Ipsley C of E Middle School

TEAM IPSLEY UPDATE!

Friday 9th October 2026

Message from Miss Saul



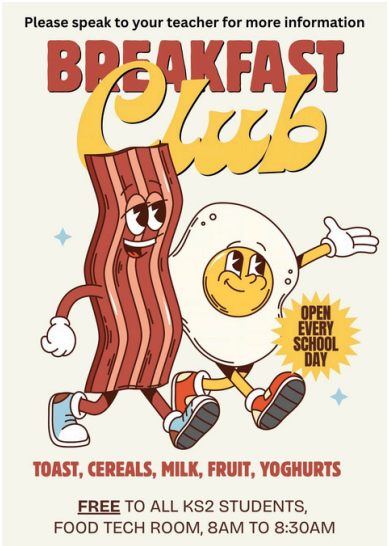
This week saw our first Community Collective Worship take place, led by Canon Garth Nathaniel. It was wonderful to welcome pupils, parents and members of the local community to our school to share in prayer and reflection, and be **inspired** by Canon Garth's sermon!



Our Science department continue to **'light up'** the week by ensuring that practicals are taking place regularly and they are very **dramatic!** If you fancy experiencing this yourselves, visit us on our **Open Evening** to see the Science department in action!



Today, Year 7 pupils took part in an afternoon of **fun** football activities, where the focus was on **community, teamwork and enjoyment** rather than competition. Pupils showed outstanding **sportsmanship,** encouraged one another and worked together brilliantly. They created a positive and inclusive atmosphere for everyone involved. It was wonderful to see pupils building **friendships, developing teamwork skills and enjoying being active together**, making it the perfect way to end the week. Well done for displaying resilliance, playing through the rain!



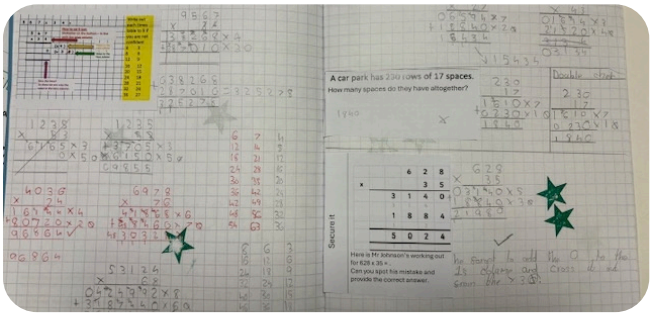
A reminder to our KS2 parents that Breakfast Club is available each morning for our pupils from 8am. Pupils can have toast, cereal and yoghurt and then go to the library for some great activities (we have Lego!) or go outside to the playground to play with their friends. It is a great, **healthy** way to start the day. You don't need to book – just turn up at the school gate at 8am!

Have a great weekend, Ipsley!
Miss Saul

AS TEAM IPSLEY, WE TAKE PRIDE IN:

OUR PRESENTATION

It is not just writing that needs to be well presented – we need to take pride in all our lessons – particularly maths! Ensuring that work is laid out clearly and correctly, and working out is clear, allows us to reduce mistakes and check for where working out may have gone wrong!



BEING A CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

In this week's collective worship, Mrs Field encouraged pupils to explore the work of a Cornwall-based artist who creates powerful sculptures and installations using plastic waste collected from beaches. Through learning about his artwork, inspired by landmarks such as the Moai statues of Easter Island and Stonehenge, pupils reflected on the impact of pollution and the responsibility we all share in caring for God's creation. The worship encouraged children to consider the legacy we are leaving for future generations and how our everyday choices can affect people and environments across the world.

As a Church of England school, we linked this message to our Christian values of being **ambitious, courageous and kind** in making positive change. Pupils reflected on how showing love and care for others also means caring for the world that God has entrusted to us. Inspired by the words of Sir David Attenborough and the artist's work, children considered how they can play their part in protecting the environment and were challenged to think creatively about reducing waste and encouraging others to act responsibly.



IMPORTANT MESSAGES

KEY MESSAGES, UPCOMING DATES FOR THE DIARY & SAFEGUARDING



Safeguarding

Need help with supporting your child with social media, the internet or AI? There are many places on the internet which give great advice to parents on how to talk to their children about these issues and keep your knowledge up to dates such as:

Keep Children Safe Online: Information, advice, support - Internet Matters

Keeping Children Safe Online | NSPCC

internet matters.org

Important Dates!

14th October - Bayeux Tapestry Live Stream Lesson and Workshop
22nd October - Open Evening
23rd October - SCHOOL CLOSED - TED DAY
26th - 30th October - HALF TERM
2nd November - Return to school
27th November - SCHOOL CLOSED TED DAY

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. Your safeguarding team are: **Miss Taylor, Miss Saul, Mrs Curtis, Miss Hills, Mr Williams, Mrs Field, Mrs Soden, Miss Jackson, Mr McRobie and Mrs Cross.**