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Welcome back after the half term break. This half term we will be focusing on the value of Compassion, empathy and understanding.



The month begins with our Oak Class Remembrance assembly on Friday 6th November, in school from 9.05am. Oak Class children will be selling poppies, wristbands and slap-bands during break times in support of the Royal British Legion, please remember to send your child in with some loose change in order to purchase any of these items. Slap Bands and wrist bracelets etc will be £1.00 each.

Now that the weather has changed, please ensure your child has a warm, waterproof coat to wear at lunch time and playtimes and suitable footwear too.

We have a large selection of lost property which will be left outside the office door for the time being if anyone has lost any items of school uniform.

Children in Need

On Friday 13th November, we will be supporting this year's Children in Need Day by wearing something yellow or spotty to school. We would appreciate a minimum £1 donation from each pupil to contribute towards this worthy cause.

Odd Socks Day for Anti-Bullying

We will be taking part in this year's Anti Bullying week from Monday 16th – Friday 20th November. The theme this year is 'Break the Silence':
The campaign focuses on encouraging open conversations, listening to children and young people, speaking up safely against both face-to-face and online bullying, and making sure that no one suffers in silence.

Odd Socks Day is on Monday 16th November: all children are invited to wear odd socks to celebrate their individuality.

PTA Recruitment

The friendly Ullesthorpe school PTA is looking for new parents to join and offer their support. This does not have to be a heavy commitment of time, but your help will be greatly appreciated. **Please take a look at their recruitment poster at the end of this Flyer.** With the help of PTA funding, our children's experiences have been greatly enriched: library refurbishment; key stage 2 reading books; fun playground markings - these are just a few of the key improvements that enhance the experience of all children in our school community.

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Christmas Panto – Beauty and the Beast

We still have a number of outstanding payments on Arbor for this year's Christmas Panto of Beauty and the Beast. The total cost for each pupil, for the coach hire and entrance into the panto, is £19.50 and a deposit of £5 has already been paid, therefore leaving a balance of £14.50 left to pay. Please make payment as soon as possible - you are encouraged to speak to the school office if you are in need of any support with this payment.

We are super excited to be able to attend this wonderful performance at a real theatre venue this year!

Mount Cook residential Year 4 &5

As a reminder, a 3-day residential visit has been provisionally booked to Mount Cook Adventure Centre, Matlock, Derbyshire for next year's Year 5 and 6 children (children currently in Year 4 and 5). The trip will take place from Wednesday 8th to Friday 10th September 2027.

To secure a place for your child **a £40 non-refundable deposit** will need to be paid no later than **2nd November 2026**.

We will not be able to add your child in on a later date as we will need to confirm numbers, therefore it is very important that you book a place as soon as possible.

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.

The **Scholastic book Fayre** will be visiting Ullesthorpe Primary during this time. 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 for new schoolbooks.

There are some fabulous books on sale, do please come and have a look!

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.

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- 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

Mon 2nd Nov - Fri 6th Nov	Year 6 Assessment Week
Friday 6th November	Remembrance Assembly - Year 5/6 parents
Mon 9th Nov - Fri 13th Nov	Year 2 - Year 5 Assessment Week
Friday 13th November	Children in Need Day
Monday 16th November	Odd Socks Day in school
Tuesday 24th November 4-7pm	Parents Evening
Tuesday 24th – Thursday 26th 3.00pm	Scholastic Book Fair
Thursday 26th November 3.45 – 6.00pm	Parents Evening
Tuesday 8th December 2.00 – 3.00pm	Provisional Nativity Performance TBC
Wednesday 9th December 9.30 – 10.30am	Provisional Nativity Performance TBC
Thursday 10th December 2.00 – 3.00pm	Christingle
Tuesday 15th December	Christmas Jumper/Dinner Day TBC
Wednesday 16th December 6.00 – 7.00pm	Carol Service
Thursday 17th December	Pantomime Beauty and the Beast

After School Clubs

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Our new sports coach, Mr Clafferty, is delighted to report that this term's Multi Sports after school club for pupils in Years 3,4,5, and 6 is full. Bookings for next term will be available shortly. If you would like your child to participate in the club, please contact (Dean) directly via: 07986131790 or alternatively email on: futureschoolfitness@gmail.com

Into the Spotlight's Choir sessions continue 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 links below to book a session:

Future Schools Fitness - Wednesday Multi Sports 3.15 - 4.30pm	futureschoolfitness@gmail.com
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 26th October - Friday 18th December 2026.	Autumn Term 2
Monday 21st December - Monday 4th January 2026	Christmas Holiday
Tuesday 5th January - Friday 12th February 2027	Spring Term 1

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.

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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 McMurran or Mr Gray.

No Nuts or Sesame Seeds please -

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