



Friday Flyer – 6th March 2026

Spring is in the air, hopefully we will all have a chance to dry out after the wettest of winters! The Sun is shining and children are happy to be able to have dry play times, although apparently snow has been forecast for later in the month!?

World Book Day

What a fantastic show of remarkable outfits celebrating World Book Day yesterday. It was lovely to see the effort parents and children make to get involved with such important charity events. Well, done everyone!

Readathon

Early last month we sent a letter home asking parents to support us in the National Year of Reading, helping to motivate children to read. Each school was given a target to raise in the Read-a-thon, and we are delighted to report that we have smashed our target. The total raised is over £400.00. Fabulous!

The money raised helps to provide a regular supply of brand-new books and a resident storyteller to every major children's hospital in the UK. Our school will also receive a voucher for free books totalling 20% of the amount we raise.

A huge Thank You to everyone who donated.

Move it March

It's that time of year again when we will be participating in "Move it March". This is a fantastic initiative to get children and their families moving more! We are excited to be part of this, and children have been given a target tracker and told all about how the challenge will work.

Using their target tracker, children can colour an icon to show each 15 minutes of activity completed. These can include walking, running, PE lessons or anything that includes physical exertion.

There are 67 icons to complete in total and children can earn points to contribute to their class **Move it March score**:

250 Minutes = Bronze Award = 1 point

500 minutes = Silver Award = 2 points

750 minutes = Gold Award = 3 points

1000 minutes = Platinum Award = 5 points

The challenge will run from Friday 27th February until Friday 27th March, let's get moving!

Parents Evening for EYFS

Just a reminder to the last few parents who have yet to book a slot for Parents Evening which are on the following days. **Willow Class** 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 Years 1 - 6

Parents evening for pupils in **Years 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**.

Year 6 Mock SATs.

During the week beginning Monday 16th March, the year 6 children will be sitting their **Mock SAT's assessments**. These will continue each morning with the final one being on Thursday. These mock exams give the children a good understanding of how the official SAT's papers are set out and what to expect when they sit the official tests.

Please can we ask that children in year 6 arrive in school on time so that we are able to start promptly.

Year 1 Phonics Evening

The Year 1 phonics evening is on Thursday 19th March at 6.00pm: 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.

Red Nose Day

On Friday 20th March it will be Red Nose Day.



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This year's campaign theme is "Take Yourself Funny for Money," We would like the children to wear something funny, e.g. coloured hair, funny T-Shirt. Donations are very welcome for this worthy cause - details to follow.

After School Clubs

The following after school clubs started the week commencing 23rd February 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	Netball Year 4,5 & 6.	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

Diary Dates	
Tuesday 10th March	Parents Evening 3:45- 6.00pm for all children
Wednesday 11th March	Parents Evening for Willow Class only 4:00pm - 6:00pm
Thursday 12th March	Year 3/4 Dodgeball competition 3.45 - 5.00pm
Thursday 12th March	Parents Evening 4:00pm- 7:00pm for Year 1-6 only
Friday 13th March	Celebration Assembly
Friday 13th March	Cricket Development Day - all pupils in PE kit
Thursday 19 March	Year 1 Phonics information Evening 6pm
Friday 20th March	Comic Relief - Non School uniform day Wear Something Funny!
Thursday 26th March	Open the Book and the Easter Experience
Friday 27th March	Celebration Assembly
Friday 27th March	End of Term

Academic Calendar 2026	
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.

Easter Holiday Activities

Leicester Pursuit Centre will be running an Easter holiday scheme of which is available for Pupil Premium and Free School Meal (FSM) children.

There will also be a range of holiday activities for children and young people, open to the wider community, with over 30 different activities in the heart of Leicester, on our 15 acre grounds.

Parents and carers can contact us directly at hayley@lopc.co.uk to book or find out more.

Easter Holidays:
 Mon 30th March -
 Thurs 2nd April
 Tues 7th April -
 Fri 10th April

4 HOURS OF ACTIVITY FOR 4 DAYS
 INCLUDES LUNCH

LOPC
-HAF PROGRAMME-

Holiday Activities and Food programme provides FREE provision to all children and young people in receipt of BENEFITS RELATED Free School Meals, places are subject to eligibility checks

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BOOK NOW!

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 Department for Education



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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.

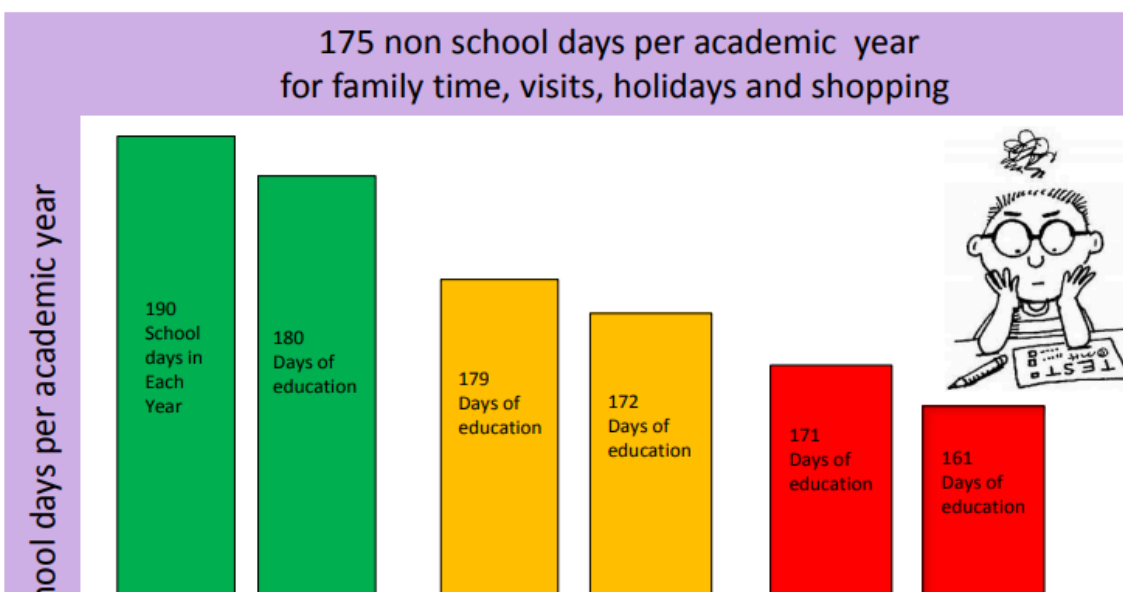
What the government says about school attendance:

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.