

Dear Families,

Please find below the parent bulletin for week commencing 6 January 2026.

As the year comes to close, we would like to wish you all a peaceful and hopeful Christmas season. However you celebrate – whether through faith, tradition or simply taking a break – we hope you find moments that lift your spirits.
Wishing you a Merry Christmas and peaceful New Year and we look forward to welcoming students back on Tuesday 6 January 2026.

All Years

 **Mental Health and Wellbeing Support** - Whilst we think of Christmas time as a time of joy, for many it can be a very difficult time. We may struggle with being out of our normal routines, spending lots of time at home, missing loved ones and not having our usual support network around us.

There is still lots of support around if you are struggling with your mental health or wellbeing over Christmas. On the links below, you can find lots of information and support for different aspects of mental health and wellbeing. Remember to be kind to yourself as well as others.

To access Mental Health support for you or your child, the following websites are very helpful:

<https://www.myselfreferral-llr.nhs.uk/>

<https://hubofhope.co.uk>

<https://www.kooth.com>

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk>

[Loneliness at Christmas - Teen Health Poster](#)

Urgent – Book Recall

 We have been made aware that several titles in the 'According to Humphrey' book series contain a weblink at the back of the book that no longer directs people to information about the books. Instead, the link has been compromised and now leads to inappropriate and unsafe material that should not be accessed by children at any age. The link can be found on the back cover or may be also included on a page inside. Please check if your child has any books from the series and dispose of them. The school library will also ensure that we do not have any books from the series in school. The following link shows images of some of the front covers in the series to help you identify the books – [Book Images](#)

All Years**Army Cadets Information**

The QR code below links directly to the Leicestershire, Northamptonshire & Rutland Army Cadet Force webpage, where you can find information about their detachment, upcoming events, and how to join. The Army Cadets provides young people aged 12 to 18 with opportunities to develop confidence, leadership, teamwork, and resilience through activities such as fieldcraft, first aid, navigation, adventure training, and more.

**Christmas Food Bank Appeal – Thank You**

A big thank you for all your amazing support to Christmas Foodbank appeal. Thanks to your recent donations, we were able to donate a fantastic 280kg of food. Your generosity is making a real difference to individuals and families in OUR community who need it most.

A letter of thanks from Coalville Foodbank can be found [here](#).

**Consultation on LiFE Multi Academy Trusts admissions arrangements for 2027 – 2028**

Please visit our website to read the letter regarding [Consultation on LiFE Multi Academy Trusts admissions arrangements for 2027 – 2028](#)

**Grab Bag Order Form**

Beat the Queue. Order your cold food grab bag via the online link by 9am on the day required. Collection from the hut at lunchtime - [Grab Bag Order Form](#)

**Independent Learning Timetable**

If your child is directed to work at home, the Home Learning Timetable can be found on our website. It is important that when students are not at school, they keep up with the work their teacher has set for them - [Independent Learning Timetable](#)

All Years



Opportunities Programme

At Ibstock School, we are committed to provide an education that extends beyond the classroom. As part of this commitment, please see our opportunities programme for after Christmas [Opportunities Programme](#)



Seneca Learning Guide

We have put together a 'Seneca Learning – How to guide' to support students if they experience any difficulties accessing their account. Please refer to the guide for clear, step-by-step instructions to help support your child. Thank you for your continued support - [Seneca Learning – How to guide](#)



Merry Christmas

FROM MRS KONCAREVIC, MR WHITE & MRS PAPE



Attendance celebrations week

16B

494 students with
100 % attendance this
week

Top CREW groups of each year
group for attendance with week:
7SCA, 8CSH, 9RGR, 10KTA,
11TLA

Top CREW groups for each year
with lowest late marks:
7AYO, 8CSH, 9AMI, 10JTU &
11TRO



Dates for your diary...

Monday 5 January 2026 – Teacher Training Day

Tuesday 6 January 2026 – School re-opens to students

Tuesday 13 January 2026 – 2pm Finish

Current Vacancies

Our website has more information on current vacancies we have at school - [Ibstock school Current Vacancies](#)



Facilities for Hire



Book your next event today

with our school offering these facilities and more:

- Swimming Pool
- 2G Pitch
- Sports Hall
- Meeting Rooms

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ourservices.lifemultiacademytrust.org.uk/facilities-for-hire

facilityhire@lifemultiacademytrust.org.uk

or scan the QR code

