



TEAM IPSLEY UPDATE!

Friday 27th February 2026

Message from Miss Saul

We've had a wonderful start to our Spring 2 half term this week!

Our Year 8 pupils have been studying globalisation this week in Geography, discovering more about world economies and, closer to home, about the local job sector. They found out about taxes and wages and how they impact on them and the economy.

Year 5 are having the opportunity to visit our food tech room this half term to start to learn the cooking skills which they will develop over the next few years at Ipsley! Mrs Lamb's class were the first to visit to make cheese straws which were **delicious** – and they all did their own washing up!

This morning, Year 8 pupils were visited in Collective Worship by the leaders of the local branch of the Army Cadets, who talked pupils through what they offer for anyone aged 12-17 years old who wishes to join them. A great **team spirit, confidence building, resilience, health and fitness development and respect** are just some of the skills and attributes the cadets teach. Uniform is free to those who join and there are also opportunities for weekend camps throughout the year. Such a great opportunity – see the posters around school and QR code handouts for more information. The cadets will be back on Friday next week for our Careers Day!

Next Week is National Careers Week. Year 8 will be having a bespoke Careers Day on Friday 6th March. We have 6 employers coming to work with Year 8 tutor groups. This will be an exciting opportunity for our pupils to further their recent learning on the World of Work. Look out for pictures in next week's newsletter!

Next Friday we are also celebrating **World Book Day** – please see the important messages section below for all the details!

Have a great weekend,

Team Ipsley!

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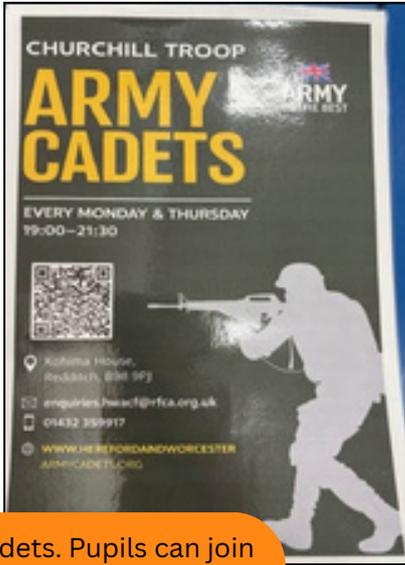


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PHOTOS OF OUR WEEK



A visit from our local army cadets. Pupils can join their local group for some great experiences!



Year 6 learning about ratio in their maths lesson with Mr Byrom.



Year 5 making posters about how to stay safe around school in their PSHE lesson.



Year 5 Creating cheese straws in food

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ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Every Day Counts • Every Lesson Builds Success

Ambitious Strive for Excellence **Courageous** Overcome Barriers* **Kind** Support One Another

Attendance %	Days Missed (Year)	Impact
97%+	6 days	Strong On Track
95%	10 days (2 weeks)	Worrying Gaps Emerging
90%	19 days (4 weeks)	Serious Risk Progress Affected
85%	29 days (6 weeks)	Critical Behind Peers

90% = MISSES 1/2 DAY EVERY WEEK!

Why Attendance Matters

- Better Learning
- Stronger Friendships
- Higher Achievement
- Bright Future

This half term we will celebrate:

- Excellent Attendance
- Improvement
- Effort & Commitment

How You Can Help

- Be On Time
- Attend Every Day
- Avoid Holidays
- Talk to Us

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★ Let's Succeed Together! ★

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In this week's Collective Worship, our proudly Welsh Mrs Field shared the story of St David's Day, which is celebrated each year on March 1st and is named after the Patron Saint of Wales, St David.

St David (Dewi Sant) had a heart which was totally dedicated to his people. He wasn't just a religious figure; he was a leader, a unifier, and a beacon of hope for ancient Wales!

He taught that true heroism isn't always about grand gestures, but about the consistent, everyday acts of kindness, integrity, and dedication that build strong communities and a better world.

He taught that we should 'do the little things' to make our communities great places to be so Mrs Field reminded us of some little things we can do each day:

- Smile at someone
- Offer to give out the books in a lessons
- Help with chores at home
- Hold the door open for someone
- Show kindness to those who need it most



*Let all that you do
be done in love.*



1 Corinthians 16:14 WEB



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IMPORTANT MESSAGES

KEY MESSAGES, UPCOMING DATES FOR THE DIARY & SAFEGUARDING

World Book Day!

We are delighted to let you know that Ipsley will be celebrating **World Book Day** on Friday 6th March.

To mark the occasion, we are inviting pupils to come to school dressed as a character or inspired by a book they enjoy. We are encouraging children to use their creativity and what they already have, as we do not want anyone to spend extra money for the day! If pupils do not wish to dress up, then they may of course wear their school uniform as normal.

We are also asking pupils to bring in any book (or comic/magazine) that they enjoy reading, which they can enjoy, discuss and complete activities with across the day.

As part of our celebration, we will also be running a Book Swap. Pupils are encouraged to bring in any suitable books they no longer read (with your permission!) so that they can be donated and given a second life with another pupil. This is a great way to promote sustainability while helping our school community access a wider range of books. All donations should be given to Mr Byrom in Year 5.

Dates

2/3/26 - Year 5 Test Week

6/3/26 - World Book Day

6/3/26 - Year 8 Careers Day

9/3/26 - Year 6,7 & 8 Assessment Weeks

17 & 18/3/26 - KS2 Parents Eve

17 & 18/3/26 - Year 7 Blackwell Experience

23/3/26 - Charity Week

27/3/26 - Break up for Easter Break

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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