



# TEAM IPSLEY UPDATE!

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

### Message from Miss Saul

A wet and windy week has not stopped us from achieving amazing things this week!

This week, some of our year 5 and year 8 pupils took part in an **exciting** CRST Moon Landing session. The pupils had the opportunity to handle a range of fascinating rocks from space, that included lunar samples collected during the Apollo program (basalts, breccias and lunar highland rocks). The rocks sparked lots of **curiosity** and very thoughtful questions. The experience culminated in a visit to a mobile planetarium, where the wonders of our solar system were brought to life around them. It really was an **inspiring and memorable experience** that deepened pupils' understanding of space and science.

Our Year 7 and 8 pupils had an **amazing** time on their bowling reward trip this week. They had great fun and there was plenty of healthy competition on the bowling lanes! What a wonderful way to celebrate **great attendance and behaviour in school** and I know pupils are looking forward to finding out what the next reward will be!

In Science, our Year 7 pupils have been learning about different types of rocks, closely examining the structure, texture and colour with magnifying glasses and recording their observations. They have really enjoyed handling the different rocks and were particularly fascinated by the fossils!

Our Year 5 and 6 learning log homework projects have been flying in this week and, as always, they are **INCREDIBLE!** Year 5 are studying space and Year 6 are studying rainforests, so we have the most amazing and colourful displays and presentations, along with some lovely written work. We even had a 'live' display as Amelia brought in some giant snails as you can see in the photos below!

Have a great weekend!

Miss Saul

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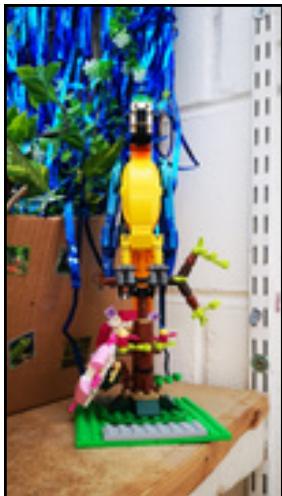


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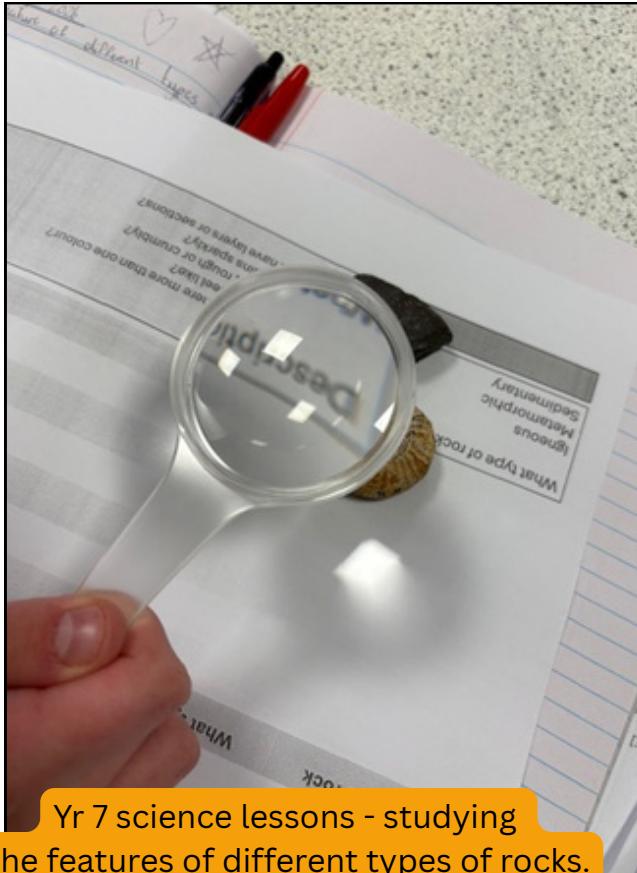
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Year 6 work on their topic of rainforests - they were also lucky enough to see giant snails bought in by a pupil as part of their project.



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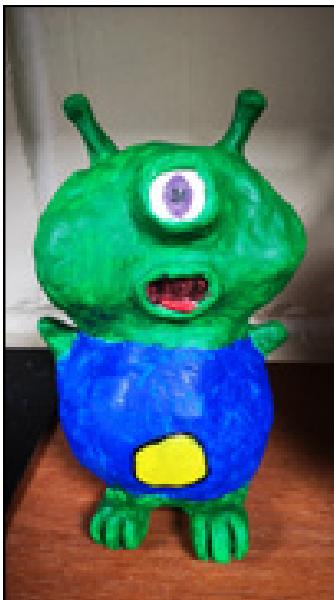
Yr 7 science lessons - studying the features of different types of rocks.



Year 5 and Year 8 had a wonderful experience holding meteorites and space rocks.



Year 5 on their topic of space





# TEAM IPSLEY PRIDE

AS TEAM IPSLEY, WE TAKE PRIDE IN EVERYTHING WE DO

## PRIDE in Punctuality and Attendance

Research on attendance has shown very clearly that good attendance at school is linked to higher qualifications later in life. Those with strong attendance go on to earn higher incomes as adults, demonstrating that good habits at Ipsley today shape opportunities tomorrow. Even occasional absences can build up quickly. A few days missed can disrupt learning sequences so pupils who are able to attend school every day have the best chance of meeting, and often exceeding, the standards expected for their year group.

## PRIDE in Person

There is another rainy week ahead so please ensure that pupils are wearing a coat to school. Please remember that no hoodies should be worn to school and that we want our pupils need to wear correct uniform every day, whether this is their PE kit or normal school uniform.





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## Pride in being a Church of England School

In this week's Collective Worship, we focussed on our value of **RESILIENCE** by learning about Paul the Missionary and his mission from God that he should believe in Jesus and spread His word amongst the people.

Paul travelled to many non-Jewish communities to spread the word of Jesus and his miraculous acts. Many people he met along the way were angry – they did not want to change their religion, and they were upset that Paul was trying to change their mind.

But Paul did not give up – he continued to travel around and spread the 'good word'.

As he went around the world, his hard work eventually led to churches being built and communities coming together to join them. He is considered one of the first, and most famous, Christian leaders.

Pupils discussed how Paul showed resilience on such a tough mission, and how we need to show resilience every day in our own 'missions' – at school, at home and in the community.

It does not matter if you do not succeed, but it does matter if you do not try. Show resilience when times are hard and you will gain more skills and knowledge than you thought possible.



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# IMPORTANT MESSAGES

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

### SAFEGUARDING MESSAGE – WHATSAPP

We have been made aware of a significant rise in the number of WhatsApp groups that our pupils are creating, or being added to, which are sharing inappropriate images, using inappropriate language and relentlessly sending messages late into the night and early morning.

- Please ensure that you check your child's phone and What's App groups regularly to ensure that their activity is safe and legal.
- Talk to your child about their experiences on their phone and online and reassure them that it is ok to talk to you about anything that worries them.
- Contact the safeguarding team in school if you need support with anything linked to online safety.

At school, we will be continuing to work with our pupils to ensure they understand how to stay safe online, the laws around sharing information and where they can get help and support.

A useful guide to WhatsApp can be found here: [What You Need to Know about WhatsApp | Free E-Safety Guide](#)

A useful guide to sharing intimate images can be found here: [What Parents and Educators Need to Know about Sharing Intimate Images](#)



### Dates

- 9.2.26 Yr 6 Symphony Hall trip
- 11.2.26 Yr 8 Symphony Hall trip
- 12.2.26 Yr 5 Planetarium (in school)
- 13.2.26 Break up for half term**
- 23.2.26 School re-opens for pupils**

### 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



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