



# TEAM IPSLEY UPDATE!

## FRIDAY 30<sup>th</sup> January 2026

### Message from Miss Saul

This week we have enjoyed welcoming so many of our parents into school!

Our Year 8 progress meetings gave us a great opportunity to discuss the progress that pupils are making in their different subjects, and to discuss next steps for how pupils can reach – or beat! – their target grades. **Thank you to everyone who came along!**

Over the past three weeks, finishing with a reading workshop this week, we have held three workshops to help Year 6 parents and children understand what SATS are about, the work that we are going to do between now and then and the support that parents can give in that time. We would all like to extend a huge **thank you for your attendance, support, questions**, and biscuit eating at these events. We have had so many children want to better understand why they are learning what they are learning and how to make the improvements that they need to make before SATS week and so many children (and hopefully parents) left **feeling really positive about SATs week!**

Year 8 have been making waves this term, exploring the forces that shape our coastline. They've delved into the science behind wave formation, understanding how these powerful forces work. More importantly, they've been investigating why protecting our coastline is so crucial for the future. Check out some snapshots of their learning journey below!

We have had two important sporting events this week with a CRST trust football tournament and KS3 sport hall athletics taking place at Arrow Vale. Our pupils loved the opportunity to take part in these sporting events and did us proud with their **attitudes and performances** – we had some fantastic results which we are delighted with!

Next week we are looking forward to an 'out of this world' experience for some of our pupils and our bowling attendance reward trip!

**Have a great weekend, Team Ipsley!**

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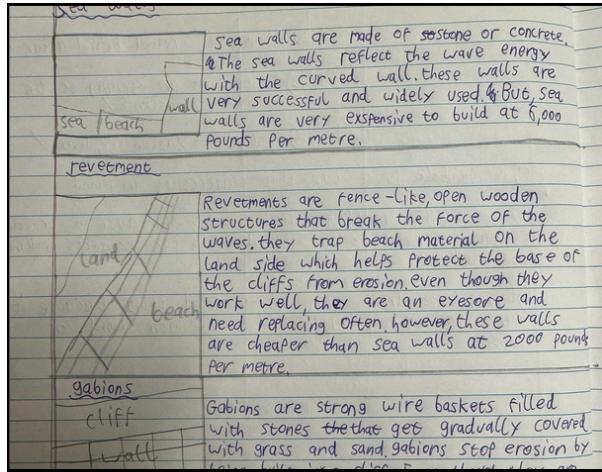


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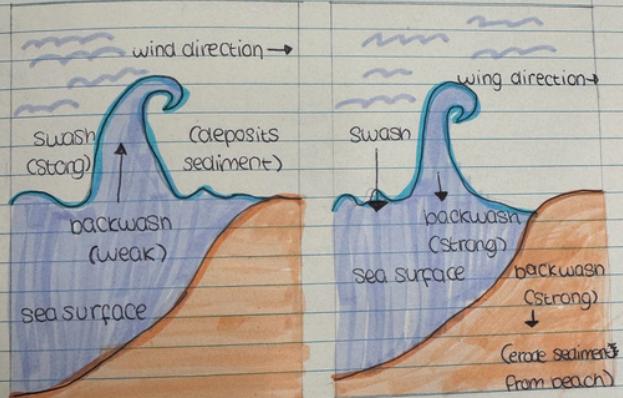


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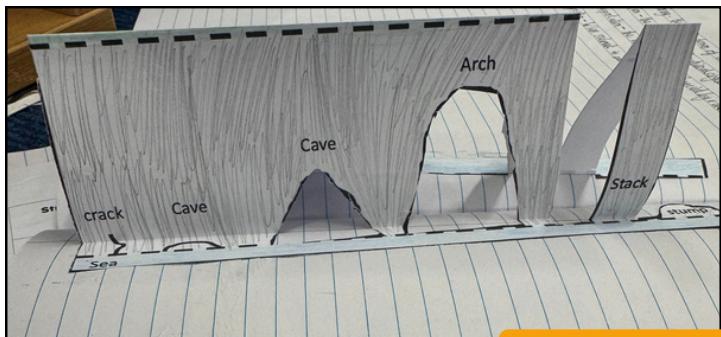
# PHOTOS OF OUR WEEK



destructive waves are low, taller and stronger, and rip material away from the beach when they crash into the land. They cause coastal erosion.



Waves are formed by a prevailing wind blowing over the sea. The wind forces the water to move in a circular rolls or orbits. The size of the wave is dependent on the fetch, which is the distance the wind blows over the water. The bigger the fetch, the bigger the wave. Also, the size of the waves depends on how strong the wind is and how long it blows for. As the waves get closer to the shore, the waves get steeper and taller.



Year 8 Waves of Discovery!

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Year 7 cooking delicious pizzas!



Year 8 studying displacement in Science



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# TEAM IPSLEY PRIDE

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

### PRIDE in Punctuality and Attendance

Please be aware we are unable to authorise leaves of absence from school except for in especially exceptional circumstances. Holidays should not be booked in term time.

If you would like to request a leave of absence from school, you will receive a response informing you whether it has been granted or not. You must complete your form ahead of the leave of absence.

You can download a form from our website (on the 'Parents' tab), or by contacting the school office.

### Coughs and colds

The NHS says it is fine to send your child to school with a slight cough or common cold symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat or headache. You can find excellent guidance supporting you to decide whether your child is too ill to come to school here.

### PRIDE in Person

It's time to work on collecting those Team Ipsley Points! Points mean prizes and so it really worth taking PRIDE in your performance in lessons and clubs, working hard to produce an amazing piece of work or being ambitious, courageous and kind! Parents and pupils can keep an eye on how many TIPS points you get each week via the Edulink app!



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### Pride in being a Church of England School

In this week's Collective Worship, Mr Bunn focussed on our value of Love, by telling us about part of Paul's letter to the Corinthians. Paul's message in the letter explains that you can be super smart, super sporty, or super musical...but without love, all those things don't mean much.

He teaches that real love is:

**Love is Patient:** It means being slow to get angry, enduring difficult circumstances, and not reacting harshly.

**Love is Kind:** It is active goodwill, doing things for others, and being helpful, even when it is difficult.

**What Love Isn't:** It is not jealous, boastful, proud, or selfish. It does not keep a record of wrongs. Our pupils were asked to think of one way they can show love to someone else today—maybe a friend, a teacher, or someone who needs a smile. Let's go out and show love in our words and actions today. Small acts of love can make a big difference.

Make our school a place where love grows!



Year 6 displays created on World Religion Day!



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# IMPORTANT MESSAGES

## KEY MESSAGES, UPCOMING DATES FOR THE DIARY & SAFEGUARDING

### Police Station Surgery

Your local Safer Neighbourhood Team will be at Redditch Police Station on 31st of January at 11:00am holding a front counter surgery.

Please take this opportunity to raise any concerns you may have and to find out what we are doing to tackle the issues that matter to you.

Everyone is welcome and it would be great to see you there.

### Dates

3.2.26 Yr 8 Bowling reward

5.2.26 Yr 7 Bowling reward

9.2.26 Yr 6 Symphony Hall trip

11.2.26 Yr 8 Symphony Hall trip

**13.2.26 Break up for half term**

**23.2.26 School re-opens for pupils**

### Year 6 parents – CGP books

If you were able to attend the first information evening, you will be aware that we have purchased CGP mini revision books for each child for Maths, Reading and GPS. These will not be going home this week – as we have our test week next week and want the children to have a relaxing weekend – but we will be sharing these afterwards. If you want to buy any additional resources, again, we recommend CGP but please contact your child's class teacher if you have any questions or would like to see some of the resources that we have before you commit to purchasing them.

If you would like to have a copy of any assessments completed by your children after next week, please let your child's class teacher know. We will be holding a Parents' Evening just after Mock week – which is the middle of March – and that will be a key time for us to share with you the next steps in learning.

### 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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