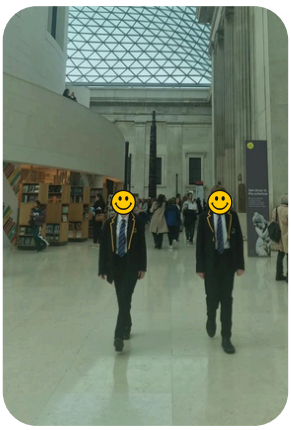
Ipsley C of E Middle School

TEAM IPSLEY UPDATE!

Friday 6th November 2026

Message from Miss Saul





This week some of our Year 8 pupils had the **most amazing** trip to London to see the Bayeux Tapestry! After our **brilliant** session for the whole school from the British Museum, where we explored the tapestry and the story behind it in detail, our **lucky pupils** were able to see the actual tapestry itself! The pupils were enthralled by the tapestry and the story behind it, so much so that they spent so long looking at the tapestry they went over their time slot and had to be moved on! They then had a look around the rest of the museum as part of a maths challenge and explored the other wonders in the museum. They also **loved** the drive around London, seeing the famous sights and counting the red double decker buses and black taxis! As always, our pupils were exemplary and we are so proud of them. Mr McRobie was approached by a member of the public who congratulated the pupils on being the best behaved and most engaged school at the museum that day! **Thank you** to Miss Miller for organising such a brilliant trip!



Our Science lessons in KS3 continue in their commitment to giving pupils practical experiences to develop their understanding of key concepts. This week, Year 7 were looking at balanced and unbalanced forces and made vessels to see which designs could hold the most weight! The competition was fierce!

We have been delighted with the attendance at our KS2 Breakfast Club – today we had the **highest attendance yet** – but we have room for more! Week beginning 9th November is 'Treat Week' to cheer us up now the days are getting colder and darker! The Breakfast Club team will be offering prizes, TIPS points, and extra special food choices for the week. They want you to 'bring a friend' – bring along someone who has never been to breakfast club before and you can both tuck into a healthy breakfast! No charge and just turn up at 8am at the front gate!

As the days get colder, darker and wetter, please remember to send pupils in with coats (and hats and scarves if needed!).

Have a great weekend, Ipsley!
Miss Saul

BE AMBITIOUS BE COURAGEOUS BE KIND

AS TEAM IPSLEY, WE TAKE PRIDE IN:

OUR PUNCTUALITY AND ATTENDANCE



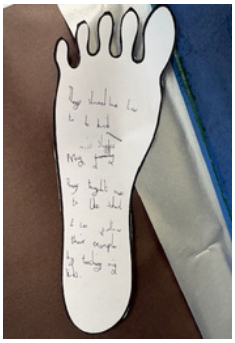


OUR PERFORMANCE

Good luck to our amazing Cross Country runners from across the school who are taking part in the District Cross Country Competition today. They are all **super excited** to be representing Ipsley and they will do Miss Nicholls and Miss Holloway and the school proud with their performances!

BEING A CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

This week, as part of our All Saints' Day worship, pupils learned about St Alban, the first British saint, whose courage and commitment to doing what was right continue to inspire people nearly 2,000 years later. Through his story, children reflected on the choices we all face between doing what is easy and doing what is right, and considered how qualities such as courage, kindness, faith and love are lived out in everyday life. Pupils discussed the values demonstrated by St Alban and how these connect to our own school values.



In our class spirituality sessions, pupils explored the idea of the "footprints" people leave in our lives. Using St Alban's example, they reflected on the individuals who have positively influenced them and helped shape the people they are becoming. Children created footprint displays celebrating those who have inspired them through qualities such as kindness, honesty, faithfulness and perseverance, before considering an important question for themselves: What kind of footprints am I leaving behind?



Together, these sessions encouraged pupils to think deeply about the impact of their choices and actions, and how they can be ambitious, courageous and kind in the way they contribute to our school community.

IMPORTANT MESSAGES

KEY MESSAGES, UPCOMING DATES FOR THE DIARY & SAFEGUARDING




Police Surgery

Police Surgery - Winyates & Matchborough
👮 Your Local Policing Team is here to listen
Residents of Winyates and Matchborough are invited to attend a Police Surgery at the Winyates Centre on Thursday 12th November at 3:00pm.
This is an opportunity to meet with your local policing team, discuss any concerns affecting your community, receive crime prevention advice, and raise issues such as anti-social behaviour, neighbourhood crime, road safety, or any other matters impacting your area.
📍 **Location: Winyates Centre**
📅 **Date: Thursday 12th November**
🕒 **Time: 3:00pm**
No appointment is necessary. Please feel free to drop in and speak with us.
Working together with our communities helps us keep Winyates and Matchborough safe. We look forward to meeting you and hearing about the issues that matter to you.
Kind regards
PCSO 6230 RAINBOW



Children in Need

Our Student Council is supporting Children in Need with a non-school uniform day on **Friday 13th November**. Pupils are invited to **wear non-school uniform** in return for a minimum donation of **£1**, which should be made via the **school shop on Arbor** as we are now a cashless school. We ask that children wear appropriate clothing for school and, if they have PE that day, suitable kit and trainers. Thank you for your support in helping us raise money for this fantastic cause

Important Dates!

10th November - Parliment Trip, Student Leaders
13th November - Children In Need
23rd November - Yr 7 Aspiration Evening
27th November - SCHOOL CLOSED TED DAY
4th December – Christmas Concert
10th December – Yr 5 Christingle at Christ Church
18th December – Christmas Dinner Day
18th December - Break up for Christmas

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.**