



Friday Flyer – 13th February 2026

Here we are halfway through February and our first half term of 2026 is upon us. The half term has finished in a very exciting fashion as on Monday we received the call that OFSTED would be visiting us for the next few days.

We would like to thank our fantastic staff, pupils, governors and also our families for their support, positivity and hard work during our recent Ofsted inspection. We will not receive the outcome of the inspection for a few weeks but once we do, we will share it with you.

Wishing you all a wonderful, peaceful and relaxing half term.

Parents Evening for EYFS

Parents evening for **EYFS** children will be on Tuesday 10th March from 3:45pm - 6.00pm and Wednesday 11th March from 4:00pm - 6:00pm.

Bookings can be made via Arbor as soon as possible.

Parents Evening for Year 1 - 6

Parents evening for pupils in **Year 1 - 6** will be on Tuesday 10th March from 3:45pm - 6.00pm and Thursday 12th March from 4:00pm - 7:00pm.

Bookings can be made via Arbor as soon as possible.

Year 1 Phonics Evening

The Year 1 phonics evening will now take place on Thursday 19th March at 6.00pm and we would like to invite all the parents/carers of our Year 1 pupils to this important information evening, which will be held at school.

After School Clubs

The following after school clubs will start the week commencing 12th January 2026.

If you would like your child to participate in any of the clubs, please either follow the link to book a session or book on Arbor. Here is a reminder of what we have on offer:

Wednesday 12.30 – 1.00	Spanish Lessons all ages	maria.carrera@kidslingo.co.uk
Wednesday 3.15 – 4.15pm	Multi Sports Year 1/2	Please book on Arbor
Friday 3.15-4.00pm	Choir Year 2 upwards	spotlightsinging@outlook.com

Website

Have you had a chance yet to look at our newly designed website which contains all the latest information? Here is the link:

<https://ullesthorpeprimary.web12.juniperwebsites.co.uk/>

Please note that the last day of school in the Summer term will be Thursday 9th July. School will be closed on Friday 10th July.

Please see Diary dates below:

Diary Dates 2026

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Monday 16 th – 20 th February	Half Term
Monday 23 rd February	School Open
Friday 27 th February	Celebration Assembly
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day come dressed as a word!
Thursday 5 th March	Open the Book Assembly
Tuesday 10 th March	Parents Evening 3:45- 6.00pm
Wednesday 11 th March	Parents Evening for EYFS only 4:00pm - 6:00pm
Thursday 12 th March	Year 3/4 Dodgeball competition 3.45 - 5.00pm
Thursday 12 th March	Parents Evening 4:00pm- 7:00pm for Year 1-6 only
Friday 13 th March	Celebration Assembly
Friday 13 th March	Cricket Development Day - all pupils in PE kit
Thursday 19 March	Year 1 Phonics information Evening 6pm
Friday 20 th March	Comic Relief - Non School uniform day Wear Something Funny!
Thursday 26 th March	Open the Book Assembly
Friday 27 th March	Celebration Assembly
Friday 27 th March	End of Term

Academic Calendar 2026	
Monday 16 th February – Friday 20 th February	Half Term
Monday 23 rd February – Friday 27 th March	Spring Term
Monday 30 th March – Friday 10 th April	Easter Holidays
Monday 13 th April – Friday 22 nd May	Summer Term
Monday 4 th May	Bank Holiday
Monday 25 th May – Friday 29 th May	Half Term
Monday 1 st June – Thursday 9 th July	Summer Term
Friday 10 th July – Monday 24 th August	Summer Holiday.



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February Half Term at Leicester Cathedral

FREE

Tues 17 and Thurs 19 Feb
10.30am–12pm and 2.00–4.00pm

Get creative and see any design you like onto fabric canvas (recommended age for activity 5+)

FREE drop-in activity. *donations welcome*
All children must be accompanied by an adult.

All week in half term
10.30am–4.30pm

Come along to see our 'Peacemakers' installation and all are welcome to join in with the weaving. Available for all ages.

FREE drop-in activity. *donations welcome*
All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Join us for three exciting children's comedy shows at Leicester Cathedral – more details overleaf.

UK Kids COMEDY FESTIVAL

www.leicestercathedral.org

Tickets available from the LCF website

All LCF must be accompanied by an appropriate adult

Ask Granny
Ages 6+

17 Feb, 11.30am & 3.00pm & 19 Feb, 11.30am

Granny's here bringing eggs, toiles & a sprinkle of 'Classy Nasty' – the fun-loving, fun-making granny – turns kids' questions into silly games and hilarious life hacks in this laugh-out-loud, interactive show. Expect laughter, surprises & mischief.

Richard Atkinson: Saints Alive
Parental Guidance

19 February, 1.00pm & 3.00pm

Whilst at primary school Richard was pulled up by his teacher for drawing Jesus wearing jeans and playing football. Stunned at his historical inaccuracy he has sought to right the wrongs and learn about the Saints of the Christian Church. Richard III isn't a Saint but Henry VI nearly made it! A fascinating journey pulling up some of the more unusual elements of more than 20 Saints, this promises to be an opportunity to explore faith with a light-hearted twist.

Benny Shakes: Slugageddon!
Ages 7+

17 February, 1.45pm

Slugs, slugs and more slugs! Can you help Benny defeat the slug army with a piano made of vegetables, some delicious compost and a final showdown with the boss!

www.leicestercathedral.org

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.

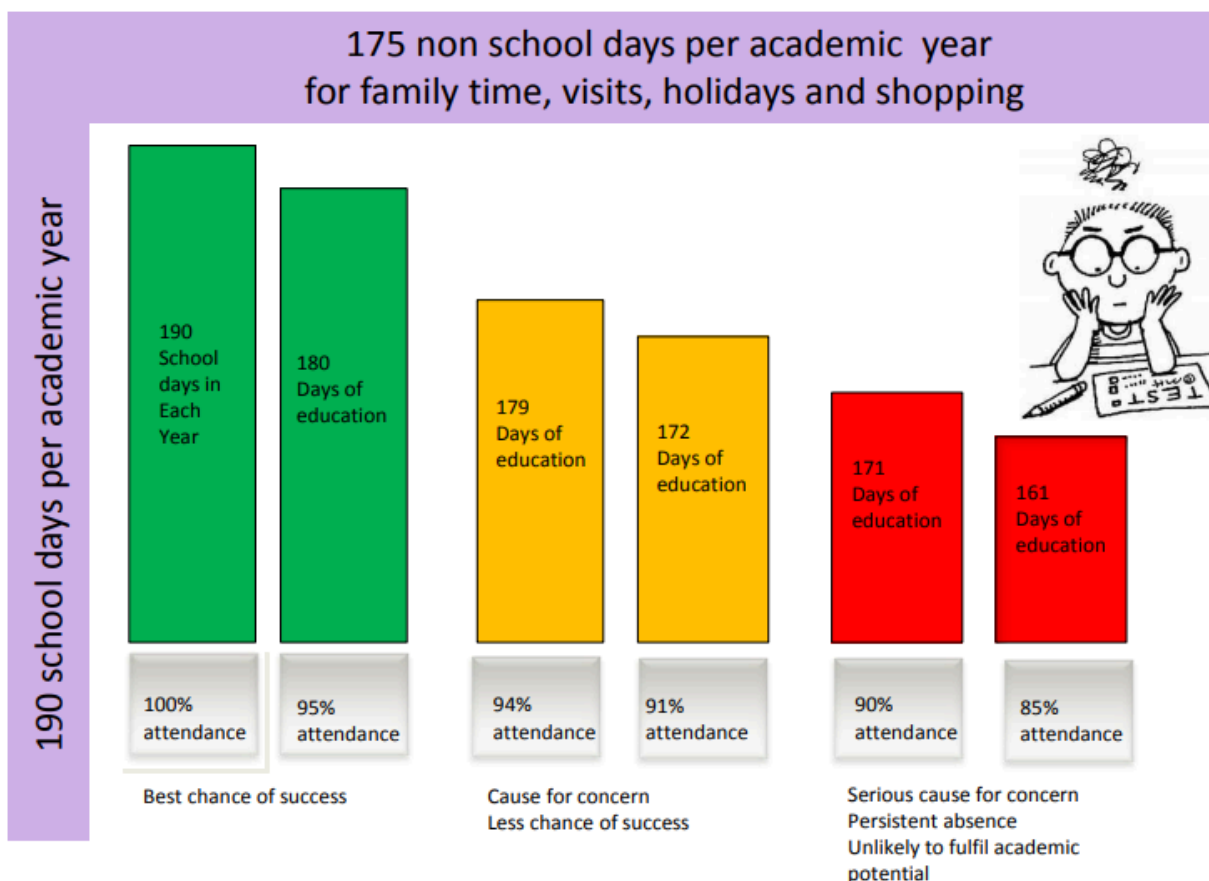
What the government says about school attendance:

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 McMurrin or Mr Gray.

No nuts or sesame seeds please - thank you for helping us to keep all of our children safe and well

