

Dear Families,

Please find below the parent bulletin for week commencing 16 March 2026.

All Years



TikTok Wars

Please read the following letter from Mr White regarding TikTok wars = [TIKTOK Wars Parent Letter.pdf](#)

LCC Parents/Carers Focus Group

LCC are developing their Beyond Bullying Award Plus for Leicestershire secondary schools, with a strong focus on mental health and wellbeing. They want to make sure that they've had the opportunity to collect feedback from parents and carers and would love to hear from you.

You are invited to join an online focus group at *12pm on Wednesday 22nd April 2026*.

This short session will give you the chance to share your views on their draft criteria and help shape the future of the award.

Please note:

This session is not a space to raise individual concerns about specific incidents or schools.

Participants will not be asked to name their child's school, and we ask that you keep your contributions anonymous.

If you'd like to take part, please join us here:

<https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/384509560056?p=qZhhsfxbKqRACteP2n>

Meeting ID: 384 509 560 056

Passcode: wk2Et6iJ

Mobile Phone Forum

Thank you to the large number of parents/carers who recently expressed their interest in the Mobile Phone Parent Forum held by Mr White. This will take place in school on **Tuesday 24th March at 4.30pm in the Main Hall**. We believe open dialogue helps us all support our students best, and we warmly invite you to join us to share your thoughts. For those who can't make it in person, there will also be an option to **join online**, and a link will be shared with all parents in due course. We really look forward to seeing you there!



Beyond
Bullying

All Years



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](#)



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](#)



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](#)



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 Easter [Opportunities Programme](#)



Replacement Lanyards / ID Cards

Please be reminded that lanyards and ID cards are part of our school uniform and must be worn at all times.

If a student has lost their ID card, a replacement can be ordered via ParentPay. **If a replacement card is issued without prior payment, the cost will be deducted from the child's dinner money account.**

Students who forget their lanyard will need to go to the back of the queue at lunchtime to allow catering staff time to locate their details.

Thank you for your support in helping students arrive prepared each day.

<p>Year 8</p>	<p>Year 8 Progress Evening – Thursday 26 March 4pm-7pm The booking window for Year 8 Progress Evening will open on Wednesday 11 March. Information on how to book through the Arbor Parent Portal can be found on our website. If no timeslots appear on the dropdown list when booking appointments this unfortunately means there are no further appointments available to book for that teacher - Year 8 Progress Evening – Thursday 26 March 2026</p>
<p>Year 10</p>	<p>Year 10 PPE Timetable The year 10 PPE timetable is now available on our website. Students have also received a copy of their timetable. If any changes are made this will be updated on OUR website – Year 10 PPE Timetable April 2026</p> <p>Careers Bulletin Please find attached the latest edition of the LiFe Careers Bulletin for w/e 13.3.26 sharing key opportunities, advice and guidance for our students from years 10-11 - Careers Bulletin - 13.03.26.pdf</p>
<p>Year 11</p>	<p>Careers Bulletin Please find attached the latest edition of the LiFe Careers Bulletin for w/e 13.3.26 sharing key opportunities, advice and guidance for our students from years 10-11 - Careers Bulletin - 13.03.26.pdf</p> <p>Leavers' Hoodie We're delighted to let you know that Year 11 hoodies, for those students who placed an order, will be available for collection on Monday. Crew Leaders will be distributing these directly to students.</p> <p>Students will be permitted to wear their Year 11 hoodies to school. However, it is a mandatory requirement that the hoodie is worn over their standard school shirt and tie.</p> <p>Please be aware that our school uniform standards remain paramount. Any student not complying with these standards, including the correct wearing of their shirt and tie with their hoodie, may unfortunately result in a further sanction.</p>

At Ibstock school we are committed to continuously improving the quality of education and services we provide to our students and their families. To help us better understand your experience and gather valuable feedback, we are requesting your participation in our Parent Experience Survey.

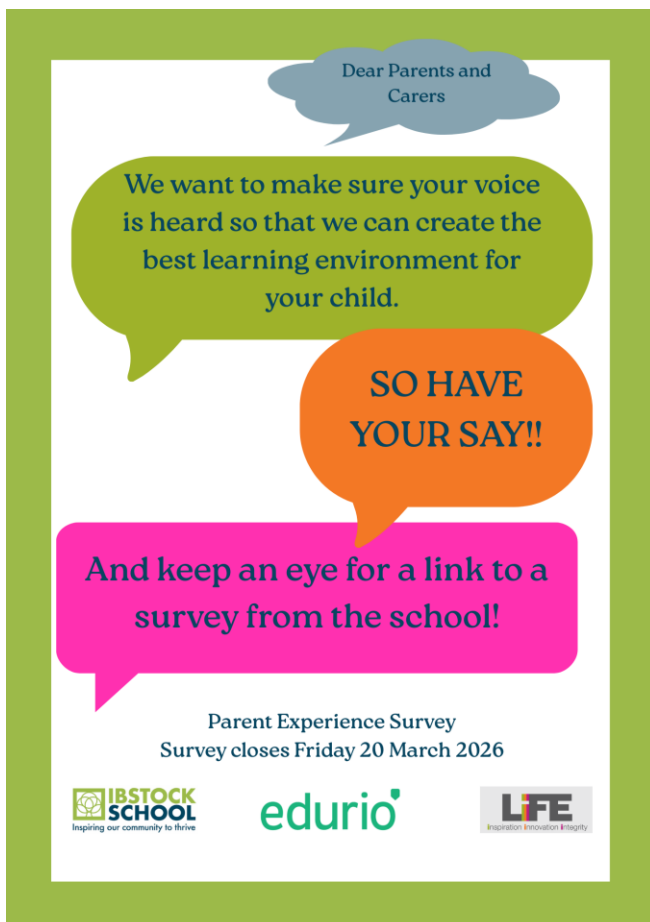
Your input is incredibly important to us, as it will allow us to assess our strengths and identify areas where we can improve. The survey should only take a short time to complete, and all responses will remain confidential.

Please take a few moments to fill out the survey. You can access the survey through the following link:

<https://edurio.com/poll/dXOQoE>

We genuinely appreciate your time and effort in helping us enhance the educational experience for all our students.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement in our school community.






Dear Parents and Carers

We want to make sure your voice is heard so that we can create the best learning environment for your child.

SO HAVE YOUR SAY!!

And keep an eye for a link to a survey from the school!

Parent Experience Survey
Survey closes Friday 20 March 2026



Attendance Celebration 25A

Top CREW groups
for attendance
per year group
this week:

7DBA, 8CCO,
9RGR, 10RLA &
11RSH

507
students with
100%
attendance
this week

Top CREW groups
per year for
lowest late
marks this week:

7AYO, 7SCA,
8CSH, 9AMI,
10RLA & 11TRO

Dates for your diary...

Monday 16 – Friday 20 March 2026 – Progressive Masculinity Workshops, Y9 & Y10

Friday 20 March 2026 – Parent / Carer Survey Closes

Friday 20 March 2026 – Red Nose Day / Cake Sale

Thursday 26 March 2026 – Year 8 Progress Meeting, 4-7pm

Friday 27 March 2026 – Year 9 Teenage Booster Jobs

Friday 27 March 2026 – Last day of Term

Monday 30 March – Friday 10 April 2026 – Easter Holidays

Monday 13 April 2026 – School re-opens

Current Vacancies

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

Years 7 & 8
**Red Nose Day
Cake Sale**



Bake your cakes at home and bring them into school on Friday 20th March. The cakes will be on sale in school, with all proceeds going to Comic Relief.

All cakes must be accompanied by a list of ingredients

**Bake something yummy
for money!**





TASKMASTER

Can YOU do something FUNNY for money?

Select one of the tasks below (or enter all three). Create your content and email it to RedNoseDay2026@ibstockschool.co.uk with your name and crew. Hand your entry donation (£2 per task) in at school reception by Friday 20th 9 a.m.

There are prizes up for grabs!!

Task 1: The Red Nose Rally

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Create the longest continuous chain reaction you can using objects found at home — but every object in the chain must feature the colour red somewhere.



Create the **longest continuous chain reaction** you can using objects found at home — but **every object in the chain must feature the colour red somewhere**.

Rules: Your chain reaction must last **at least 5 seconds**. You may use *any* household objects (e.g., books, spoons, cereal boxes, shoes). At least *part* of each object must be red (tape, stickers, drawings, packaging all count!). Film the entire chain in one take.

Judging criteria: Length and creativity of the chain; Ingenuity in how the "red" rule is achieved; Spectacular or surprising ending

Task 2: The Funniest Joke in the House

Create and submit the **funniest original joke** you can — one that will make the Taskmaster laugh, cry, or question your sense of humour entirely.

Rules: The joke **must be original** (no Googling, no borrowing from siblings, pets, or visiting relatives). It can be a one-liner, a riddle, a pun, or a very short story — but it must be **school-appropriate**. You must present the joke in one of these formats:

- A **10-second video** of you telling it
- A **handwritten version** creatively decorated
- A **dramatic reading** using props, hats, or a strange voice

Maximum length: **20 seconds** for video/audio or **one sheet of paper**.

Judging criteria: Funniest joke; Most creative presentation; Boldness in delivery



Task 3: The Most Ridiculous Serious Photo

Take a **perfectly serious-looking photograph** of yourself... while doing something **completely ridiculous**.

Rules:

- Your face must remain **100% serious** in the photo — no smiling, no smirking, no expressions of regret.
- What you are *doing* in the photo must be **utterly silly** (e.g., wearing shoes on your hands, balancing random objects, pretending to argue with a vegetable, etc.).
- You may use props, costumes, pets, or household items.
- The photo must be taken in your home or garden.
- Submit your final photo with a title (e.g., "*The Accountant of Chaos*" or "*Man vs. Broccoli: Final Showdown*").



Judging criteria: Most dramatic serious face; Most ridiculous activity; Funniest contrast between the two



Prom Suit D O N A T I O N S

We are currently collecting suits for our Year 11 boys to wear to prom and would greatly appreciate any donations from OUR community.

If you have any suits (in good condition) that you're happy to donate, we would be incredibly grateful. Your generosity could help make a young person's prom experience truly special.

All donations can be handed in at reception.

Thank you so much for your support ❤️



EMPWR EASTER CAMP

IBSTOCK SCHOOL

AGES 5-12

FREE HAF PLACES AVAILABLE!

WEEK 1: 30TH MARCH-2ND APRIL

WEEK 2: 7TH APRIL-10TH APRIL

SIBLING DISCOUNT AVAILABLE!

Paid Places
£28 /day **£100 /week**

Activities


- ✓ Multisports
- ✓ LEGO
- ✓ Dance
- ✓ Team Building
- ✓ NERF!

EARLY BIRD PRICES AVAILABLE

BOOK NOW!



SCAN OR VISIT:
EMPWRSPORTS.CO.UK





**EMPWR PROVIDES A FUN, SAFE ENVIRONMENT
FOR KIDS TO DEVELOP THEIR SKILLS AND MAKE
NEW FRIENDS, ALL THROUGH SPORT!**



OUR STAFF ARE:

- QUALIFIED AND TRAINED SPORTS COACHES
- ENHANCED DBS CHECKED
- FIRST AID AND SAFEGUARDING TRAINED

WHAT YOU WILL NEED

- SUITABLE CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR FOR BOTH INDOOR AND OUTDOOR ACTIVITY
- WATER BOTTLE
- PACKED LUNCH & SNACKS (NON HAF PLACES)

WE HELP CHILDREN TO:



THIS CAMP IS LOCATED AT:

IBSTOCK SCHOOL

Central Ave, Ibstock LE67 6NE

VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO BOOK!

WWW.EMPWRSPORTS.CO.UK
OR SIMPLY SCAN THE QR CODE!



BBC Radio Leicester – Make a Difference Awards 2026

BBC Radio Leicester has launched the Make a Difference Awards 2026, now in their fifth year. These awards celebrate communities across the UK and recognise individuals and groups who go above and beyond to make life better for others.

There are eight award categories, including the *Environment Award*, *Volunteer Award* and *Active Award*.

Two categories may be of particular interest to schools:

Young Hero Award – recognising an individual or group under the age of 16 who are making a positive difference in their community.

Animal Award – celebrating animals that improve people’s lives, for example school animals that support student wellbeing.

Parents, carers and staff are encouraged to consider whether there is a young person connected to our school who could be nominated.

Nominations can be submitted at bbc.co.uk/makeadifference where you can also view the full terms and privacy notice.

Nominations close on Monday 31 March 2026 at 5:00pm.

Winners will be announced at the Make a Difference Awards ceremony in September 2026.



Club Activ8

If you think your child is eligible to join club activ8 please ask them to collect an application form from Mrs Webster.



CLUB ACTIV8

PHYSICAL ACTIVITY REWARDS SCHEME FOR
CHILDREN ON FREE SCHOOL MEALS

AM I ELIGIBLE TO JOIN CLUB ACTIV8?

If you are in receipt of free school meals or pupil premium then you will qualify. In addition to that, schools on-scheme will also be able to make bespoke requests for other pupils within their school.

Your Club Activ8 membership can then be used on selected activities at:

Whitwick & Coalville Leisure Centre
01530 811215

Ashby Leisure Centre & Lido
01530 412181

WHAT ACTIVITIES CAN I DO?

- Public swimming sessions
- Ashby Lido swimming sessions
- Pool inflatable sessions
- Sports hall court hire
- Gym (age applicable)
- Squash court hire

Present your Everyone Active Club Activ8 card at the reception of your chosen centre to book. Alternatively, contact the centres directly by phone.

ANY QUESTIONS?

Please contact the leisure centres directly if you have any questions. You can also find all information at northwestleiclsa.org.uk/club-activ8.

Finally, if you require further assistance please contact Michael Lidwell, Active Communities Manager at michaellidwell@everyoneactive.com.

Ibstock Army Cadets are Now Recruiting!

Ibstock Army Cadets meet every Monday evening from 7–9pm at Ibstock School and it is open to young people aged 12–18.

If your child would like to try something different, challenging and rewarding, get in touch.

To find out more and register interest, please visit: <https://armycadets.com/>

Sgt Steven Williamson
Detachment Commander



IBSTOCK ARMY CADETS
Now Recruiting!

When: Monday's 7:00–9:00pm
Where: Ibstock School
Ages: 12–18.

OUR ACTIVITIES

We offer a wide range of activities including fieldcraft, first aid, navigation, shooting, Duke of Edinburgh's Award, leadership training and adventurous training. Cadets gain nationally recognised qualifications, build confidence, develop teamwork skills and make new friends all while having fun in a safe and supportive environment.

If your child would like to try something different, challenging and rewarding, we would love to welcome them.

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