

POPPLETON ROAD NEWSLETTER



21st May 2026

HEADTEACHER MESSAGE



Proud of Our Year 6 Pupils!

I want to say a massive congratulations to our wonderful Year 6 children, who completed their SATs last week. They approached the assessments with incredible focus, maturity and determination.

While we are immensely proud of their hard work, we also want to remind them—and our school community—that these tests only measure a small part of who they are. SATs don't measure their kindness, their creativity, their talents or the wonderful friendships they have built. We already know they are amazing in so many different ways!

Sports Day Success

What a fantastic Sports Day we had! Well done to everyone who took part. The team spirit, determination and sportsmanship on display were absolutely wonderful to see.

A huge thank you to all of our families who came along to cheer the children on (and take part in the family races!) Your vibrant energy, cheers and continued support mean the world to us and truly make events like this so special.

Brownlee Triathlon

A huge well done to everyone who took part in the Brownlee Triathlon! It is always such a fantastic annual event, and this year was no exception. It was wonderful to see our pupils pushing themselves, trying new challenges and, most importantly, having an absolute blast.



Year 1 and Year 2 update

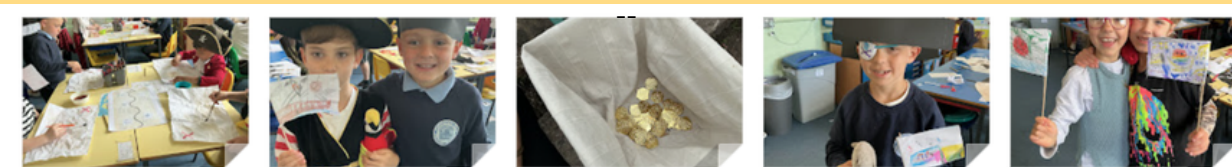
Y1 have had a very busy few weeks! We have been exploring different textures with clay and paint in art to create a seaside scene. We can't wait for our trip to Filey soon! In PE we have developed our ball skills using our feet and also our communication and team working skills. In week 4 we were lucky enough to visit York Mosque. We visited the prayer rooms and learned about the different features of the Mosque and the Islam religion.



What a swashbuckling half term it's been in Year 2! Our young explorers have officially traded their school bags for eye patches as we dove headfirst into our Pirate Adventures. The children had a wonderful time dressing up and getting creative, designing intricate, aged treasure maps that would make Captain Cook jealous.

The excitement didn't stop there; our budding authors have been busy crafting Pirate Persuasions, using their best "yo-ho-ho" vocabulary to convince the Year 1s to join our crew. It's safe to say the recruitment drive was a massive success!

In Geography, we've grounded our seafaring antics by examining real-world maps and building our navigational skills. A huge thank you to all the parents for helping with our field work. The children have thoroughly enjoyed interviewing you about the very best things about York; your insights are helping us see our beautiful city through a whole new lens.



Community Week

CAN YOU
HELP?

Are you part of a local community group? Would you be able to come into school and share experiences with the children and complete an activity? Could you teach the children a new skill?

If so, then please do get in touch at office@poppleton.pmat.academy

We have got lots to look forward to next term! Look out for more information on the following events:

- Music Playground performances - 10th June
- Year 5 Trip to London - 25th June
- Y6 Festival Day - 29th June
- New class transition sessions
- Colour Run - 10th July
- End of year community picnic



York Pride, Saturday 30th May 2026

Poppleton Road Primary School would like to show our support on this day of festivities which celebrates diversity and the LGBT+ community.

Alongside other schools and organisations from across the city, some members of staff will be marching with a Poppleton Road banner to the event site on the Knavesmire.

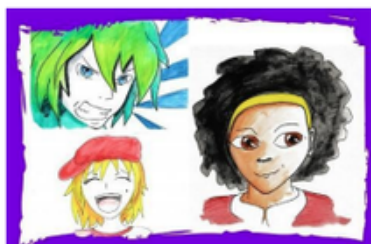
Students and their families are very welcome to join us or show their support along the route. **We will be meeting outside CeX on Church Street and the parade will start from St. Samson Square. Please meet between 11.00 and 11.15. We may need to move into position before 12 so please make sure you arrive before 11.15.**



Whole School Art Workshops - Tuesday 16th June – Thursday 18th June 2025

As part of our continued work on developing the children's artistic experiences and to raise the profile of art at Poppleton Road, all children will have the amazing opportunity to work with artist Emma Shannon from Go Sketch Club. Emma is an artist and a teacher and decided to bring her two passions together to create Go Sketch Club.

'I believe in teaching children that there is no such thing as 'good art' or 'bad art', only art we like and don't like. Everyone likes different art! We celebrate 'mistakes' as 'opportunities' within the creative process.'



Go Sketch Club aims to develop young artists into self-confident, imaginative and creative thinking adults of tomorrow. Emma has planned a tailor-made art project for each year group, with each art project involving clay sculptures. She will complete a session with each class over a full morning or afternoon from Tuesday 16th June – Thursday 18th June. This will give the children a chance to explore their creativity, develop confidence and think in different ways.