



# Friday Flyer – 27<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Welcome back, we hope that you had a relaxing break even though the weather was against us. The rest of this term is very short, nevertheless extremely busy, please make a note of what's happening up to the end of term.

We would like to thank Mrs McMurrin and the parents of KS2 children who joined us yesterday, either in person or via video call, at our Maths Information evening. Anyone who was unable to attend can look over the digital presentation which was shared by email yesterday.

## **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 27<sup>th</sup> February until Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March, let's get moving!

## **World Book Day**

On Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March we will be celebrating World Book Day, we would like the children to come to school dressed as a word. Here are some examples.

- **Vibrant**: Wear the brightest clothes possible, or every color of the rainbow.
- **Athletic**: Wear a sports kit, medals, and carry a water bottle.
- **Invisible**: Wear camouflage clothing or all black.
- **Mythical**: Dress as a unicorn, dragon, or fairy.
- **Fragile**: Dress in white, cover clothes in bubble wrap (safely!), and wear a "Handle with Care" sign
- **Heroic**: Wear a cape and a homemade mask.
- **Detailed**: Wear a plain outfit covered in small, glued-on pictures or words.
- **Onomatopoeia**: Wear a T-shirt with words like "BOOM," "POW,"

### **Parents Evening for EYFS**

As a reminder, Parents evening for **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** as soon as possible.

### **Year 6 Mock SATs.**

During the week beginning Monday 16<sup>th</sup> 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.



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## Year 1 Phonics Evening

The Year 1 phonics evening is on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> March it will be Red Nose Day.

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.

## School Parking

We have been contacted by a concerned neighbour of the school who has been unable to access their drive due to cars blocking it.

A reminder to please be considerate when parking outside school or the Pre-School - we have neighbours who need clear access and for safety reasons in particular, we do not want the roads to become congested.

## After School Clubs

The following after school clubs will start the week commencing 23<sup>rd</sup> 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	<a href="mailto:maria.carrera@kidslingo.co.uk">maria.carrera@kidslingo.co.uk</a>
Wednesday 3.15 – 4.15pm	Netball Year 4,5 & 6.	Please book on Arbor
Friday 3.15-4.00pm	Choir Year 2 upwards	<a href="mailto:spotlightsinging@outlook.com">spotlightsinging@outlook.com</a>

## 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**

<b>Diary Dates</b>	
Thursday 5th March	World Book Day come dressed as a word!
Thursday 5th March	Open the Book Assembly
Tuesday 10th March	Parents Evening 3:45- 6.00pm for all children
Wednesday 11th March	Parents Evening for <b>Willow Class only</b> 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 <b>Year 1-6 only</b>
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

<b>Academic Calendar 2026</b>	
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> February – Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	Half Term
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February – Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Spring Term
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> March – Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Holidays
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> 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



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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.**

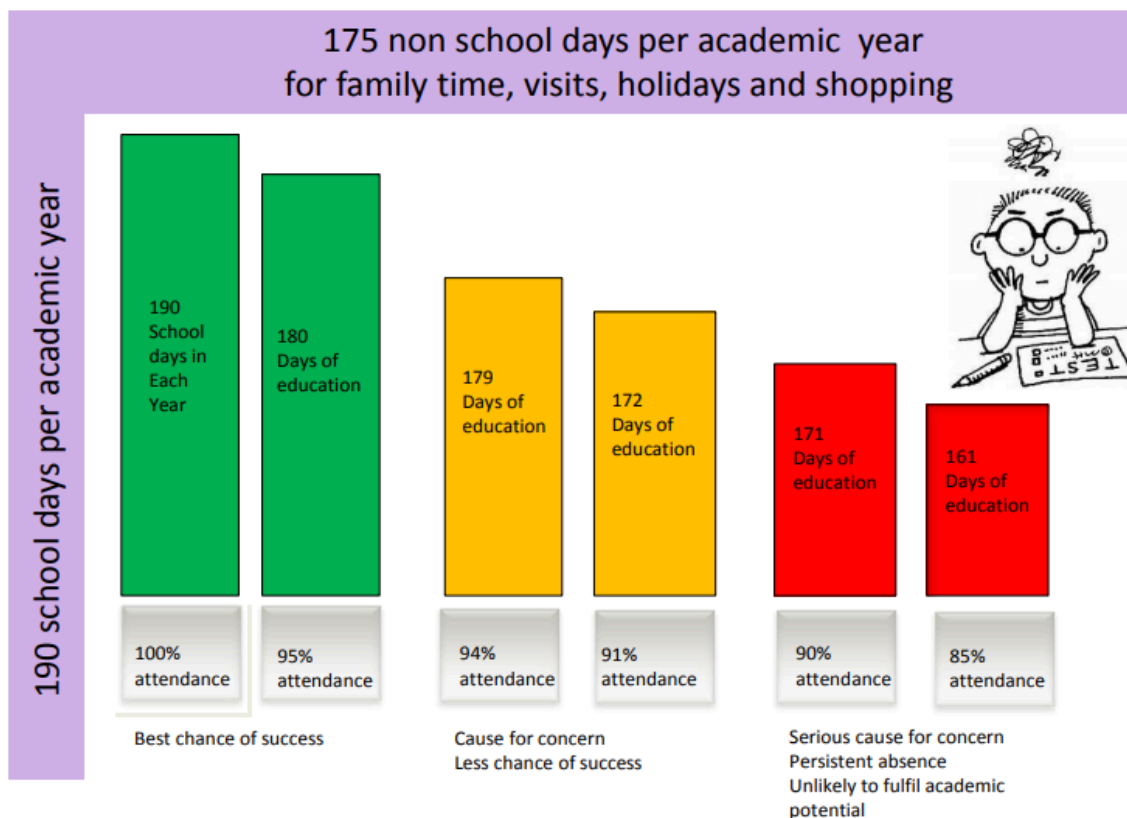
## What the government says about school attendance:

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.**

