



# TEAM IPSLEY UPDATE!

## Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2026

### Message from Miss Saul

Happy World Book Day from everyone at Ipsley!

To celebrate our love of reading, pupils (and staff!) have spent the day dressing up as their favourite characters, talking about the books they love and taking part in a variety of fun book-filled activities in school and in competitions across the Trust.

Our Ipsley Book Swap has been another big success, with a **huge thank you** to everyone who donated books, which have now been given a second life with pupils around the school.

Alongside all the fun and games, the day re-affirms our commitment to reading as a school; research shows that a child's love of reading is a key indicator for both their **well-being and future success** and, here at Ipsley, we place reading at the heart of our curriculum. Thank you for your continued support!

Also this week, we have had a range of different activities and experiences to mark National Careers Week. Pupils have been looking to their futures with aspiration by learning about the education and career pathways of many of their teachers in school, and learning about the links between their learning and the world of work. Today, a range of visitors from different professions, trades and careers visited school to deliver **engaging** workshops to our Year 8 pupils who listened enthusiastically across the day and reflected on their own ambitions. It has been brilliant to see pupils looking head and learning about how the Team Ipsley mantra of being **ambitious, courageous and kind is supporting them in making big dreams for their futures.**

**A huge round of applause for our phenomenal Year 8 boys' 3v3 basketball team, who clinched the Trust competition trophy on Tuesday!** Their confidence was palpable even before the first whistle, demonstrating fantastic communication. Their play was a masterclass in both defence and offence, featuring multiple expertly executed lay-ups and dazzling footwork that left opponents trailing. Despite their early lead, the team remained admirably humble, looking out for each other and ensuring everyone had their moment on court. Their efforts were relentless, giving 100% in every single game, and even sinking multiple incredible shots from the back of the half-court line! This outstanding performance not only secured their well-deserved victory but also broke Holyhead's impressive two-year winning streak. What an incredible achievement! Well done!

Have a great weekend,

**Team Ipsley!**

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# PHOTOS OF OUR WEEK



Creating animals with adaptations in Geography



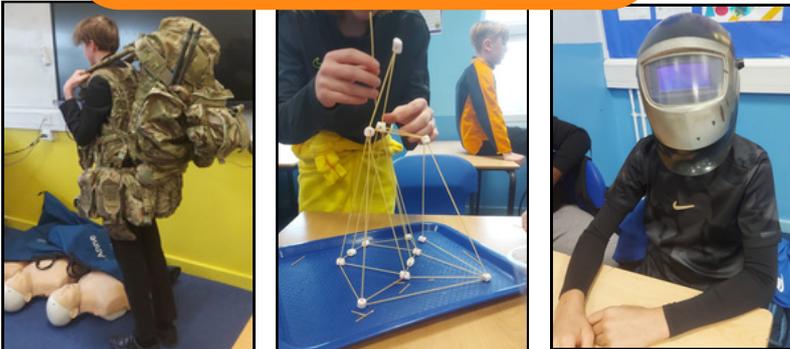
Our fantastic Yr 8 Basketball Team!!



Careers Day!



World Book Day



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**P**

Proud of our achievements

**R**

Resilient when things get tough

**I**

Inquisitive by asking and answering questions

**D**

Determined to try hard and learn from mistakes

**E**

Exceptional work is our goal!

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## Pride in Being a Church of England School

In this week's Collective Worship, our focus was on our value of **RESILIENCE**. Pupils heard about Jesus and his time in the wilderness to help them learn more about Lent. Today, many Christians mark Lent by trying to 'give up' something they like. It might be chocolate or something like computer games. They do this to remember Jesus' sacrifice when he was in the desert and to test their own self-discipline: to see if they can say no to temptation, just as Jesus did.

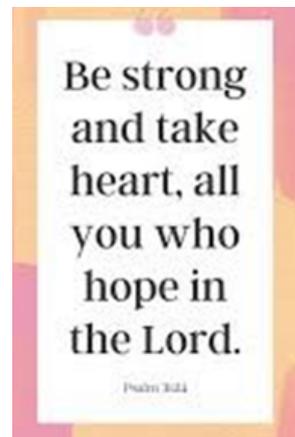
We also learned about International Day of Happiness. In 2012, the United Nations decided that happiness is really important. So, they made **March 20th the International Day of Happiness**. They realised that being happy and healthy is something everyone wants, and that governments should think about happiness when they make plans for the country.

This year's theme explores the relationship between social media and happiness, highlighting the potential challenges for our wellbeing as well as ways we can all use tech for good.

We thought about what makes us truly happy – not the number of likes we get, but the small, real moments with people who care.

Social media can show us fantastic things, but it can also make us compare, compete and hide what's really going on. So let's use it wisely: share kindness, check in with friends, and remember that what matters most can't be measured by a screen.

If you're worried about something you see or feel online, tell a trusted adult – you're never alone. Small, everyday kindnesses add up. Go and make someone smile today.



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# IMPORTANT MESSAGES

KEY MESSAGES, UPCOMING DATES FOR THE DIARY & SAFEGUARDING

## Easter Activities

Bookings open for HAF Easter activities on 4<sup>th</sup> March. [Eegu · After school. In place of school. Beyond school.](#)

- Children aged 5-16 who are eligible for benefits-related Free School Meals can book up to 4 FREE holiday club sessions over the Easter holidays.
- Bookings open Wednesday 4th March 2026 at 12 noon.
- There is no need to pre-register before bookings go live.
- Families can browse activities as they are added and book directly via the link above. Click on the map for detail of Redditch based activities.

## West Mercia Police online workshop on exploitation and online safety

### Parent and carer session (1 hour)

The exploitation and online safety session aims to raise awareness and provide valuable insights on how to protect vulnerable children. The session will cover:

- Spotting the signs that your child might be being exploited
- How to keep your child safe online
- How online influencers might be shaping the views of your child
- Practical tips for you to help to keep your child safe online
- Why some children are more at risk of exploitation than others

[Exploitation and vulnerability training | West Mercia Police](#)

## Police Surgery Meeting

Our local PCSO team are hosting a Police surgery meeting at The Winyates Centre, Winyates, Redditch, B980NR on Friday, 13th of March, at, 3pm. where they would like you to have your say.

The Police surgery meetings gives our local communities the opportunity to raise any concerns and to find out what is being done to tackle the issues that matter the most to you. Everyone is welcome and it would be great to see you there.

## Dates

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



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Good afternoon,

I hope you are well,

We want to reassure all parents, and carers across Central Regions Schools Trust following the release of the SEND White Paper.

Moments of national policy change can naturally prompt questions, but our commitment remains steady: every child in our care deserves the right support, at the right time, delivered with dignity and ambition.

Across CRST, our distinctive culture is built on inclusion, collaboration, and the belief that every learner can thrive. This culture will continue to guide our response as we review the proposals in detail. We welcome the White Paper's focus on consistency and early intervention, and we will work closely with families to understand what the changes may mean in practice.

Parents and carers are essential partners in shaping the best possible provision for children with SEND. Your insight, advocacy, and lived experience help us make thoughtful decisions, and we will continue to involve you openly as the national picture becomes clearer. Our schools will maintain regular communication and ensure that any developments are shared promptly and transparently. All governors will also be provided with this information to ensure a consistent and informed approach across our Trust.

Thank you for your continued trust in us.

Together, we will ensure that every child in our community feels known, supported, and able to flourish.

Ian Mellor

Director of Education

## 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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