proofing Audit. This was a vital opportunity for us to listen to the voices of our pupils, staff and you—our families—to ensure that every child can participate fully in school life, regardless of their financial circumstances.

We are so proud of the feedback we received, but more importantly, we are committed to acting on it. Based on our findings, we are implementing changes across all aspects of school life.

We are evaluating how we make uniform and clothes even more accessible and starting up “clothes libraries”

Streamlining some costs and events across school

Looking at hidden costs and experiences. We are reviewing the cost of school trips and payment plans and after-school clubs to ensure they are as inclusive as possible

Snacks available for everyone across school. Free fruit snack has now been extended to KS2 with a built in “snack and chat” time in KS2 so all children have the opportunity to have an afternoon snack.

Whole year class events calendar. For the start of the new school year, each class will outline key events and trips that will happen, with approximate cost, so that families can see at a glance what is a happening for the school year.

Our goal is simple: to ensure that every child feels they belong. If you ever have concerns or ideas regarding school costs, there are people who you can talk to, confidentially in school.

You can contact Mrs Dawson or Mrs Scott through office@poppleton.pmat.academy and we can talk through concerns and worries.

Dates to remember:

Sports Day

Friday 15th May

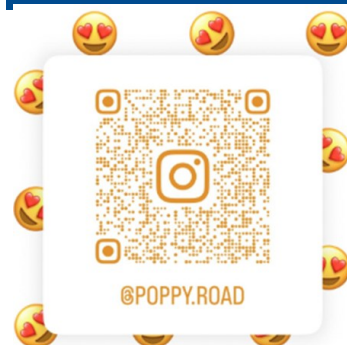
- more information to follow regarding school teams .

Training Day

Friday 22nd May

Nursery Open Day sessions

- Wednesday 6th May
- Wednesday 24th June



We will be focusing on main areas when we look at how to enhance our inclusive provision and fair access for all. These elements are in line with those from Children of North East Poverty Proofing Charity .

Themes

- Additional Opportunities
- Arts & Technology (secondary)
- Celebrations
- Charity / Fundraising, Community
- Curriculum organisation
- Food
- Homework
- Resources
- Student support
- Student Voice
- Support to parents and families
- Transport
- Uniform

Important Update: Holiday Request Process

Starting this term, we are moving to a digital-only process for absence requests. All absence request forms will now be sent to you electronically and we ask that you submit your completed responses via Google Form. To ensure our records are kept up to date, please note that if your child is absent and a form hasn't been received, we will send one to you electronically for completion. The google form will be linked on our school website (parents, forms) for you to complete, or alternatively , please email the school office to request the google form link.

Key Reminders

Submission: All absence request leave must be detailed on a google form.

Authorisation: Please remember that absences for holidays will only be authorised under the exceptional circumstances outlined on the form.

Attendance: We appreciate your support in ensuring your child is in school during term time to maximize their learning.

Warm wishes,

Ellie Dawson

Headteacher