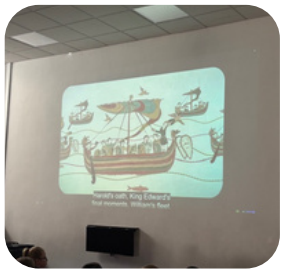
Ipsley C of E Middle School

TEAM IPSLEY UPDATE!

Friday 16th October 2026

Message from Miss Saul

The whole school enjoyed our Bayeaux Tapestry Focus this week! The amazing tapestry is on show at the British Museum and we celebrated this historic event by joining hundreds of other schools across the country in tuning in to a live stream from the museum which shared the history of the tapestry and the story of the Battle of Hastings. It was a **brilliant event** for us to join in with and pupils created their own figures from the tapestry in each class. As the year goes on, we hope to create our own tapestry and really celebrate this huge historical event!

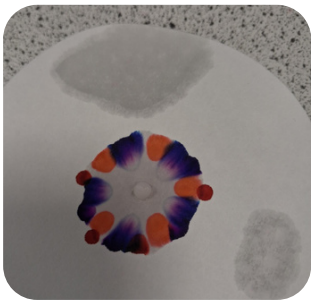


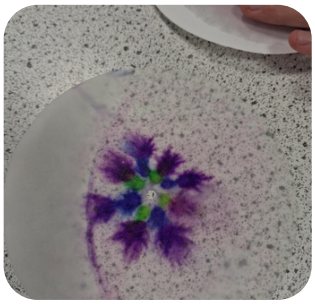


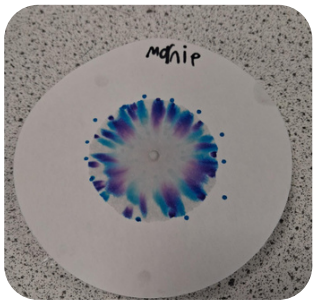


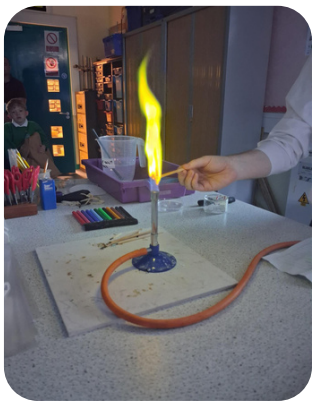


It has been fabulous to welcome Arrow Valley First School and Matchborough First School into school this week for their Team Ipsley Experience ahead of Open Evening. They created personalised impressionist circles in Art, which will be displayed on Open Evening, and investigated chromatography in Science. Mr Sheehan even showed them how to use a bunser burner and burnt different chemicals to create different colour flames. Thank you to Mrs Roblin and Mr Sheehan for making this experience **so exciting** for them!









Next week is our last week of the half term in school.
Pupils break up on Thursday at 3.15pm as we have a teacher training day on Friday 23rd October.

Have a great weekend, Ipsley!
Miss Saul

BE AMBITIOUS BE COURAGEOUS BE KIND

AS TEAM IPSLEY, WE TAKE PRIDE IN:

OUR PUNCTUALITY AND ATTENDANCE



BEING A CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

This week's collective worship, led by Mr Hylton's class, focused on the theme of hope. Using songs from Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, the children explored the story of Joseph and the many challenges he faced, including being betrayed by his brothers, sold into slavery and imprisoned unfairly. Despite these setbacks, Joseph never lost hope, continued to work hard and use his gifts, and eventually rose to become a trusted leader in Egypt. The worship highlighted how perseverance, resilience and faith can help us overcome difficulties and achieve our goals.

The children encouraged us to reflect on our own **hopes and ambitions**, considering what steps we can take to achieve them and how we can support others in reaching theirs. They reminded us that even during difficult times, hope can inspire us to keep going and believe that better things are possible. Mr Hylton's class left us with the challenge for everyone to **be ambitious, courageous and kind in all that they do!**



IMPORTANT MESSAGES

KEY MESSAGES, UPCOMING DATES FOR THE DIARY & SAFEGUARDING

AI

AI companions are becoming increasingly popular with young people, offering round-the-clock conversations with virtual characters designed to feel like genuine friends. Platforms such as Character.ai, Replika and Snapchat My AI can provide entertainment and creative opportunities, but their human-like interactions also raise concerns. This guide explores potential risks including emotional dependency, inappropriate content, oversharing personal information and harmful mental health advice. Click on the link below to read the guide.
ai-companions



Attendance

If you have any questions about attendace or you need support, please see our new Attendance Toolkit on our school website! Click here for more information
Ipsley CE Middle School - Attendance - Parent Toolkit

Important Dates!

22nd October - Open Evening
23rd October - SCHOOL CLOSED - TED DAY
26th - 30th October - HALF TERM
2nd November - Return to school
27th November - SCHOOL CLOSED TED DAY

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.**