



Friday Flyer – 6th February 2026

What a busy week we have had in school! Our year 6 pupils have been busy with assessments, and they have all worked extremely hard in preparation for SAT's in May.

The 9th to 15th February marks Children's Mental Health week and the theme for this year's Mental Health week is "This is my Place". The aim is to support children and young people to help them feel they belong.

Whilst the children's wellbeing is at the forefront of our minds and practice in school every week, we have taken the opportunity this week to spend some additional time in assembly talking about how to promote our mental health.

The place2Be's website is full of information on how we can support our children and this can be accessed [here](#)

Dogs Near the School Gates

We would like to remind parents that dogs are not to be brought up to the school gates or onto the school grounds during drop-off and pickup times.

While we fully appreciate that many families have cherished pets, it is also essential to recognise that not all members of our school community are comfortable around dogs. Some individuals, including children and adults, may have allergies, phobias, or other concerns that make the presence of dogs at the school gates problematic.

To ensure a safe and welcoming environment for everyone, we kindly ask that you refrain from bringing dogs up to the school premises during these times. Your cooperation and understanding in this matter are greatly appreciated and we thank you for helping us maintain a safe and comfortable environment for all our students, staff, and families.

Year 6 SAT's Information Evening

Thank you to the parents who attended the Year 6 SAT's Information evening yesterday - we hope you feel that the information provided was helpful and that it gave you a good idea on how you can help your child with SAT's. The presentation has been shared with all Year 6 parents/carers by email this afternoon.

KS2 Parents Maths Meeting in School and On-Line

On Thursday 12th February we would like to invite the parents/carers of KS2 (junior) children to a Maths information meeting. Responding to feedback in our parents' survey recently, and to encourage as many of our parents/guardians as possible to attend, we are offering two session timings: you are welcome to join us either in school at 2:30pm, or on-line at 5pm via a link which will be shared with parents nearer to the time.

Year 1 Phonics Evening

On Thursday 19th March at 6.00pm we would like to invite the parents of our Year 1 pupils to a phonics information evening which will be held at school.

After School Clubs

If you would like your child to participate in any of the following after school clubs, please either follow the link to book a session or book on Arbor:

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

You may have noticed some changes to our school website, which has been updated recently:

<https://www.ullesthorpe.leics.sch.uk/>

End of Term Dates Reminder

A reminder that the last day of this school year is Thursday 9th July 2026 - all children are expected to attend on this day.

Please see Diary dates below:

Diary Dates 2026

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Thursday 12 th February	KS2 Parents Maths Meeting in person and online
Friday 13 th February	Celebration Assembly 9:05am - parents welcome
Monday 16 th – 20 th February	Half Term
Monday 23 rd February 2026	School Open



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Academic Calendar 2026	
Monday 5 th January- Friday 13 th February 2026	Spring Term
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.

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.

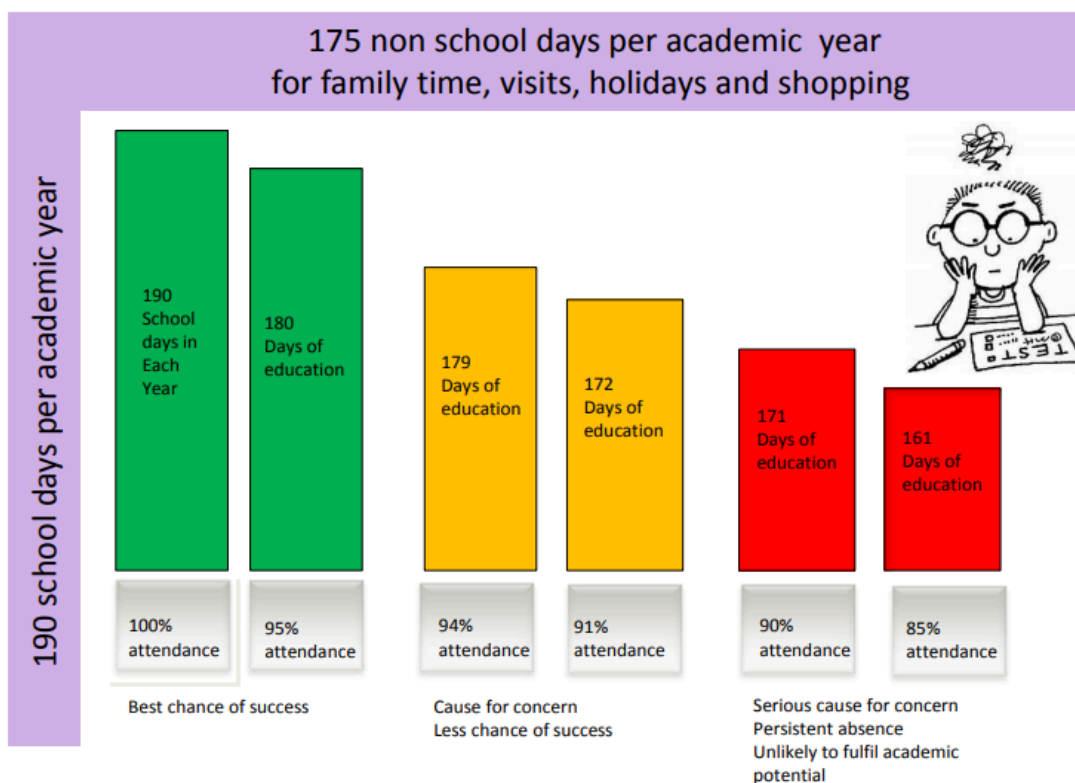
What the government says about school attendance:

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

