

# Imperial Avenue Infant School

Working Together to Achieve Success

## Newsletter— October 2026

Dear Parents & Carers

We're having a fantastic start to the year at Imperial. It's been a real pleasure meeting so many of you and hearing your feedback on the gates each morning. We're always striving to improve and develop our school further and your feedback is essential to this.

We've been really pleased to see our after-school clubs starting so well with around 90 children attending either gymnastics or cooking each week. We're also currently in talks with the Leicester Riders, Leicester Hockey club and Leicestershire Cricket club to try to secure further sporting opportunities for our children. Our new PE specialist, Mr Ruparelia, has been working with our Year 2 children and will be teaching across the school during this year giving more great pe opportunities to children.

Our governor and local Reverend - Jenny - is sadly moving on to pastures new in October. We would like to wish her all the very best in her new role. The schools fantastic relationship with the church will continue alongside our visits to other faiths religious buildings and learning about other faiths in school.

Our new Star of the week and Dojo certificates have been received really well by children and thank you to you and your children for continuing to bring in their achievements from home that we can share and celebrate in school .

Children's attendance has started really positively this year - it is my aim that our attendance continues to improve and that we have all children in school as much as we possibly can. Thank you for your support with this.

I hope you and your children all have a restful and enjoyable half term break.

Kind Regards

Leigh Fox—Headteacher

### Parents evening

**Reception, Year1 & Year 2—Parents Evening will take place on Wednesday 14th October 2026**

Appointments are now live and can be made through the Reach More Parents (Weduc) app.

Booking an appointment is very important so that we can share information to best support your child.

If you have any issues or need any help please contact the school office.

Parents with children on the SEND register do not need to book via the Reach More Parents (Weduc) app, as they will receive a separate parents evening appointment direct form the class teacher.

If you do accidentally book an appointment this will be cancelled by us.

On the evening our school catering company, Aspens, will be offering a selection of sample food items for you to try. They will be located in the dining hall from 4pm-6pm.

The School nurse will also be available in the dining hall from 3pm-5pm for a chat or to offer any advice.

Please take the time to pay them a visit.

**Nursery - Parents evening will be held on Wednesday 18th November 2026.**

### School Dinners

As a school we have a great catering company providing cooked school meals for all children. The meals are freshly cooked daily and are made from scratch. We cater for most dietary requirements. Our menu can be found on our website—

[School Meals & School Milk | Imperial Avenue Infant School](#)

All children of Infant school age are entitled to receive a free school dinner if they want one. Children can swap between school dinners and packed lunches as long as your child selects the meal correctly in the morning.

Please speak with the school office if you are unsure of the process.

### Packed lunches

We ask that these are healthy and consist of a sandwich or cracker or wraps, some fruit or vegetables. You can include a packet of crisps, a yoghurt and a biscuit bar. It does not need to be huge and can sometimes seem too much for them if they feel they have to eat it all.

### No chocolate or fizzy drinks.

**No nuts or anything that contains nuts due to children in our school who are severely allergic to these food items**



### Year 2 Applications for Junior school

**Closing date for applications to Leicester City Council schools is the 15th January 2027.**

If you live in Leicester City and want your child to go to a local Junior school you need to select the Junior School admissions box.

If you live in Leicester City and want your child to go to a local Primary school you need to select the In-year school admission box. However, you can only do this if you are prepared for your child to move to that school of your choice during Year 2.

Use the link below to take you directly to the Leicester City Council online admission page and select the appropriate box.

[School admissions | Leicester City Council](#)

If you live in Leicestershire then you need to apply directly through the Leicestershire County Council on the following link - [Apply for a school place | Leicestershire County Council](#)

### Collecting Children from school

Due to safeguarding, only those people who are named on your child's contact list will be able to collect your child from school.

If you have someone collecting who doesn't normally, then let the person who is collecting your child know the password on your child's file. If they do not know this we will not let your child go with them.

If you have forgotten the password that you set up, then please contact the school office who can remind you.

If we are ever unsure about who is collecting your child, then we will phone you to check.

### **Autumn Term 2—After School clubs**

**All Autumn Term 2 Clubs start from week commencing Monday 2nd November 2026 and run from 3.20pm to 4.20pm—one club each week for 6 weeks only.**

This will be posted on Weduc in the Forms section for you to complete. We will send you a message when this goes live so keep your eyes out for this.

Each club costs £12.00 (£2.00 per week) and this has to be paid in full, in advance, in cash at the school office. If monies are not received by the deadline then your child's place will be offered to those on the waiting list.

**Christmas Art for Year 1 & Year 2—runs every Monday for 6 weeks only - £12.00**

**Dodgeball for Year 1 & Year 2—runs every Monday for 6 weeks only—£12.00**

As spaces are limited, please not put your child's name forward if they do not want to attend. Check with your child first that they want to attend the specific club.

### **BAG2SCHOOL—Fundraising for School**

We have teamed up again with Bag2School. They are a company who specialise in the reuse and recycling of second hand clothing. We have arranged for a collection from our school on

**Wednesday 14th October 2026 at 9.00am**

All bags are weighed and we will be paid for the total weight collected.  
The more we collect the greater the benefit to our school.

**Please let us have your unwanted items:**

All types of clothing, paired shoes/boots/wellies, handbags, belts and accessories  
(no work wear, duvets or pieces of fabric).

Items can be put in bags and either brought to the school office  
or given to the class teacher.

Take this opportunity to have a good clear out and make way for your winter wardrobe!

Thank you for your ongoing support.

### **School Website**

[www.imperialavenue.leicester.sch.uk](http://www.imperialavenue.leicester.sch.uk)

Our school website has lots of useful information for our parents, carers and children.

Please take a look to see what there is on there.

You will find information about admissions, ParentPay, term dates, school policies, school prospectus, curriculum, school meals, school uniform, fundraising etc.

### **Outdoor play equipment**

The outdoor play equipment is for the use of our children only. This equipment is age appropriate and is not recommended for children older than our own pupils (4-7 years).

Older children using the equipment may lead to them hurting themselves as well as it having an impact on the wear and tear of it. The equipment cost us a lot of money. We also have to carry out annual maintenance and necessary repairs.

There is a lovely park opposite our school, with a variety of age appropriate play equipment. If you want your child to have some exercise then this is a lovely park to be able to do this in.

Thank you.

### **Closing of gates**

Please note that the school gate on Braunstone Avenue will be locked at 3.35pm every day along with the side gate leading into the playground from the Imperial Avenue entrance.

Once you have collected your child please can you leave the school grounds.

This is for security and health and safety reasons.

### **Jeans for Genes day**

A huge thank you. We raised £157.00 for the Jeans for Genes charity. Thank you for your support and generosity.



### **Parking**

A polite reminder that parking on the zig zags is illegal. Our priority more than anything is that it is dangerous and could result in a very serious accident happening.

We should all as adults be aware of dangerous parking and we all have a responsibility to keep the area outside of our school safe.

Please think about what you are risking parking on the zigzags and is that really worth it?



### **Important dates for your diary**

**Thursday 1st October 2026**—School meal taster day. All children will be given an opportunity to have a school meal on this day. The menu for the day has already been sent out but as a reminder we are having beef burger or veg burger along with desert

**Wednesday 14th October 2026**— Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 - Parents evening in school, times booked through Weduc

**Wednesday 14th October 2026 at 9.00am**—Clothes collection deadline

**Thursday 15th October 2026**—Non-uniform day—Your child can come dressed in clothes of their own choice for a donation of £1.00

**October half term—school will be closed on Friday 16th October to Friday 23rd October** - children return on Monday 26th October 2026

**Wednesday 28th October 2026** —Year 2 Halloween Disco , Year 1 & Reception Movie Night. This will take place 3.20pm to 4.20pm. Tickets will be available for £1.00 and tuck for an additional £1.00. Payment in cash at the School Office.

**Wednesday 11th November 2026**—Individual school photos. Our school photographer, Horizon, will be coming into school to take both Individual and sibling photos. If you wish to have a sibling group photo please come to school through the main reception entrance no later than 8.30am. You will need to wait patiently in the school hall.

**Wednesday 18th November 2026** –Nursery Parents Evening

**Friday 20th November**—Children in Need—wear fancy dress , spots etc—donation of £1.00