



Friday Flyer – 18th September 2026

Now that we are well on our way into the autumn term, we value the partnership between home and school and look forward to working together with you throughout the next academic year.

Here are a few reminders that help to keep our home-school partnership so successful:

- Please ensure that your child arrives on time each day (by 8:55am), so that they will be ready to learn:
- **Pupils arriving late will need to be accompanied by an adult to the reception** area for signing in. For accurate record keeping of attendance and punctuality, as well as for safeguarding reasons, pupils should not ordinarily be allowed to sign themselves in.
- If you would like your child to receive a school dinner, please remember to book via Arbor.
- Keep connected with us through reading the Friday Flyer. It is our main communication for what is going on in school and to help you plan for the weeks ahead.

Thank you for your continued support.

SmartPhones and SmartWatches etc

Please note that, for reasons of safeguarding, we cannot allow children to bring into school any device capable of making or receiving phone calls, or of capturing digital image or video.

For further information or clarification, please read the school's mobile phone policy which is available on our website.

Christmas Panto – Beauty and the Beast

We are delighted to report that we have provisionally booked for the whole school to attend this year's performance of Beauty and the Beast at De Montford Hall in Leicester.

If you would like your child to attend, a £5 non-refundable deposit will need to be paid via Arbor no later than the 28th September. We will not be able to book a seat for your child once the deposit window has closed.

Scarecrow festival.

A reminder that the **Leire Scarecrow Festival** will be taking place on **Sunday 27th September, 10am–3pm!** 🍷 📖

The children will be busy making scarecrows next week, which we will position around Leire for everyone to enjoy.

First stop: Leire Village Hall – pick up your route map and enjoy **refreshments, homemade cakes and activities** before heading off around the village.

All money raised will go towards **Ullesthorpe School**, helping provide essential resources and opportunities for our children, as well as supporting the village hall.

Everyone welcome – we can't wait to see you there! ❤️

EYFS Phonics Evening

On Tuesday 29th September we would like to invite the parents of our EYFS children to a phonics evening from 5.00-6.00pm. This will be an important time for you to learn how we teach phonics and reading at school.

At the meeting you will learn some ways to support your child at home. This will certainly help with consistency for your child as they progress to becoming an independent reader.

We hope to see you there.

Census Day

This is on Thursday 1st October for all Primary schools:

What is Census day?

Census day is an official data collection day when our school provides the government with information about our pupils, staff, and resources, used to determine funding. In Key Stage 1 (Reception, Year 1, and Year 2), the number of Universal Infant Free School Meals taken on census day directly influences the school's funding.

So we would like to encourage **ALL KS1 children** to book a hot school meal on Thursday 1st October!

Harvest Festival

This year's Harvest Festival service will be taking place in School on Friday 2nd October 2026 at 9:05am in the school hall and the service will be led by Birch class. Parents or carers of children in Birch Class are very welcome to join us for this service. All children in Years 1- 6 will be attending.

The charity that we will be supporting this year is the Lutterworth Foodbank. During the course of the week running up to the service (w/b Monday 28th September) we



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will be collecting food items for the Lutterworth Foodbank. Please drop any donations at the office.

EYFS Open Event

Mrs Hartley will be offering an **EYFS Open Event for prospective new EYFS** parents from 4pm until 5:45pm on **Tuesday 13th October** - please share this information with any family you think may be interested in attending.

Parents Evening

Parents evening consultations this term will be on Tuesday 24th November 4-7pm and Thursday 26th November 3:45-6pm. Further details will follow nearer the time.

Secondary School Applications

It is time for parents of Year 6 pupils to apply for secondary school places, with applications needing to be made by the **31st October 2026**. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools-colleges-and-academies/apply-for-a-school-place/apply-for-a-secondary-school>

Admission to Reception 2027

If your child was born between 1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022, they are due to start school in September 2026.

Applying for a school place You must apply for a primary/infant school place for your child to start their Reception Year.

- Applications for Reception Year places in September 2026 open on 1 September 2025.
- The national closing date for applications is 15 January 2026.
- The national offer date for on-time Reception Year applications is 16 April 2026.

Making an application To apply for a school place please visit:

<https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools-colleges-and-academies/apply-for-a-school-place>

Diary Dates

Thursday 24th September	NSPCC Speak out Stay Safe Assembly
Tuesday 29 th September	5.00 – 6.00pm EYFS Phonics evening
Thursday 1st October	Open the Book Assembly
Thursday 1 st October	School Census Day
Friday 2nd October	Harvest Celebrations in School
Friday 9th October	Celebration Worship Assembly
Tuesday 13th October	EYFS Open Event for Autumn 2027 new starters 4-5:45pm
Friday 16th October	School Closed Teacher Training Day

After School Clubs

We have arranged for afterschool sports clubs to begin after half term – more details to follow...

If you would like your child to participate in any of these clubs (which are run by external providers), please follow the link to book a session.

Here is a reminder of what we have on offer:

Choir Year 2 upwards And private singing lessons on Fridays	spotlightsinging@outlook.com
Rocksteady band small group sessions On Tuesday afternoons	info@rocksteadymusic.school.com

Website

Please remember to visit our website which contains all the latest information? Here is the link:

<https://www.ullesthorpe.leics.sch.uk/>

Academic Calendar 2026	
Monday 24th August - Thursday 15th October 2026 (School closed to pupils on Friday 16th October)	Autumn Term



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Academic Calendar 2026	
Friday 16th October - Friday 23rd October 2026	Half Term
Monday 26th October - Friday 18th December 2026.	End of Autumn Term
Monday 21st December - Monday 4th January 2026	Christmas Holiday
Tuesday 5th January - Friday 12th February 2027	Spring Term

Attendance

Can we remind parents to contact the school office before 9.30am if your child is going to be absent so that we can mark the register accordingly.

If we do not know the reason why a pupil is absent, then this will be marked as an unauthorised absence and we may have to raise a safeguarding concern also. Please contact school via phone or email at:

ullesthorpe@ipat.uk

GOOD ATTENDANCE MEANS BEING IN SCHOOL AT LEAST 95% OF THE TIME (180 – 190 DAYS).

There are 175 non-school days per academic year for family time, visits, holidays and shopping.

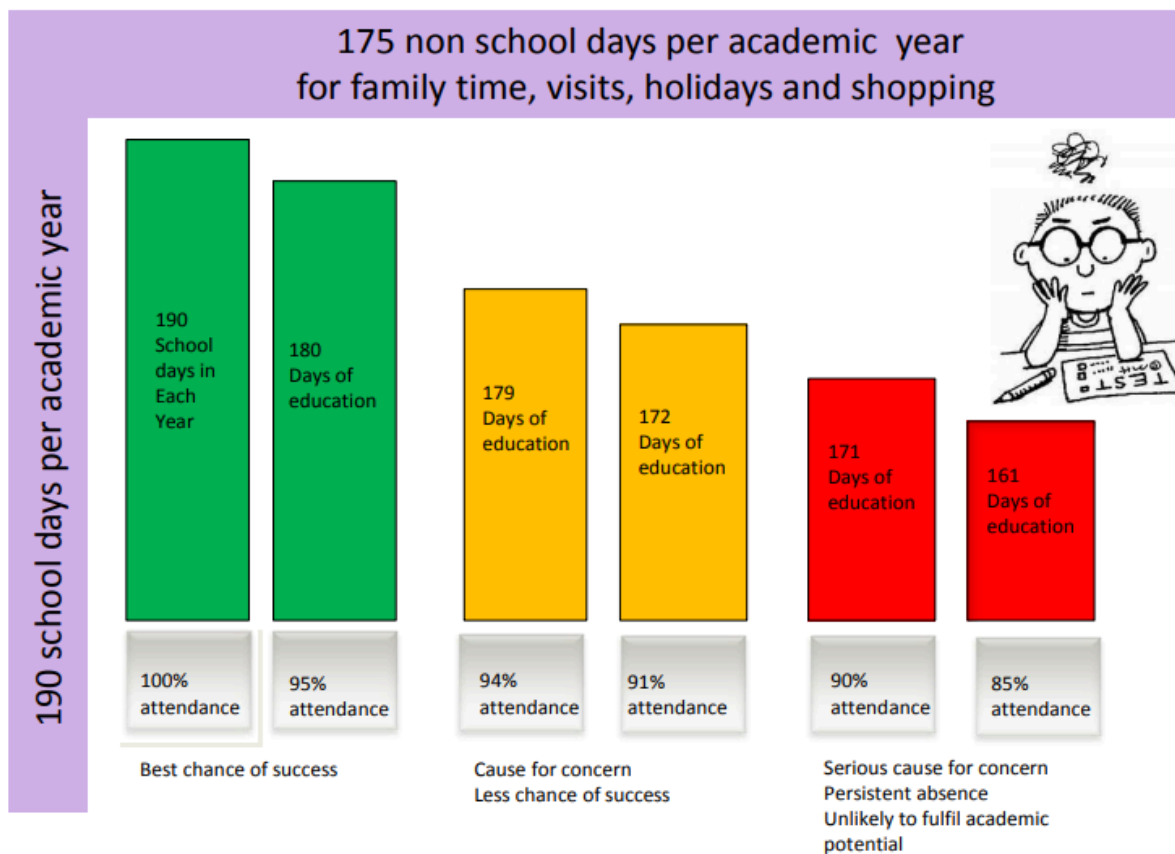
What the government says about school attendance:

At KS2, pupils who attend school nearly every day in year 6 (with an attendance rate of 95-100%) were 1.3 times more likely to achieve the expected standard in reading, writing and maths, compared to pupils who only attend 90-95% of the time.

This means missing just 10 days of year 6 reduces the likelihood of reaching the expected standard by around 25%. Pupils who attend everyday are 1.8 times more likely to achieve the standard than persistently absent pupils who only attend 80 – 90% of the time (relating to 4-6 weeks more time in school).

DFR Report. Link between attendance and attainment:

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/link-between-attendance-and-attainment?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=e6e8cd73-0c3d-4532-b222-35984e1d594f&utm_content=daily



Safeguarding

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. If you have concerns about the welfare of any child, then you have a responsibility to call the First Response Children's Duty Team on 0116 305 0005.

Further advice/ support on this can be obtained from our Designated Safeguarding Leads: Mrs Allen, Mrs McMurren or Mr Gray.

No Nuts or Sesame Seeds please -

Thank you for helping us to keep all of our children safe and well



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Ofsted

Strong standard



Expected standard



Learn Together, Grow Together, Shine Forever

A small, friendly
Church of England
School where
Children Learn,
Grow & Shine.

**Save the
Date**

Early Years

Open Afternoon

Tuesday 13th October 2026

anytime between 4:00pm-5:45pm

**Please come and visit
our wonderful school
and friendly staff.**

If your child is due to start school in Autumn 2027, we invite you and your child to come along and visit us. Your child can play and you will have the opportunity to find out what our superb village school has to offer.



**'Pupils arrive to
school with a
smile...and
cannot wait to
start their
school day'
OFSTED**

**School office: 01455 209926
Email: ullesthorpe@ipat.uk**

- Large EYFS outdoor classroom
- Spacious playing fields
- Forest School area
- Sports Platinum Award
- Beyond Bullying Award

**'Every child is known extremely well. The
provision works in partnership with families'
OFSTED, 2026**



**Inspiring Primaries
Academy Trust**
Inspiring all to flourish and succeed

'Live so they will see the good things you do' Matthew 5:16