



TEAM IPSLEY UPDATE!

Friday 17th April 2026

Message from Miss Saul

We hope you had a wonderful Easter holiday and it has been lovely to see everyone back in school and raring to go!

On the Saturday after we broke up for Easter, our Sports Leaders had an **incredibly inspiring** afternoon at The Worcester University Arena, accompanying Miss Nicholls and Miss Holloway to watch the Worcester Wolves Ladies Wheelchair Basketball team in action! It was a **thrilling game**, made even better when the Wolves secured a brilliant win. We were particularly excited to learn that two of the players also represent Team GB! A real highlight was seeing two of our very own Sports Leaders invited onto the court during breaks to try some shots – one even had to be blindfolded! After the final whistle, the team kindly met our pupils for photos and answered their many questions. The Sports Leaders were **truly inspired** by these amazing athletes and **represented Ipsley CofE Middle School wonderfully, showing outstanding politeness and engagement throughout.**

Over the holidays, a group from Redditch, led by our Yr 8 Head Pupil Francine and her brother Jason in Yr 7, recently took part in the Division-Level Adventurer and Pathfinder Bible Experience held in Katowice, Poland. This international event, organised by the Seventh-day Adventist Church, brought together young people from across several countries to take part in a Bible knowledge quiz. We are **delighted to share** that the Redditch team achieved 1st place, demonstrating **excellent teamwork, commitment, and dedication!** We are so proud of Francine and Jason and love hearing about how successful our Ipsley pupils are outside of school!

Finally, we know you will be as delighted as us to find out the total Ipsley raised for Birmingham Children's Hospital during our Charity Week, held just before the Easter holidays. The total raised is...

£1920.00!

A huge thank you for your support for such an important cause!

Have a great weekend, Team Ipsley!

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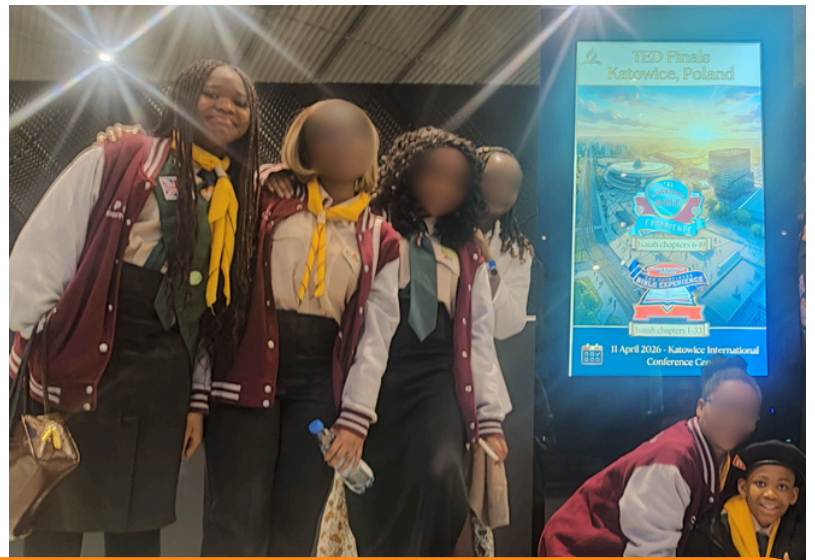
PHOTOS OF OUR WEEK



Sports leaders with Worcester Wolves Ladies Wheelchair Basketball Team at The Worcester University Arena



Raffle tickets and prizes for our wonderful Year 6 pupils to celebrate hard work, resilience and great learning!



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TEAM IPSLEY PRIDE

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As Team Ipsley, we strive to create a **community** where all flourish, following God's example by loving each other as He loves us. Together, we become the best versions of ourselves by being **ambitious, courageous** and **kind**, creating a **community** which can achieve anything we set our minds to.

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Pride in Being a Church of England School

In Collective Worship this week, our pupils learned about one of the most important days in the Sikh calendar - **The festival of Vaisakhi**.

Modern Vaisakhi celebrations often include:

- Going to the Gurdwara for prayer
- Kirtan (singing hymns)
- Nagar Kirtan – colourful street processions with music and community service
- Langar, a free community meal
- Wearing bright, festive clothes

It's a day of **joy, reflection, and service to others**

Vaisakhi teaches values that everyone can appreciate:

- Stand up for what is right
- Treat everyone equally
- Help those in need
- Be proud of who you are
- Work together as a community



This links to our Ipsley value of **love** – all of these actions help you to show love for yourself and for others in our community!



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IMPORTANT MESSAGES

KEY MESSAGES, UPCOMING DATES FOR THE DIARY & SAFEGUARDING

Important messages and Safeguarding

We have a planned full lockdown drill that is due to take place in school next week

It is essential we carry out this drill, so that in the case of a real emergency situation, staff are fully rehearsed in their responsibilities and duties, and in order to identify any potential areas for improvement.

Our SLT, BWL and safeguarding teams will support where needed during the drill and complete wellbeing checks in all rooms afterwards.

The school's lockdown procedure will come into effect in the following circumstances:

- In the event that a person considered dangerous is on school grounds or in the school building.
- If a dangerous animal is on the premises.
- In an extreme external event which poses a risk to pupils.

We hope the lockdown procedure will never have to be used, but need to ensure we are fully prepared for all situations. We expect all pupils and visitors to comply and behave appropriately during this procedure and appreciate your support in talking through these expectations with your child.

If you have any concerns or questions, please contact the school on 01527 525725.

Dates!

20th April - Year 5 Worcester Cathedral Visit

22nd April – Year 7 Subject Evening 1

23rd April – Year 7 Subject Evening 2

27th April – Year 5 Worcester Cathedral Visit

4th May -May Day Bank Holiday – School Closed

5th May – French Trip Information Evening

11th May – YEAR 6 SATs WEEK

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 Soden



Miss Jackson



Mr McRobie



Mrs Cross

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