



Friday Flyer – 25th September 2026

Another busy and exciting week in school. The weather has certainly given us that extra spring in our step, the children are enjoying still being able to play on the field. Thank you to the parents who supported the school in this week's Pokemon Football tournament, the team played really well.

EYFS Phonics Evening

As a reminder, 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 be able to see ways to support your child at home. This will certainly help with consistency for your child as they progress to becoming a reader.

We hope to see you there.

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, The service will be led by Birch class. Parents/carers of Birch children 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 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 4:00-7:00pm and Thursday 26th November 3:45-6:00pm.

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 2022 and 31st August 2023, they are due to start school in September 2027.

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 2027 open on 1 September 2026.
- The national closing date for applications is 15 January 2027.
- The national offer date for on-time Reception Year applications is 16 April 2027.

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

Tuesday 29 th September	5.00 – 6.00pm EYFS Phonics evening
Thursday 1st October	Open the Book Assembly
Friday 2nd October	Birch Class Harvest Celebration Worship in School
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

Our new sports coach, Mr Clafferty, met the children last week for a lunchtime sports session, and he will be offering afterschool sports clubs for our year 1-3, and year 4-6 children (more details to follow) after half term.

Into the Spotlight's Choir session continues weekly each Friday.



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We also have Rocksteady band sessions throughout this term on Tuesday afternoons.

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@rocksteadymusicschool.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
Monday 19th 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

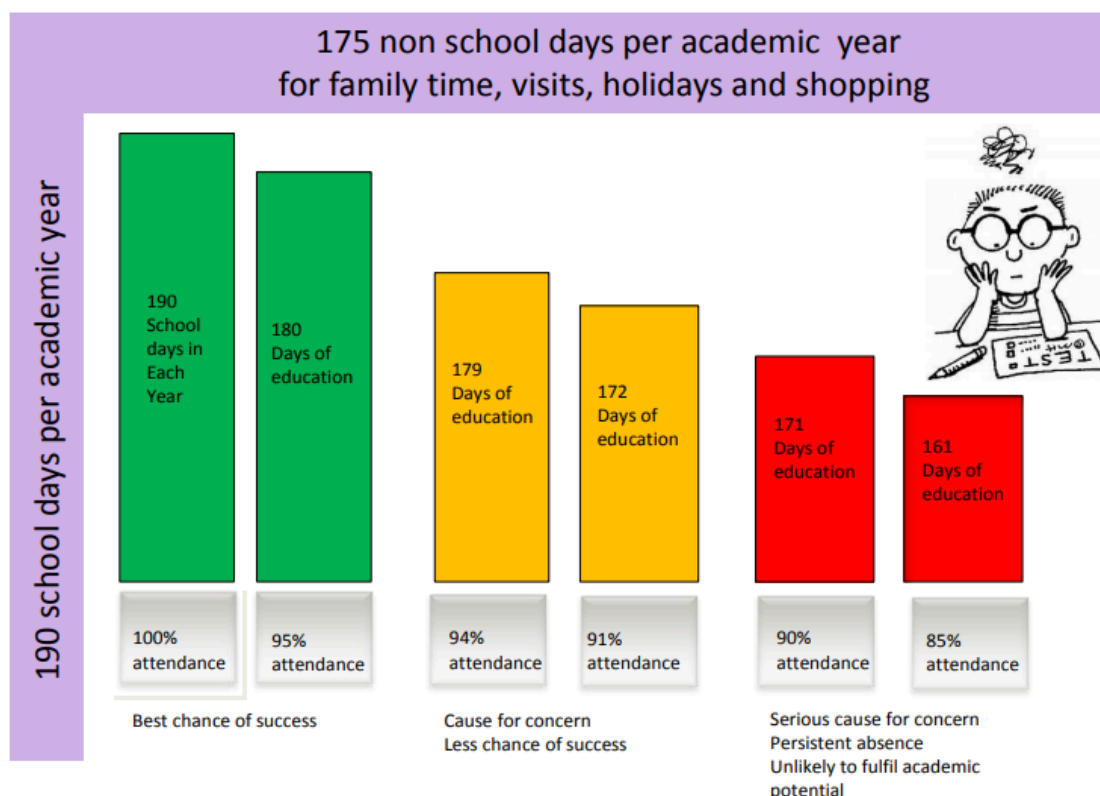
GOOD ATTENDANCE MEANS BEING IN SCHOOL AT LEAST 95% OF THE TIME (180 – 190 DAYS).

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).





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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 McMurran or Mr Gray.

No Nuts or Sesame Seeds please -

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