

Dear Families,

Please find below the parent bulletin for week commencing Tuesday 25 August 2026.
 Have a fantastic Summer break.

All Years



Summer Holiday Support for Families

As we approach the summer holidays, we know that routines change and some children and young people may need a little extra support. We'd like to share some trusted services and resources that you and your family can access over the break.

[NSPCC](#) – Advice and support for children, young people and families, including guidance on keeping children safe.

[Tellmi](#) – A safe, moderated app offering anonymous peer support and access to trained professionals for young people.

[PAPYRUS Prevention of Young Suicide](#) – Confidential support and advice for young people struggling with thoughts of suicide, and for those concerned about them.

[Kooth](#) – Free, safe and anonymous online mental health and wellbeing support for young people.

If you are concerned about the immediate safety or wellbeing of a child during the holidays, you can contact:

Leicestershire First Response Children's Duty Team (24-hour service)

☎ **0116 305 0005**

If a child or young person is in immediate danger, always call **999**.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Important Free School Meals Update - Action Required

Following our recent communication regarding changes to Free School Meals (FSM), please ensure the application has been submitted. If you do not reapply your child may not receive a FSM next academic year

Visit our website for more information – [Free School Meal Update](#)

Wellbeing Pack

The Mental Health Support Team in Schools has developed a summer wellbeing workbook for children and young people, packed with fun activities, practical tips, and advice to help them look after their mental health and wellbeing over the holidays. It also includes a range of helpful links and resources, offering additional support and ideas to help everyone enjoy a healthy, happy summer. – [Summer Holiday Wellbeing pack](#) / [Mental health Support for Teens](#)

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FREE Summer Holiday Activities & Food (HAF) Programme

If your child is aged **4–16** and receives **benefit-related Free School Meals**, they may be eligible to attend **FREE Holiday Activities and Food (HAF)** sessions during the summer holidays.

HAF clubs provide a fantastic range of activities, including sports, arts, dance, games and music, along with a **free nutritious meal** for every child attending. Young people aged **11–16** may also be able to access a **FREE HAF junior gym membership** at participating local leisure centres.

Booking is now even easier

From this summer, bookings will be made through a new online platform called **EEQU**. Families will no longer need holiday voucher codes. Instead, eligibility is checked online, making it quick and simple to book sessions using a phone, tablet or computer.

Summer holiday bookings opened on 10 June. As places are limited, we encourage families to book as soon as possible.

To book your child's place, visit:

[Leicestershire HAF Booking Portal](#)

If you need help with the booking process, a step-by-step guide is available here: [EEQU Booking Guide](#)

Please note that, due to funding arrangements, HAF-funded places are only available to children who are eligible for **benefit-related Free School Meals**.

If you have any questions, please contact the Leicestershire HAF team:

haf@leics.gov.uk

Current Vacancies

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

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4 week Random Search Pilot 29/06/2026 - 04/09/2026

Following the parent forum on Thursday this week, we will now be starting our Random Search Pilot. Thank you to the parents that joined the session and gave valuable feedback on how we can ensure we manage this pilot in a positive and constructive way - [Randomised Searching - Parent Forum Feedback – Fill in form](#)

Please find the PowerPoint linked [here](#).

These are the key reasons as to why we are considering this:

- Schools nationally are seeing increased risks around prohibited items.
- The Department for Education gives schools clear powers to search, screen and confiscate items where necessary. [DfE Searching, Screening and Confiscation \(2022\) guidance](#)
- Our responsibility is to reduce risk, protect pupils, and maintain high standards of behaviour.
- Randomised checks are fair, non-targeted, and proportionate.
- You may hear us say this is about “maximising safety” — and it is. But it is also about reducing the risk of harmful items entering school, including vapes and weapons.

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](#)

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](#)

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](#)

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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](#)

**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
Chromebooks

To help our students thrive in their studies in Year 11, we are issuing them with a Google Chromebook to use for the remainder of their time at our school. For more information and how to consent can be found here – [Chromebook Letter Year 10](#)

Dates for your diary...

Thursday 20 August 2026 – GCSE Results Day

Friday 21 August 2026 – Teacher Training day

Monday 24 August 2026 – Teacher Training Day

Tuesday 25 August 2026 – School Re-Opens to Students

Monday 31 August 2026 – Bank Holiday Monday



CHARITY CRICKET MATCH

**IBSTOCK SCHOOL STAFF
&
PARENTS/CARERS OF
IBSTOCK CRICKET CLUB**

**20 OVER
MATCH**



**FRIDAY 4TH
SEPTEMBER**



4PM START



**IBSTOCK TOWN
CRICKET CLUB**



**DONATIONS WELCOME ON THE DAY
SUGGESTED DONATION 50P**

ALL MONEY RAISED WILL BE SPLIT BETWEEN



**IBSTOCK TOWN
CRICKET CLUB**



**TO IMPROVE CRICKET
EQUIPMENT AT
IBSTOCK SCHOOL**

Inspiring our community to thrive

Lisso's Legacy for LOROS and Bowel Cancer UK

Please see the attached poster with details on the prize draw in support of LOROS. If you are able to enter, your generosity would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.



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Learn to Swim...

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Book now for our
Learn to Swim
programme starting
29th June 2026



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please book on
SchoolHire Activities**
<https://ibstock.schoolactivity.co.uk/>
**Or scan the QR Code above
and select Swimming Lessons**

**Please contact
reception if you have
any queries or require
assistance with
SchoolHire**

Ibstock Leisure Complex @ Ibstock School
Central Avenue
Ibstock
LE67 6NE (Free parking off High Street LE67 6LG)

Telephone 01530 265836
Email leisure@ibstockschool.co.uk
Visit www.nwleics.gov.uk/ibstockcc
Facebook Ibstock Leisure Complex
WhatsApp Ibstock Leisure Complex



Summer Holiday 2026 1:1 Swimming Lessons

During the Summer holiday, we are running our most popular 1:1 intensive booster swimming lessons

- ☑ Personalised to meet the needs of the swimmer
- ☑ Available to everyone 3 years and over of any swimming ability
- ☑ Quiet, focused learning environment



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Health & wellbeing in our community



Dates and Times

Week 1: 14-16 July

Week 2: 21-23 July

Week 3: 28-30 July

Week 4: 4-6 August

Week 5: 11-13 August

Week 6: 18-20 August

Our 3 days courses are £49.65

**To enrol your child, please
book on SchoolHire
Activities**

<https://ibstock.schoolactivity.co.uk/>
Or scan the QR Code above
and select Holiday Crash
Courses

IBstock Leisure Complex @ IBstock School
Central Avenue
IBstock
LE67 6NE (Free parking off High Street LE67 6LG)

Telephone 01530 265836
Email leisure@ibstockschool.co.uk
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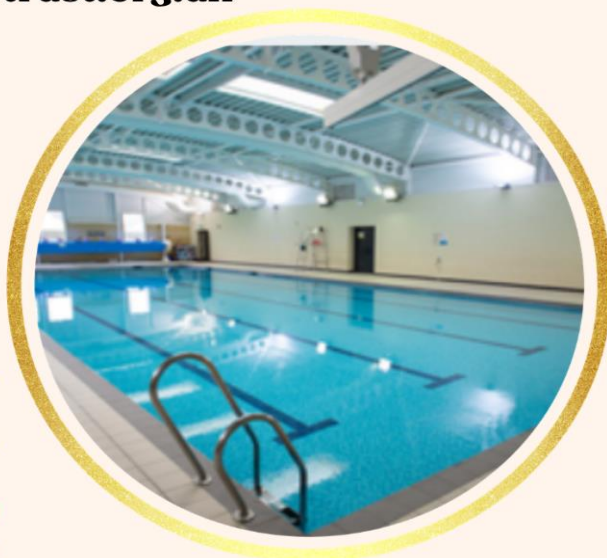
- Main Hall
- Stage & Studio
- Sports Hall
- All Weather Pitch
- Swimming Pool

@ facilityhire@lifemultiacademytrust.org.uk

🔗 life.schoolhire.co.uk



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Parent Support Coffee Morning



Parenting isn't always easy — but you don't have to do it alone.

Come along for a friendly, informal coffee morning where parents and carers can meet, chat, and support each other.

-  Share experiences
-  Meet other local parents
-  Help with SEND issues
-  Need to know about benefits
-  Enjoy a coffee and a relaxed chat

No pressure. No judgement. Just support and good company.

Pop in for a cuppa — we'd love to see you!

 **Coalville CAN HQ**
Memorial Square, Coalville, LE67 3TU

 **3rd Thursday of each Month**

 **12pm – 2.30pm**



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 northwestleicslsa.org.uk/club-activ8.

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