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Thank you to everyone who supported this year's Children in Need Day, the children looked fabulous and joined in with the theme of the day.
Thank you also to everyone who donated towards this worthy cause. A total of £70 has been raised and will be sent to Children in Need.

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 no one suffers in silence.

Odd Socks Day is Monday 16th November. All children are invited to wear odd socks to celebrate their individuality. There is no charge for this event.

Christmas Service afternoon
As a reminder, instead of our annual Christmas Craft afternoon, this year we are doing things a little differently - we will be spending the afternoon together in the service of others:

Please join us and your child here at school between 1:30 and 3pm on Friday 4th December, where we will be wrapping small gifts for local good causes and writing Christmas cards and messages to those who may be lonely or in need of comfort this Christmas. We shall also be making some Christmas trinkets to give to others.

From Monday 23rd November, up until the Christmas Service afternoon itself, we would appreciate any donations of small gifts suitable for local care home residents, or for local families with young children in need of support.

Many thanks for your support with this.

EYFS & KS1 Nativity Play
The stage is going up, rehearsals will soon begin, for this year's exciting nativity performance of "Twinkly Nativity" delivered by the pupils of Willow and Maple class. Parents are welcome to watch the performance on Tuesday 8th December at 1.45pm or Wednesday 9th December at 9.30am. Tickets will be available shortly. There will be 2 tickets allocated per family per performance. Any tickets not needed should be returned to the office please, for us to allocate them to any families that require extra tickets.

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. 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. If you are interested please email ullesthorpepta@ipat.uk

Christmas Panto – Beauty and the Beast

As a reminder, 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.

As the performance is in the afternoon, we anticipate a late return to school at approximately 5.00pm. 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

The final amount to pay for Mount Cook 2027 has now been added on Arbor. Parents of Year 4 and 5 children can spread the cost of the residential over the next few months. If you are on Targeted Free School meals and would like some help towards the payment, please let the school know. The trip will take place from Wednesday 8th to Friday 10th September 2027.

Parents Evening

Parents evening bookings are now open. The 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 we sell, the more money we have to spend on books for our school and classroom libraries.

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

Trust Latest Vacancies

We have the following vacancies within our trust. If anyone would like to apply please follow the link attached.

LSA – John Wycliffe Primary.

https://mynewterm.com/jobs/144111/EDV-2026-JWPS-13946

HLTS – All Saints Primary

https://mynewterm.com/jobs/144113/EDV-2026-ASCEPSS-69711

Admission to Reception 2027

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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

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
Friday 4th December 1:30-3:00	Christmas Service Afternoon
Tuesday 8th December 2.00 – 3.00pm	Nativity Performance
Wednesday 9th December 9.30 – 10.30am	Nativity Performance
Thursday 10th December 2.00 – 3.00pm	Christingle
Friday 11th December - after school 3.15pm	PTA Christmas Event in the school hall
Tuesday 15th December	Christmas Jumper/Dinner Day
Wednesday 16th December 6.00 – 7.00pm	Carol Service
Thursday 17th December	Pantomime Beauty and the Beast

After School Clubs

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 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 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.	Autumn Term 2
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:

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GOOD ATTENDANCE MEANS BEING IN SCHOOL AT LEAST 95% OF THE TIME

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(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 McMurran or Mr Gray.

No Nuts or Sesame Seeds please -

