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Dear Parents/Carers,

Before you know it, half term is upon us. It is great to see how well settled our new Caterpillars are and we hope they have enjoyed their first half term in 'big school'.

Just a reminder that tomorrow is our Harvest Festival – please send donations, for Ashby Foodbank and Feed the Need in Coalville, in with your child/ren. The children will take their donations down to the hall and we'll arrange delivery to the two charities by the end of the week. Some of our Year 6 children will also be selling raffle tickets for our fruit and vegetable donations and separate tickets for the pumpkin raffle so don't forget your change!

A big thank you to all of you that brought in clothes etc. for the Bags2School collection, you helped raise £103.20 for the PTA. Our PTA have their AGM on Monday 27th October at 7:30pm. The AGM will be held in school – it would be great if you could join us and see how you can support our small, hardworking PTA.

The half term up to Christmas (yes, I've mentioned the 'C' word already!) is always busy with lots going on. Please keep your eye on the Dates for the Diary for key events. It would also be great if you could respond to messages about events – especially sporting events in a timely manner.

If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate, in the first instance, to contact your child's class teacher.

When it arrives, hope you all have a lovely half term.

Best wishes,

Mrs Michalowski

Lost Property

We have a considerable amount of lost property in school – probably more than we have ever had at this time of year. All of it is unnamed – most of it looks brand new. Any uniform that did not have the school logo on went in the bags to school collection. If you are missing items then please speak to either Mrs Davies or Mrs Griffin about looking through the pile to see if it belongs to your child. Recently there have been some parents who have been somewhat rude to staff regarding their child's 'lost' clothing and that is simply not acceptable. Please DO NOT take up staff's valuable time before and after school about missing uniform. As has been said previously, it is not our job to look after and locate your child/ren's clothes, neither is it our fault if your child's clothing is lost. Quite often, it is where your child has left it – on the field, on the fence, on their peg, on their chair or even on the floor. If it has their name on it, then it will get back to them, if not... it goes in the lost property pile of doom. It has been a long time since I have had to buy school uniform for my own children, but I am guessing it is still not cheap; therefore, spending time over half term, naming your child/ren's clothing (biro will do, just check it is still there after the item has been washed) and teaching your child the importance of independence and looking after their own belongings, would indeed be time well spent.

PE

Please remember for PE days your child/ren will need to have a full PE kit, in a bag, in school. This should include

- black shorts/trackie bottoms/running tights (please avoid casual leggings, they are not suitable for PE)
- black school PE T-shirt,
- jumper – preferably a school hoodie,
- trainers.

PE takes place outdoors regardless of the weather, so as we move further into the Autumn term – trackies and a hoodie are essential to keep your child warm and comfortable.

Please see below for our PE timetable for the first Autumn term.

As always, if you are sending your child/ren into school wearing PE trainers with laces, they are expected to be able to tie them – even when they are in KS1. **If your child struggles with this, can I please politely ask that you invest time to teach them how to tie their laces – it is really not our job to do it and untied laces are just an accident waiting to happen.** Very reasonably priced children's trainers with Velcro fastenings can also be purchased from Tesco (and other supermarket retailers or Sports Direct) if your child is finding tying shoe laces challenging, then do not send them into school with shoes with laces in.

	Caterpillar	Ladybird	Bumblebee	Dragonfly
Monday		PE Day		
Tuesday				
Wednesday			PE Day	PE Day
Thursday	PE Day	PE Day		
Friday	Forest School – children to come to school in their forest school kit		PE Day	PE Day

We ask that PE kits stay in school all week – or even better, for the whole half term. That way, children are always ready for PE, even if we have to make a last-minute change to the timetable.

School Dinner Payments

After half term, a new feature will be in place on Arbor regarding school dinners. From half term onwards, school dinners can only be booked if your child's account has a positive balance as currently for several families, meal balances are being treated like an overdraft and it is only being cleared when asked to by Mrs Griffin/Davies. Please ensure that by half term, any outstanding dinner money debts are paid – there is currently approx. £160 owed in dinner money debt. After half term, ensure that your child's account is in credit if you wish them to have a school meal. If your account is not in credit, you will either need to top up their account by 9:30am or bring in a packed lunch. If no lunch is provided, a duty of care meal – a bowl of soup – will be served to your child. If there is repeated failure to either ensure dinner money is in credit or a packed lunch provided, then a referral to Social Care will be made due to concerns regarding the failure to provide adequate food for your child at lunch times. Your support with this is very much appreciated.

Dates for the Diary (Term dates for 2026-2027 can be found on the school's website)

Tuesday 14th October - Individual Photographs – photos with siblings too

Tuesday 14th October Harvest Festival 1:30pm start hopefully at St John's Church

Wednesday 15th October – KS 1 and KS 2 Water Safety Assemblies

Wednesday 15th October – Seasonal Flu Immunisations – (details to follow)

Wednesday 15th October – Everybody's Welcome Information Meeting @3:30pm in school

Thursday 16th October – Bumblebee Forest School Session (please ensure appropriate clothing is in school that day)

Thursday 16th October 2025 - School closes for half term for children

Friday 17th October 2025 - School open for staff Heather INSET Day 3

HALF TERM Break - Monday 20th October to Friday 24th October 2025

Monday 27th October 2025 School opens to pupils

Monday 27th October PTA AGM @School 7:30pm start – all welcome

Tuesday 28th October – Inclusive Multi Sport @Ibstock School Year 1-4 Selected children (details to follow)

Wednesday 29th October – Severn Trent Water Assembly for all children

Friday 31st October – Deadline for Secondary School Application

Friday 31st October Halloween Dress Down Day and Halloween Disco after school – (PTA Event)

Saturday 1st November NWL Cross Country @St John Moore Primary School @10am

Tuesday 4th November – Parents' Evening 3:30pm-7pm (details to follow)

Thursday 5th November - Parents' Evening 3:30pm- 5pm (details to follow)

Thursday 6th November Ladybird class assembly - all parents/carers welcome - 9am start

Friday 7th November Mrs Thornley's SEN Surgery 9am-11am – please contact the office if you wish to make an appointment

Friday 7th November Handball festival – Year 4 selected children (details to follow)

Tuesday 11th November – NSPCC workshops for Year 2 and Year 5/6

Wednesday 12th November Caterpillar class assembly - all parents/carers welcome - 9am start

Thursday 13th November – Sportshall Athletics @Ivanhoe School Selected Year 5/6 children (details to follow)

Monday 17th – Thursday 20th November – Bikeability for year 5/6 children (details to follow)

Monday 17th November – Dodgeball Festival Selected Year 3/4 children @ Castle Rock School (details to follow)

Tuesday 18th November – KS 1 Victorian Day @ Beaumanor Hall (details to follow)

Tuesday 18th November - Year 1/2 Dodgeball Festival - selected children @Ashby School (details to follow)

Wednesday 19th November Bumblebee class assembly - all parents/carers welcome - 9am start

Thursday 20th November –Year 5/6 Dodgeball Festival selected children @Ibstock School details to follow

Friday 24th November – Dragonfly Forest School Session (please ensure appropriate clothing is into school that day)

Wednesday 26th November Year 5/6 Dodgeball Competition selected children @Ibstock School

Thursday 27th November NWLSSP Let's Get Active Awards - Selected Year 6 Children

Friday 28th November Year 6 Stardome visit from National Space Centre (details to follow)

Friday 5th December Mrs Thornley's SEN Surgery 9am-11am – please contact the office if you wish to make an appointment

Tuesday 9th December Caterpillar and Ladybird Christmas Production 2:00pm (details to follow)

Wednesday 10th December Caterpillar and Ladybird Christmas Production 10:00am (details to follow)

Wednesday 10th December Year 2 Christmas Journey Trip @ Marlborough Church Coalville (details to follow)

Thursday 11th December Caterpillar and Ladybird Christmas Production 2:00pm (details to follow)

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Saturday 13th December NWL Cross Country @Moir Primary School 10 am (details to follow)

Wednesday 17th December – Theatre Trip – see letter sent via Arbor for details

Thursday 18th December Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day (details to follow)

Friday 19th December 2025 – School closes for pupils for Christmas
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS – Monday 22nd December to Friday 2nd January
Monday 5th January 2026 – School open for staff Heather INSET 4

Tuesday 6th January 2026 School opens for pupils

Friday 9th January – Mrs Thornley's SEN Surgery 9am-11am – please contact the office if you wish to make an appointment

Saturday 10th or 17th January Unity Cross Country @Woodstone Primary School 10:30am (details to follow)

Saturday 31st January NWL Cross Country @ St John Moore School 10am (details to follow)

Friday 6th February Mrs Thornley's SEN Surgery 9am-11am – please contact the office if you wish to make an appointment

Friday 13th February 2026 School closes for half term

Half Term Break Monday 16th February to Friday 20th February 2026

Monday 23rd February 2026 – School opens for pupils

Saturday 28th February Unity Cross Country @Snarestone 10:30am (details to follow)

Friday 6th March Mrs Thornley's SEN Surgery 9am-11am – please contact the office if you wish to make an appointment

Saturday 14th March – Unity Cross Country @Packington 10:30am (details to follow)

School Closes for Easter – Friday 27th March 2026

Easter Break – Monday 30th March to Friday 10th April 2026

Monday 13th April 2025 – School opens for pupils

Saturday 18th April Unity Cross Country @Griffydam 10:30am (details to follow)

Friday 1st May Mrs Thornley's SEN Surgery 9am-11am – please contact the office if you wish to make an appointment

Monday 4th May 2025 – May Day Bank Holiday

KS 1 Assessments take place throughout May*

KS 2 Sats – Monday 11th – Thursday 14th May*

Tuesday 19th May – Class Photos

Friday 23rd May 2025 – School closes for half term for all

Half term Break – Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May 2026

Monday 1st June 2026 School opens to pupils

Friday 5th June Mrs Thornley's SEN Surgery 9am-11am – please contact the office if you wish to make an appointment

Monday 1st June – 12th June – Year 4 Multiplication Check*

Monday 8th June – Year 1 Phonic Screen – take place this week*

Wednesday 24th June M&M Productions – The Jungle Book

Friday 3rd July – Mrs Thornley's SEN Surgery 9am-11am – please contact the office if you wish to make an appointment

Thursday 9th July 2026 – School closes for pupils for the summer break

Friday 10th July 2026 – Heather Primary INSET Day 5

*PLEASE DO NOT BOOK HOLIDAYS DURING THESE TIMES

Dates for 2026-27 – can be found [here](#)