



TEAM IPSLEY UPDATE!

FRIDAY 23rd January 2026

Message from Miss Saul

It's been a really great week at Ipsley!

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On Tuesday and Wednesday, 120 Year 5 and 6 pupils took part in an exciting STEM challenge to design a brand-new rollercoaster for West Midlands Safari Park using K'NEX. Working in teams, the children were given a real-world design brief that required them to plan, build and test a model rollercoaster that was both thrilling and structurally sound. The challenge also developed key communication skills, as each group presented their finished model and explained the thinking behind their design choices. The project was a fantastic opportunity for pupils to apply creativity, problem-solving and teamwork while experiencing how engineers work in the real world.

Today we celebrated World Religion Day by spending our afternoon exploring what harmony looks like and how different religions promote **harmony**. Pupils decided that Harmony is when people are **peaceful** and agree with each other, or when things seem right together. Pupils discovered how Christianity, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism and Judaism teach about harmony and how their followers show it in their everyday lives. Pupils created some **fabulous displays** and learned some of the ways we can **promote harmony in our school and community**.

Have a wonderful weekend, Team Ipsley!

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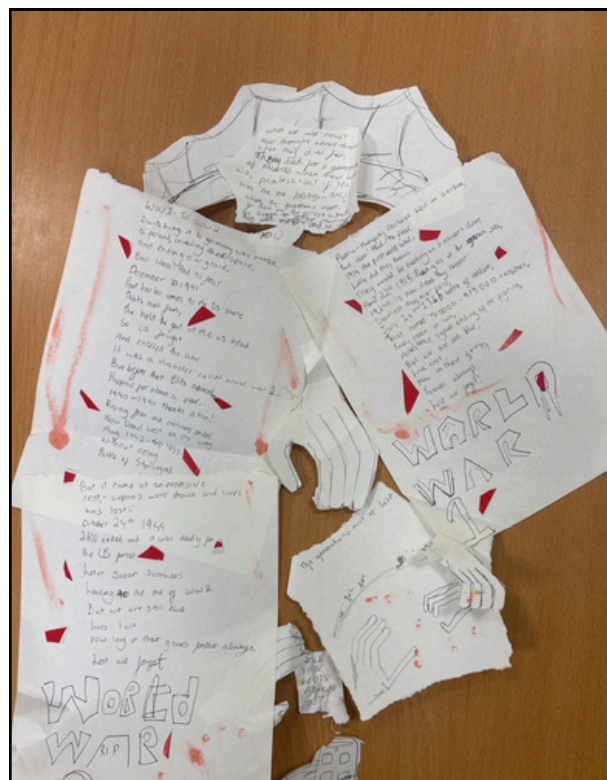
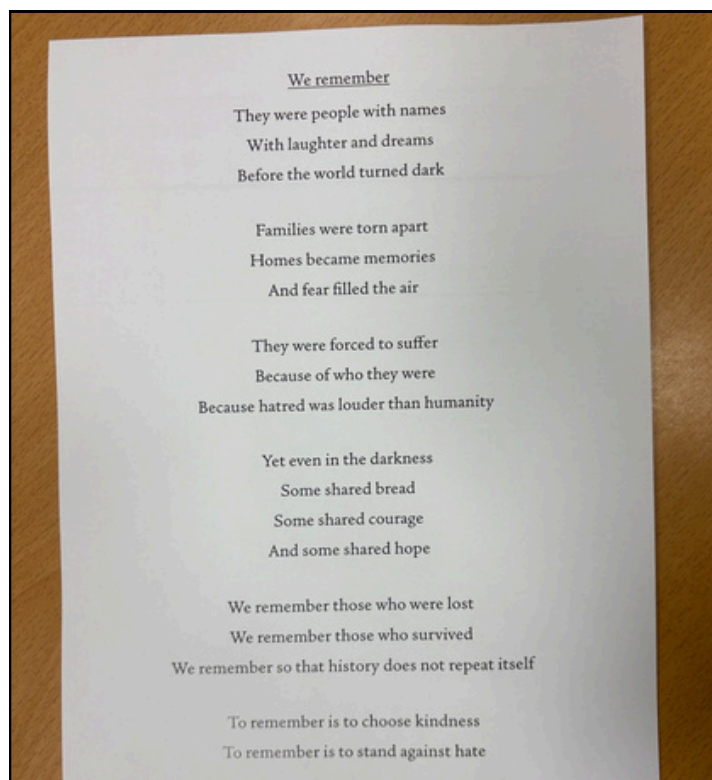


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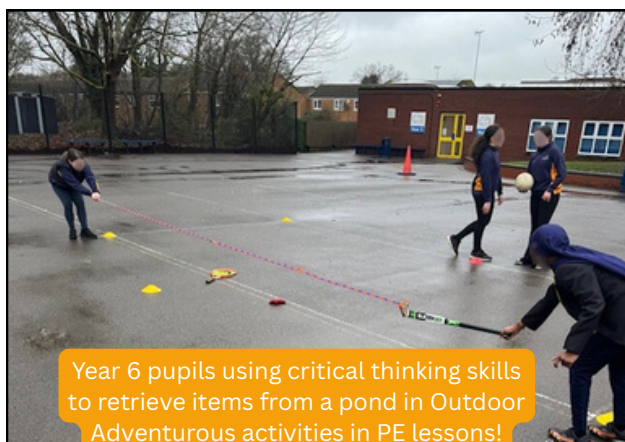


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PHOTOS OF OUR WEEK



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Year 6 pupils using critical thinking skills to retrieve items from a pond in Outdoor Adventurous activities in PE lessons!



KS2 STEM Challenge



Year 8 Cheese and Onion triangles

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TEAM IPSLEY PRIDE

AS TEAM IPSLEY, WE TAKE **PRIDE** IN OUR
APPEARANCE

PRIDE in Punctuality and Attendance

As we continue in the winter months, it is important that we keep ourselves **healthy**! We will be working with pupils to remind them about **good hygiene** so that they can avoid coughs and colds. Pupils will be encouraged to follow the 'Catch It, Bin It, Kill It' rule!

PRIDE in Person

Please ensure that pupils come to school in the expected school uniform. We are starting to see a small number of pupils forgetting ties, wearing PE jumpers and jogging bottoms with larger logos or wearing jewellery above the allowed one pair of stud earrings and a watch. Where uniform is not correct, a sanction will be issued and contact made with home. If you are unsure of our uniform expectations, you can find out more [here](#). We have had several comments lately about how **smart and professional** our pupils look so let's keep up our Pride in our Person.

Pride in being a Church of England School

In Collective Worship this week, Mr Bunn told us all about World Religion Day, which we are celebrating this week! The aim of World Religion Day is to promote understanding and peace between all religions and to encourage people to learn about other faiths and their followers.

World Religion Day invites members of all religious groups from across the globe to recognise that all religions have a **common spiritual goal**. It aims to promote **interfaith understanding** and **harmony** and **unite people**, regardless of their beliefs.

Pupils were left to think about how they can:

- Bring **HARMONY** to the environments they find themselves in
- Show unity with the communities they are part of.
- Show love, compassion and peace to all.



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IMPORTANT MESSAGES

KEY MESSAGES, UPCOMING DATES FOR THE DIARY & SAFEGUARDING

KS3 Attendance Reward



School Driveway

Everyone has been hugely supportive of us stopping cars from coming onto or leaving the school car park between 3.10 and 3.25pm each day – it has felt so much safer for our pupils and families! Please do also remember that the school driveway should not be used for stopping in or turning at any time of the day. Thank you for helping us to keep our pupils safe

Date	Group	Description
27/01/2026	Year 8	Subject Evening 1
28/01/2026	Year 8	Subject Evening 2
29/01/2026	Year 6	SATs Reading Workshop
09/02/2026	Year 6	Symphony Hall trip
11/02/2026	Year 8	Symphony Hall Trip
13/02/2026	All	Break up for half term 3.15pm
23/02/2026	All	Pupils return to school 8.30am

Safeguarding at Team Ipsley

Being safe in school and beyond, including online, is our most important school rule. When pupils join Team Ipsley, they join our safeguarding team. We are all responsible for staying safe and supporting others to stay safe too. The members of staff below are our school safeguarding leaders, and you can speak to them about any concerns you have. These members of staff are always there to help if you, or somebody you know, could be unsafe for any reason.



Miss Taylor



Miss Saul



Mrs Curtis



Miss Hills



Mr Williams



Mrs Field



Mrs Jilks



Miss Jackson



Mr McRobie



Mrs Cross

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