

Dear Families,

Please find below the parent bulletin for week commencing 18 May 2026.

All Years

End of Term Rewards Draw

As we approach the final week of term (18th – 22nd May), we are continuing to reinforce the importance of positive recognition across our school community.

During the final week of term, students will automatically be entered into our End of Term Prize Draw if they achieve either:

- 12+ Achievement Points across the week

OR

- A Learner of the Lesson nomination

This is a fantastic opportunity to celebrate students who consistently demonstrate OUR values of Opportunity, Understanding and Responsibility through their conduct, effort and engagement.



Ibstock Leisure Complex – Pool Update

Please read the following letter with exciting updates regarding the re-opening of the pool – [Swimming Pool Update](#)



Home to School Transport Assistance for 2026/27 for Children with SEND

Reminder that the applications for Home to School transport Assistance for children with SEND close on Sunday 17 May. Please read the following letter for more information – [Transport Assistance Letter](#)



Break Time Update – Friday 22 May 2026

Please note that on Friday 22nd May, there will be no hot food served during breaktime. Students will still be able to purchase cereal bars and baked crisps. Lunchtime service will operate as normal. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause. Thank you for your understanding.



Mobile Phone Monitoring

Please take time to regularly monitor your child's phone activity, including searches, messages, group chats, apps, and social media. Staying involved and maintaining open communication can help keep children safe online and encourage responsible digital behaviour.

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Year 11 Prom Fundraiser

We are seeking your support in helping to make our Year 11 prom a truly memorable occasion. After five years of dedication, exams, challenges, and shared experiences at Ibstock School, our students are looking forward to celebrating this important milestone with a special evening they will cherish for years to come.

If you would like to support us further, we would be very grateful for any donations to our GoFundMe page: <https://gofund.me/a016e32c7>

Summer 2032 - LCC Education Effectiveness

A [consultation on proposed school term dates](#) has been launched and will run from Tuesday 5 May to Monday 15 June. We are keen to hear your views on the proposals and would really appreciate if you could share the link to the consultation and information below in any parent communications.

Feedback will help shape the pattern that schools follow over the next five years for schools controlled by the local authority. Although academies choose their own dates, most still align with the council's patterns.

The consultation includes two options for term dates for the academic years from Autumn 2027 to Summer 2032.

Both options keep Leicestershire's early start to the summer holidays, around two weeks earlier than neighbouring local authorities.

Option one is a continuation of the current term date pattern.

Option two preserves the early summer break and includes an earlier start to the autumn term to accommodate a two-week October half-term.

More information, and a link to the survey to have your say, can be found here:

www.leicestershire.gov.uk/term-dates-consultation

Printed copies of the survey are available by emailing admissions@leics.gov.uk



All Years



Local Offer Celebration Event & Roadshow, Thursday May 28th - LCC Education Quality Services

Leicestershire Local Offer and the wider Education, Inclusion & Additional Needs service are excited to welcome Leicestershire families with SEND children and young people to our Celebration Event and Roadshow happening during May half-term:

Thursday 28th May, 13.30 – 15.00

Pavilion – County Hall, Glenfield. LE3 8RA

This **FREE** event will host a range of fun ‘have a go’ activities including cycling, football, cricket and sensory/art based opportunities too! Organisations from health, education, social care and the Leicestershire Parent/Carer Forum will be joining us to provide information and advice. Grab a picnic and join us at the Pavilion...

Book you and your family a place here: [https://leicestershirecc-self.achieveservice.com/en/service/Local Offer SEND Roadshows](https://leicestershirecc-self.achieveservice.com/en/service/Local%20Offer%20SEND%20Roadshows)

Growing up in the online world: a national consultation

Technology is part of most children’s lives from an early age. It can help them learn, build friendships and develop creativity. But it also brings risks, and many parents, teachers and young people have told us the current situation is not working well enough.

The government is consulting on further measures to prepare children for the future in an age of rapid technological change. Growing up in an Online World: a national conversation, will consider how children and young people use digital technology in school and at home.

The consultation closes on 26 May 2026. [We want to hear your views](#). You can also sign up to the online national conversation event for parents and carers on Wednesday 20 May at 6pm to 7pm - [sign up here](#)

All Years



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](#)

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.

Please ensure that students take care of their dinner cards and do not bend, fold, or deface them. Damaged cards may not work on the card readers, which can cause delays during lunchtime.

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](#)

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](#)

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](#)



Year 7, 8 & 9	Expression of Interest – Alton Towers Trip October 2026 We're planning a trip to Alton Towers Resort for current years 7, 8 & 9 for October 2026 and would like to gauge interest from students. Completing this form does not guarantee a place, but it will help us with initial planning and pricing - Expression of Interest Form
Year 10	Ashby Sixth Form Taster Day A letter has been emailed home today regarding the Ashby Sixth Form Taster Day on Wednesday 17 June 2026. The deadline to sign up via Arbor is Friday 29 June 2026 – Ashby Sixth Form Taster Day
Year 11	Year 11 Parent Pay Accounts Year 11 students will no longer be served at break or lunchtime if they have insufficient funds on their ParentPay account. Please ensure your child's dinner money account is topped up if they wish to purchase food or drinks at break or lunch. Thank you for your cooperation and support.

ATTENDANCE CELEBRATION FOR EACH YEAR GROUP 32B

CREWS with best attendance this week:

7AYO – 96.89%
 8BFO – 92%
 9AMI – 94.44%
 10RLE – 92.16%
 11RSH – 98.33%

Most punctual CREWs this week:

7AYO – 0.44% LATE
 8CSH – 0.46% LATE
 9AMI – 1.48% LATE
 10RLA & 10RLE – 0.39%
 11TRO – 1.42% LATE

CREWS with most 100% attendees:

7KGA & 7MCL – 23 STUDENTS
 8CCO – 25 STUDENTS
 9AMI – 25 STUDENTS
 10RLE – 24 STUDENTS
 11RSH – 29 STUDENTS

THE RESULTS ARE IN.....



THE CREWS



**WITH 93% + ATTENDANCE ,
AWARDED WITH NON SCHOOL
UNIFORM NEXT FRIDAY ARE.....**

11RSH - 98.33%

7AYO - 96.89%

7KGA - 95.34%

7DBA - 94.65%

8CCO - 94.62%

9AME - 94.44%



Dates for your diary...

Friday 22 May 2026 – Last Day of Term

Monday 25 – Friday 29 May 2026 – May Half Term

Monday 1 June 2026 – School re-opens

Tuesday 2 June 2026 – Istock Sewing Bee Workshop

Saturday 6 – Sunday 7 June 2026 – Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Expedition

Thursday 11 June 2026 – Big Bang Fair

Current Vacancies

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

Ashby Arts Festival

Istock School's Ashby Arts Festival entry is now on display in Ashby High Street (Market Street). We've had some fantastic contributions from our students this year and having the opportunity to display the artwork is very exciting! If you are local to the area or just passing through, please keep your eyes peeled for our artwork! This year's theme celebrates David Attenborough's 100th Birthday. The outdoor gallery will be on display until 3rd July so there's plenty of opportunity to take a look!



Can You Help Us Break the Record?

Our Ibstock School Y11 Prom GoFundMe page is now live, and we need your support!

<https://gofund.me/a016e32c7>

Last year, our amazing community helped raise a fantastic **£750** to support Prom celebrations for our students. This year, we are setting the challenge even higher... **can we beat the record and go beyond £750?**

Every donation, big or small, will help create a memorable Prom experience for our young people and give them the celebration they deserve.

If every family gave a little, together we could achieve something incredible.

Let's show the strength of our community and smash last year's total!

Please donate if you can and share this post far and wide. Together, we can make Prom 2026 our best one yet!



Mental Health and Wellbeing

A number of useful links have been added to our website with information on the services and self-referrals from the Mental Health Support Teams in Schools.

Looking for NHS advice on Mental Health for teenagers

Mental Health Support Teams in Schools

Mental Health for Teens — Support for your Mental Health

Meditation Awareness

Find your calm, your way.

Clear mind, feeling calm.

What is meditation?

Meditation is the act of giving your attention to only one thing as a way of becoming calm and relaxed

Why meditate?

- Supports focus and helps to regulate and calm emotions
- Improves sleep quality
- Reduces stress and anxiety

Did you know?

Meditation has been around for thousands of years and is practised all over the world.

**Mental Health Support
Teams in Schools**



How do you meditate?

- Sit comfortably in a quiet place with a straight back
- Set a timer for 5–10 minutes
- Focus entirely on the sensation of your breath entering and leaving your body
- When your mind wanders - which it will - gently return your focus to the breath without judgment
- When the time is up, open your eyes slowly and take a moment to notice your surroundings
- When you first start trying meditation, it might help to count your breath (breathe in for 4 and out for 4)



For more information

Use the QR code below and you can explore mindfulness, self-care and find other tips for feeling calm.

Scan this QR code or visit the link for more about our support services:

leicspart.nhs.uk/mental-health



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.

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- Stage & Studio
- Sports Hall
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