

# TEAM IPSLEY UPDATE!

## Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2026

### Message from Miss Saul

5JTA, 5JGL and 5ECA visited Worcester Cathedral on Monday as part of their **RE curriculum**. They looked at the different parts of the cathedral and what they were used for during services. Pupils also learned about **early Christian life** as a monk and looked at symbols of **Christianity**. Our Year 5 pupils were amazed at the size of the building and how grand it was, particularly how beautiful it looked from outside in the sunshine, next to the river. Our other Year 5 classes are very excited to visit next week!

Year 8 student leaders attended a Talk The Talk workshop this week to work on public speaking. Both the facilitators were extremely **complimentary of all of the pupils**, consistently making comments to praise them on their **manners** and how the year 8s were outshining a lot of Y10 and even adults who had completed the workshop before! **How incredible is this!** As part of the feedback, both facilitators were asked to give "**oracy champion**" awards and Fletcher, Ollie, Noah and Evans were selected. **Well done!**

We are **excited to once again have baby chicks** hatching in the Science labs! Look out for a live stream coming soon and you can meet the latest additions to Team Ipsley in the photo on the photos page below.

Finally, our entire school community **enthusiastically participated** in the TCS Mini Marathon, with every single pupil and staff member completing an impressive two miles right here on school grounds. With everyone walking, jogging, running, or wheeling their way to the finish, our school collectively covered an astonishing 1,288 miles – that's the **equivalent of 50 full marathons!** It was **truly inspiring** to see everyone embrace the challenge with such **determination** and **teamwork, celebrating fitness and resilience together**. What a **fantastic achievement** for Ipsley CofE Middle School! **Well done, everyone!**



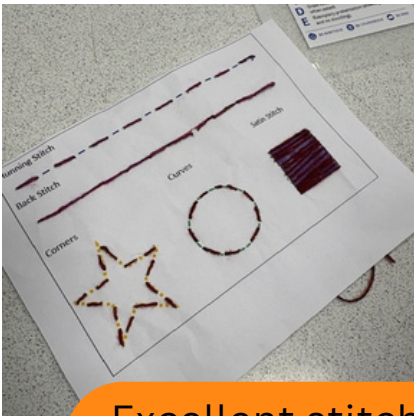
Have a great weekend,  
Team Ipsley!



# PHOTOS OF OUR WEEK



Year 5 visit to Worcester Cathedral



Excellent stitching skills on display in Art.



Student leaders at Waseley Hills taking part in Talk the Talk training.



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# TEAM IPSLEY PRIDE

AS TEAM IPSLEY, WE TAKE PRIDE IN EVERYTHING WE DO

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.

## AS TEAM IPSLEY,

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## PRIDE IN OUR WORK.

**P** Pen (blue or black) for writing.

**R** Ruler for underlining date, Learning Objective and all line drawing.

**I** Improve your work using red pen.

**D** Draw neat and tidy diagrams (in pencil when asked)

**E** Exemplary presentation (sheets glued in and no doodling).

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## **Pride in Being a Church of England School**

This is week in Collective Worship we found out about two special dates in the calendar.

On Monday we learned about St George's Day, which we celebrate on 23<sup>rd</sup> April – he is the patron saint of England!

St. George's emblem, a red cross on a white background, is the flag of England, and part of the British flag. St. George's emblem was adopted by Richard the Lion Heart and brought to England in the 12th century. The king's soldiers wore it on their tunics to avoid confusion in battle.

Saint George's Day is more than a historical celebration. It's a moment to reflect on:

- Courage
- Doing what is right
- Standing up for others
- Respecting ourselves and the people around us

You don't need a sword or a shield to be like Saint George. Every time you choose kindness, fairness, respect, or courage, you show the same spirit that made him a symbol of respect for generations.

In her Collective Worship, Mrs Field told us about Earth Day, which takes place on 22<sup>nd</sup> April.

Earth Day began on 22 April 1970, when millions of people in the United States took part in events calling for action against pollution and environmental damage

The first Earth Day inspired support for major environmental protections, including the Clean Air Act and Endangered Species Act in the 1970s.

Earth Day is now a worldwide movement involving over a billion people across more than 190 countries. Common activities include:

Community clean-ups

Tree planting drives

Teach-ins and environmental workshops

Peaceful demonstrations and climate awareness events



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# IMPORTANT MESSAGES

KEY MESSAGES, UPCOMING DATES FOR THE DIARY & SAFEGUARDING



Police surgery

The local Policing team for Winyates and Matchborough will be holding a Police Surgery at the Barn, Winyates Centre, Redditch, B980NR, on Monday 27th of April, at 6pm. Everyone is welcome to come and meet the team and have their say.

## Dates!

27<sup>th</sup> April – Year 5 Worcester Cathedral Visit  
 4<sup>th</sup> May – May Day Bank Holiday – School Closed  
 5<sup>th</sup> May – French Trip Information Evening  
 11<sup>th</sup> 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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