



# Friday Flyer –24th April 2026

It's been another busy week at our school, filled with fantastic learning activities.

We can't quite believe that it's already been **one year since our Baby Elephant "Shine" arrived** in school (to support the fabulous LOROS charity) , and what an incredible year it has been. Happy Birthday, Shine - you are truly part of our fantastic Ullesthorpe Primary family!



## Reception and Admissions

You may have seen recent headlines regarding a falling national birth rate and the challenges many Primary Schools are facing in securing pupil numbers for the upcoming academic year. Despite this national trend, I am absolutely delighted to share that **we will be welcoming a full cohort into our reception class at the end of August.**

This is a wonderful testament to our whole school community and the fantastic staff team we have at Ullesthorpe. We are so excited to meet our new families and begin our journey together, supporting every child to shine.

Some of our fabulous Inspiring Primaries 'sister' schools have spaces still to fill for new school starters in their Reception classes, however, and here at Ullesthorpe CE Primary there are a small number of spaces available in other year groups.

**Please speak to our friendly school office if you know someone who needs a space for their child.**

## School Nurse Workshops

As a reminder, the school nurse will be in school on Thursday 30th April from 2.00 - 3.00pm offering a sleep workshop.

If you would like to discuss any concerns around your child's sleep, please come along and chat to the school nurse.

## School Trips

We currently have the following school trips coming up during the next few weeks and there will be more added to the list very shortly.

Please remember to check on Arbor and consent to your child attending these trips: without your consent we will not be able to take them.

Tuesday 28th April	Singing Worship - De Montford Hall
Thursday 7th May	Stonehouse Farm Trip for Reception Children.

## After School Clubs

The following after school clubs started the week commencing 13th April 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	<a href="mailto:maria.carrera@kidslingo.co.uk">maria.carrera@kidslingo.co.uk</a>
Monday 3.15 – 4.15pm	SPARX Year 2 only	Please book on Arbor
Thursday 3.15 - 4.15	Athletics Year 3 & 4	Please book on Arbor
Friday 3.15-4.00pm	Choir Year 2 upwards	<a href="mailto:spotlightsinging@outlook.com">spotlightsinging@outlook.com</a>

## Website

Please remember to visit our website which contains all the latest information? Here is the link:



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<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**

<b>Diary Dates</b>	
Tuesday 28th April	KS1 singing workshop - De Montford Hall
Thursday 30th April	School Nurse Sleep Workshop 2.00 - 3.00pm
Friday 8th May	Celebration Worship Assembly
Friday 8th May	Leavers & Groups Photos
Monday 11th May - Friday 15th May	Year 6 SATs assessments
Monday 25th - Friday 29th May	Half Term

## **Teacher Vacancy**

**Please see link below for the latest exciting vacancy within our trust:**

**[JW - Teacher / full time / perm](#)**

<b>Academic Calendar 2026</b>	
Monday 13th April – Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Summer Term
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May	Half Term
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June – Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer Term
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> July – Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](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.**