



Friday Flyer – 2nd October 2026

October has arrived; the temperatures are starting to drop. However, we are still very fortunate to be able to spend time outdoors during break and lunchtimes.



Thank you to the parents from Birch class who joined us for our Harvest Festival worship assembly this morning, in which Birch Class excelled with their speaking and singing. We were delighted to see so many family members in school for this Autumn worship service.

Christmas Panto – Beauty and the Beast

We are very excited to report that all pupils in school will be attending this year's pantomime of Beauty and the Beast at De Montford Hall in Leicester. The total cost for each pupil, to include coach hire and entrance into the panto, is £19.50 and payment can be made via Arbor. We are thrilled to be able to attend this exciting festive performance!

Scarecrow festival.

A big 'Thank You' from all of us to everyone who attended the Scarecrow Festival last week. We are delighted to report that one of our school's Scarecrows: The Wild Thing, made by the children of Willow and Maple, was awarded third place in the competition!

Well done and thank you to everyone who participated in or who attended the festival, to the people of Leire, to the PTA, and most especially to Mrs Pettigrew-Hextall and Mrs Pettigrew.

Our PTA are always looking for new members to join. Do please let our school office know if you can lend a hand!

EYFS Open Event

Mrs Hartley will be offering an **Open Event for prospective new EYFS 2027** 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 Evenings

Parents evening consultations this term will be on Tuesday 24th November 4.00 – 7.00pm and Thursday 26th November 3.45 – 6pm.

Further details will follow nearer the time.

Scholastic Book Fair

The Scholastic book Fayre will be visiting Ullesthorpe Primary on Tuesday 24th November 2026. There will be an opportunity for all classes to visit the book fair and,

if you are able to send your child into school with some funds to purchase a book, they will be able to select a book of their choice. (It may be sensible with our younger children to hand this money into your child's class teacher or the school office in a named envelope).

Alternatively, parents may prefer to pop into the hall at the end of the day from 3.15pm – 4.00pm to purchase a book with their child. The more books we sell the more the discount that the school will receive. There are some fabulous books on sale, do please come and have a look!

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.
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All Sorts Magazine;

Here is the link to the Sept/Nov issue of **Allsorts magazine**:

https://bit.ly/ALLSORTS-MAG-MHL_SEPTNOV

Diary Dates

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, will be offering afterschool sports clubs for our children (more details to follow) after half term.

Here is a reminder of what we have on offer:

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

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 - 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.

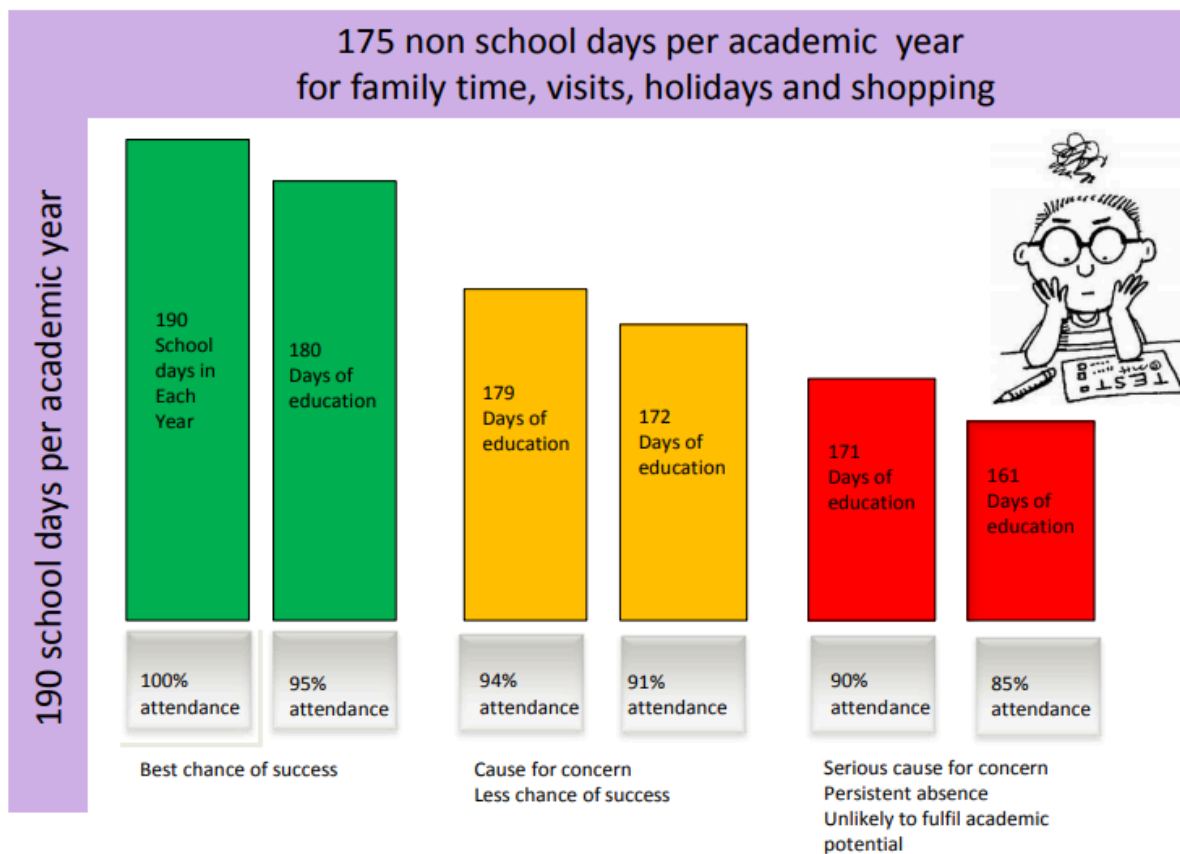


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This means missing just 10 days of year 6 reduces the likelihood of reaching the expected standard by around 25%. Pupils who attend everyday are 1.8 times more likely to achieve the standard than persistently absent pupils who only attend 80 – 90% 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 McMurrin or Mr Gray.

No Nuts or Sesame Seeds please -

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



Strong standard



Expected standard



Learn Together, Grow Together, Shine Forever

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



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