



Imperial Avenue Infant School



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Dear Parents and Carers

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself again as the Interim Headteacher at Imperial Avenue Infant School. My name is Leigh Fox and I am delighted to have joined the school community at the end of December. It has already been a pleasure meeting many of the children, families and staff and I am very much looking forward to getting to know everyone better as we move into the new year.

My priority is to ensure that Imperial Avenue Infant continues to be an excellent school—a place where children are happy, well cared for and receive an exceptional education. Having been a Headteacher for over eight years and a teacher for more than twenty, I am passionate about creating a school environment where every child can thrive.

You will often find me on the school gate in the mornings, usually alongside Mrs Malin, our Deputy Headteacher. Please do come and say hello; I value being visible and approachable. We operate an open door policy and if you ever have any questions, concerns, or simply wish to speak with me, you are very welcome to get in touch through the school office.

I am excited for the year ahead and feel privileged to be part of such a vibrant and caring school community.

Warm regards, Mr Leigh Fox, Interim Headteacher.

Newsletter— January 2026

Welcome back to school it is officially 2026!!

We would like to wish you a very happy and prosperous New Year. We hope you have had a relaxing school holiday and have been able to spend time with your family and friends.

There is lots of great things happening over the Spring term and staff have been planning lessons to support your child's learning. Keep reading for more information.

Family Learning January, February and March

Wednesday 7th January 2026— Year 2 Parent meeting—08.50am in the school Hall

Thursday 8th January 2026 —Year 1 Parent meeting—08.50am in the school Hall

Friday 9th January 2026—Reception Parent meeting— 08.50am in the school Hall

Date	Time	Topic	Parents invited	Venue
Wednesday 14 th January 2026	8.50am- 9.15am	Mark marking and handwriting at Imperial Avenue – how to develop your child's handwriting	Whole school	Hall
Wednesday 21 st January 2026	2.15pm- 3.00pm	Year 2 Maths 3-week course	Year 2 20 spaces – your child will join you in the session. No younger siblings can attend	Dining hall
Wednesday 28 th January 2026	2.15pm- 3.00pm	Year 2 Maths 3-week course	Year 2 20 spaces – your child will join you in the session. No younger siblings can attend	Dining hall
Wednesday 4 th February 2026	2.15pm- 3.00pm	Year 2 Maths 3-week course	Year 2 20 spaces – your child will join you in the session. No younger siblings can attend	Dining hall

Uniform—Stikins Name Labels – help to keep your child’s belongings safe

We are constantly getting uniform in lost property with no names this is how to fix it and not keep buying new things when they are lost

Named uniform is the easiest way of getting it returned to your child without delay. We ask that all items of clothing including PE kit are clearly labelled. We have teamed up with Stikins which are easy to apply. The easiest way to place an order is online www.stikins.co.uk. We have also set up a link on the school website. If you use the link on the school uniform page, the school’s code is automatically filled in for you. Whatever way you order please remember to quote our fundraising number 10472. Never lose your child’s belongings again!

Parents Evening

Parents’ evening is taking place on Wednesday 4th February 2026.

Appointment times are uploaded to the cloud for your to book on to
—this is done through the Weduc app.

On the Weduc menu you will see ‘The Hub’ and from here you click on the Parents’
Evening tab. This will go live for you to book from Monday 19th January 2026.

Children who are on the SEND register will not need to attend the whole school parents evening , your child's class teacher will arrange a separate longer meeting with you to discuss your child's progress. We look forward to seeing you and sharing your child’s learning and their targets for you to support your child at home.

School admissions

First time admission to school and Infant to Junior transfer

The deadline for applying for a place for your child is midnight on Thursday 15th January 2025. I know you may think there is plenty of time left to apply but if you have not done so already please apply for a school place now.

If you would like help with completing the online form for a school place for your child you can contact a Choice Advice Officer between the hours of 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday. Contact can be made either by telephoning 0116 482 0862 or by email to info@choiceadvice.org.uk

Contact the school admissions service if you have any other queries by ringing them on: 0116 454 1009 (option 1) - phone lines are open Monday to Friday - 9.30am till 3.00pm.

Email : admissions.online@leicester.gov.uk

Remember—if you miss the deadline, or do not complete the admission form, you will not get a choice of school for your child as this be will allocated by admissions.

After School Clubs—Spring Term 1 from 3.20pm –4.20pm

Wednesday Clubs from 7th January— 6 weeks only

Thursday Club from 8th January— 6 weeks only

Monday Clubs from 12th January—5 weeks only

All places have been allocated for the after school clubs.

If you have not heard from us, then on this occasion your child has not got a place.

The Spring Term 1 after school clubs are as follows:

Monday — Year 1, Year 2 & Reception Cooking club

Monday— Year 1, Year 2 & Reception Art club

Wednesday — Year 1 & Year 2 Traditional Games club

Wednesday—Year 1 Dodgeball club

Thursday—Reception Dance club

National Child Measurement Programme

Also known as the School Height and Weight Checks, is a mandated annual programme delivered by local authority NHS, which involves measuring the height and weight of all school children in Reception only. This has been booked in to take place in school on **Thursday 5th February 2026**

Parents and carers of all children eligible for measurement will already have received a letter via Weduc to inform them of the programme. If you did not want your child to take part in the programme you had to withdraw consent, the deadline for which was **Sunday 28th December 2025**.

If you missed this deadline and wish to withdraw please contact the team regarding your choice. Email them direct on lpt.ncmprogramme@nhs.net

Fund Raising in December

We are fundraising so that we can continue to improve areas of the school and not have an impact on the budget needed for educational purposes.

Thank you for your continued support.

Christmas Fair including Raffle & Santa —£977.29

My School Printing — £197.61

Non Uniform day — £136.65

Bags2Schools — £69.22

Fundraising for Charities

Save the Children on Christmas Jumper day — £142.00

Children in Need—£160.31

Important dates for you diary this term

School reopens Tuesday 6th January 2026 for all pupils

Wednesday January 7th—Year 2 Parent meeting 8.45am in the school hall

Thursday January 8th—Year 1 parent meeting 8.45am in the school hall

Friday January 9th—Reception parent meeting 8.45am in the school hall

Thursday 15th January — School Dinner Taster Day

Friday 23rd January—National Pie Day special menu

Wednesday February 4th —Parents Evening—Appointments will go live via Weduc on Monday 19th January

Friday 13th February—Non uniform day, donation of £1 if possible

February Half term—school closed from Monday 16th to Friday 20th February 2026

School reopens on Monday 23rd February 2026