



Imperial Avenue

Infant School

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Newsletter— July 2026

July 2026 is here, and somehow we find ourselves with just over a week left of this school year — it really has flown!

This is always a special and emotional time as we prepare to say goodbye and good luck to our wonderful Year 2 children. We are incredibly proud of everything they have achieved and although we will miss them greatly, we know they are ready for the next exciting chapter of their school journey.

We'll certainly be keeping in touch and cheering them on from afar.

I also want to take this moment to say a huge thank-you to every member of our school community. Your support, positivity and hard work throughout the year make such a difference and we are truly grateful for the partnership we share.

As we head towards the summer break, we hope everyone enjoys a well-deserved rest, plenty of sunshine and lots of family time. We will continue to share any important updates through Weduc, so please keep an eye out.

A Special Thank-You

I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to every member of the Imperial Avenue team for their incredible hard work, dedication and commitment this year. Our school runs smoothly because of them and our children receive a wonderful education — cared for, challenged and nurtured every single day.

I feel genuinely blessed to work alongside such passionate, skilled and hardworking staff. Their efforts make Imperial Avenue the special place it is, and I am deeply grateful for everything they do.

Goodbyes

Miss Johnson has dedicated her entire teaching career to Imperial Avenue, shaping the lives of countless children and families over many years. Her commitment, warmth and deep understanding of our school community have made her an invaluable part of our team. She now looks forward to beginning her new role, taking with her the experience, passion and professionalism that have defined her time here.

Mrs Barker has also been a much-loved and long-standing member of staff, contributing significantly to the life of the school over many years. Her positivity, reliability and strong relationships with pupils and colleagues have made a lasting impact. She too is excited to be stepping into a new role, ready for fresh challenges and opportunities.

Together, they represent the very best of Imperial Avenue: dedication, care and a genuine love of helping children thrive. We are incredibly grateful for everything they have given to the school and wish them every success as they begin the next chapter of their careers.

New staff announcement

We are delighted to welcome Miss Burrows, who will be joining the team in our SEND unit. She brings experience, care and a strong commitment to supporting children with additional needs, and we are very excited to have her as part of our school community.

Welcome to the Imperial Team, Miss Burrows.

We are welcoming back from maternity leave, Miss Swain. Miss Swain will be teaching in Year 1 and all children in her class will get to meet her on transition day.

Summer Read challenge

The 2026 Summer Reading Challenge, Read to the Beat - Read. Remix. Repeat.
From 27 June - 13 September 2026.

We know that reading is key to supporting vocabulary development and the more vocabulary a child has before the age of 5 supports their growth and development through life. So a fun and exciting way is to join the reading challenge.

Get into the reading rhythm with Leicester Libraries and The Reading Agency's Summer Reading Challenge 2026 'Read to the Beat'.

Join in Leicester Libraries' reading challenge for ages 0-15. Borrow and read six books, collect rewards, and spark your imagination! Bring in your certificate the first week back at school and get 10 dojo points! The more children that take part from our school also gives us a chance to win £100 worth of books for our school.

Little ones can join in too with weekly Toddler Times especially for them.

More info is on the Leicester City website.
summerreadingchallenge.org.uk

Uniform

From the start of the new academic year we would expect all children in school to wear uniform and this can be purchased from any shop. The school colour for jumpers/cardigans is Royal Blue.

We do have limited stock of uniform items such as sweatshirts, cardigans, T-shirts, fleeces, PE kits, PE bags and these can be purchased from the school office. You can also view these, and the current price list, on our website.

We also have a selection of second hand uniform and this is 50p an item and available to view and purchase at our school office.

We also sell school bookbags at a cost of £5.00. These can be purchased through ParentPay. New starters are able to purchase at the school office by paying cash.

Summer Fair & Raffle

Our Summer Fair will now be held on Tuesday 7th July 2026 from 3.20pm.

Raffle tickets are still available to buy for £1.00 per number and are available from the school office up until the day of the fair. Donations are still welcome up until the day of the event—jigsaws, soft toys, bric-a-brac etc. Red cups & Cakes are also welcome. If these are homemade please list all ingredients due to allergens.

First day of the new academic year

On the first day of term, Monday 24th August 2026, pupils should come to the playground at 8.45am nearest the Hall, school officially starts at 8.50am.

If you are unsure please find a member of SLT on the playground and they will help direct you.

But please try to remember your child's teacher's name or bring the letter from their report.

Fab Bricks Lego Key Rings

We raised an amazing £107.00 from the sales of the personalised Lego brick key rings! Thank you.

Cystic Fibrosis day

This is year on **Friday 12th June 2026** we celebrated Cystic Fibrosis Day by wearing something yellow. As a school we collected a total of **£130.60**.

Thank you for supporting this important charity.

Important dates for you diary

Wednesday 1st July 2026 —Year 2 Transition Day Junior children only. All Year 2 children are to go to their new school and spend the day there. You are responsible for taking your child and collecting them at the end of the day **(we will provide a packed lunch for your child on this day)**

Wednesday 1st July 2026—Internal transition day where children in Nursery, Reception and Year 1 will meet their new teacher

Wednesday 1st July 2026—SEND Unit Leavers assembly 2.00pm - £1.00 per ticket with a maximum of two per child

Friday 3rd July 2026—DSP Leavers assembly 1.00pm—£1.00 per ticket with a maximum of two per child

Tuesday 7th July 2026—Rocksteady Concert for those who take part— 10.20am

Tuesday 7th July 2026 —Summer Fair from 3.20pm

Wednesday 8th July 2026—Year 2 Leavers Assembly 10.00am & 2.00pm - £1.00 per ticket with a maximum of two per child

Wednesday 8th July 2026 —Reception Film night and Year 1 film night 3.20pm to 4.20pm £1.00 per ticket and £1.00 for tuck (payable in advance)

Wednesday 8th July 2026—Year 2 Leavers Disco 3.20pm to 4.20pm £1.00 per ticket and £1.00 for tuck (payable in advance)

Friday 10th July 2026—Non Uniform day—£1.00 donation if possible

School closes on Friday 10th July 2026 at 3.20pm

Please find attached the 2026-2027 academic year calendar.

On this you will find all holidays and school inset days so you can plan any holidays around these date

We welcome you back and the new Academic year starts on Monday 24th August 2026