



Poppy Field School offers a holistic, family-oriented, therapeutic approach to bringing children inner-peace and contentment, enabling them to access education, and become positive, valued members of society.



Spring (1) Newsletter 2025



We break up on **Friday 14th February**, for our half term break. We return to school on **Monday 24th February** and at that point will already be halfway through the school year! Where does the time go!?



School Improvement Plan



We are really proud of the progress we have made towards our key targets over the Autumn term as we strive to improve, and be the best we can for your wonderful children.

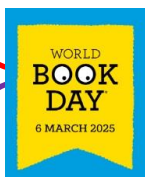
Our key target areas are -

- 1. To ensure all students have the skills to read and write with confidence and pleasure.**
- 2. To ensure that behaviour is positively managed, and a culture of no low-level behaviour is maintained.**
- 3. To continue to deliver holistic support for all students, including speech and language and occupational therapy as needed.**
- 4. To effectively deliver the Poppy Field spiralled curriculum, ensuring all students make progress.**

We sent a letter home last week, sharing the key developments from the reviewing and improving the delivery of phonics across the school to the continued work with our speech and language therapist and occupational therapist to support students.

We look forward to continuing our achievement into the Spring Term as we grow.

Thank you, as always, for your support and commitment to this journey.



Dates for the Diary



Next half term we have a couple of exciting events to look forward to. On **Thursday 6th March** we will be celebrating **World Book Day** across school. We are invited to wear an outfit inspired by our favourite character, and bring along our favourite book to share with our friends. We will be enjoying book themed activities across the day with lots of fun.

Later in the month, on **Friday 21st March** we will be participating in **Comic Relief**. We will be learning about the work of the charity, focusing on supporting those in need during the current living crisis, looking at issues like lack of food and homelessness.

To support this event, we have been invited to wear something red for a suggested donation of £1.00, with all monies raised going directly to the charity. We will also be selling red noses from the school office. Watch our Facebook page to find out when these are available.



A reminder that we continue to offer all our students experiences as part of their Poppy Field 50. They are fun, special, opportunities that we pledge our students during their time with us. All of which should bring a smile to their face, and offer shared experiences and making memories.

The Poppy Field 50 sits in all students Record of Achievement folders along with photos and dates as we tick them off. There are medals available as students achieve 20, 35 and then 50 experiences.

This half term has seen students travelling on the train, trying foods from around the world, visiting museums, developing their water confidence, washing their own clothes, and making potions to name but a few!



Home Learning

Following the success of the home learning packs we sent home in the Autumn term; we have put together some updated resources to share with you. These are activities linked to your child's Spring IEP targets and activities to support their development.

The work will focus on maths and English skills. They include a mix of challenges, games and activities.

We have also included your child's log ins for the different websites and learning platforms we access in school. Please feel free to log in at home. Your child will know how to access the websites, or simply google them and then 'log in'.

These are designed to be used as support and are not in any way to cause stress. We are keen our students have access to opportunities to enhance their learning where possible. It does not need to be returned to school, rather it is to allow practice and conversation around learning, building confidence.



Coffee Catch Ups - Time for You!



We continue to offer our regular coffee catch ups, but have moved to a new venue.

Our next catch up is Thursday 13th March and will be held at The Old Police Station (Mersey Rd, Runcorn WA7 1DF) at 9.45am -11.15am. With a following session (date for the diary) on

Thursday 15th May.

If you do not fancy meeting with others, and would just like to have a chat, advice or support, we have our school therapy team on site every other Monday.

The time is yours to spend as you wish, with a friendly face and a cuppa, onsite in the contact room.

If you feel this would be helpful, please telephone Poppy Field on 0151 332 3000 to arrange a visit, or email the office at office@poppyfieldschool.co.uk. Due to the space in school, we request that you book ahead, so we can manage time and space appropriately.



Diversity Events



This half term we have celebrated Burns Night, Chinese New Year (Snake), National Storytelling Week and NSPCC Number Day as part of our diversity focus.

A small selection of pictures from this half term...

