

TEAM IPSLEY UPDATE!

Friday 3rd July 2026

Message from Miss Saul

Another busy week at Team Ipsley has seen our Year 6 pupils spend a fantastic day at **Warwick Castle**. Year 6 thoroughly enjoyed exploring the grounds and the castle itself. Their day started with watching the Mighty Trebuchet, Britain's largest working siege machine, which catapulted heavy weights thousands of metres across the sky. They enjoyed a bird of prey show with birds from around the world and watched the Viking Show where the actors had a battle and did tricks while riding horses. A fabulous day which was enjoyed by everyone!

Boccia is an exciting sports opportunity where every pupil can shine, compete, and have fun. That is exactly what our pupils experienced a few months ago when they represented Team Ipsley in a boccia competition where both our Key Stage 2 and Key Stage 3 teams were crowned champions, earning their place at the **Worcestershire County Boccia Finals**.

Yesterday, our winning teams proudly represented Redditch at the County Finals. The **teamwork, communication, and sportsmanship** they displayed throughout the day were wonderful to see. They encouraged their teammates and opponents alike, shook hands after every match, and truly embodied the **Team Ipsley spirit**. They should feel incredibly proud of everything they achieved—just like we are! We are delighted to celebrate our Key Stage 2 team, who finished as the second-best boccia team in the whole of Worcestershire. **What a fantastic achievement!**

Ipsley's KS3 cricket team produced a superb performance to beat Woodrush 118–83. The players displayed brilliant cricketing skill, fantastic **sportsmanship and tireless effort** throughout the match. Captain Harry B led the side superbly, supporting his team fairly and honourably and **setting a brilliant example for everyone**. We are incredibly proud of the squad and their attitude, and we're now awaiting confirmation about whether this result makes them district champions or if another fixture will follow.

On Thursday, our budding musicians showed off their talents in our Summer Concert. Our choir serenaded us, there were keyboard and drum performances and some amazing singing – all such brilliant performances. **What a hugely talented group of pupils!**

One of our Year 7 pupils, Mae, is currently raising funds for the Little Princess Trust. She is cutting her hair in 2 weeks' time to donate to be made into a wig. She is also aiming to raise £700 as this is the rough cost of making a wig. If you would like to support her, her just giving page is below! Amazing work, Mae!

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/maehairdonation2>

Next week looks set to be another warm week, so we are happy for pupils to come to school in their PE kits if they wish. Please ensure that pupils are wearing the actual school PE kit with the correct shorts and top.

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PHOTOS OF OUR WEEK



Year 6 visit to Warwick Castle



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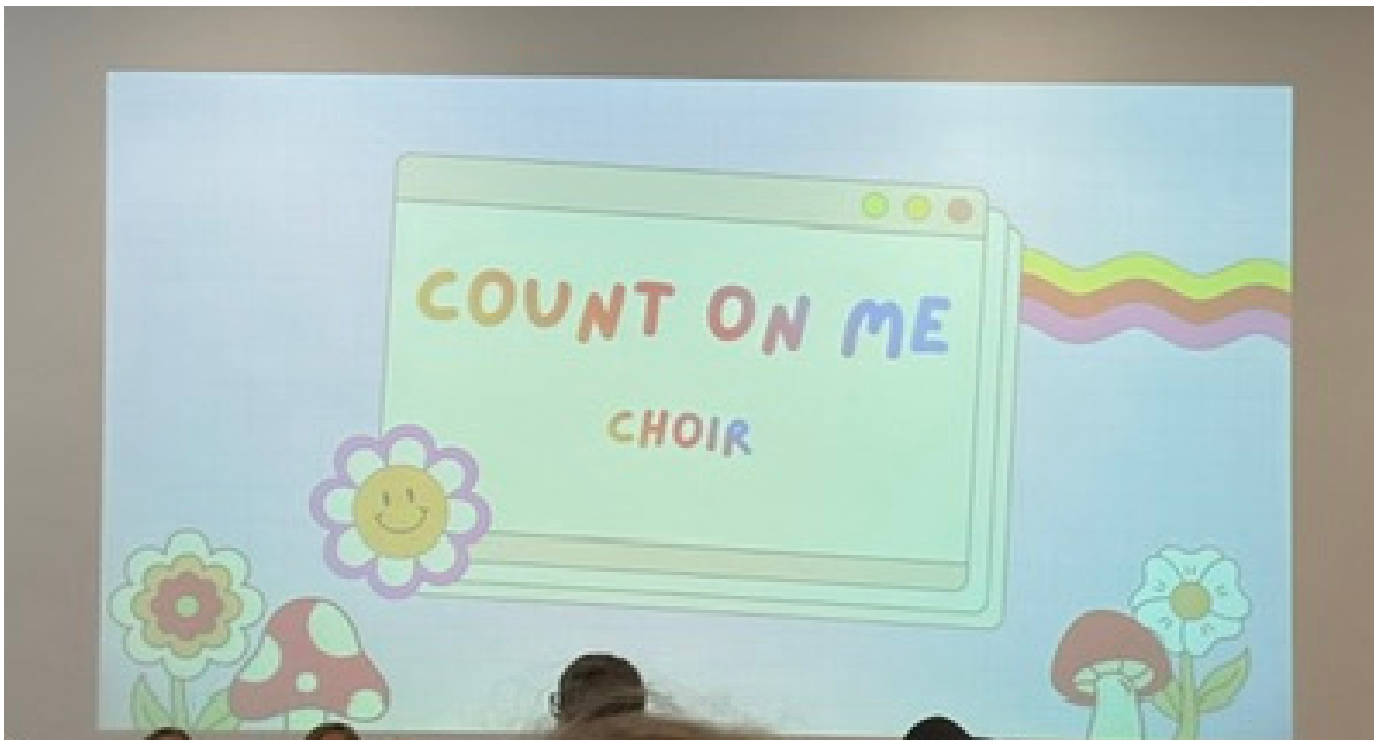


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Activities in prayer club



Summer Concert

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TEAM IPSLEY PRIDE

AS TEAM IPSLEY, WE TAKE PRIDE IN EVERYTHING WE DO



- P** Excellent attendance at school is essential
- R**
- I** Aim for 100% attendance each week
- D** Show you are ready to learn and achieve
- E** by arriving on time to school and lessons

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As Team Ipsley, we strive to create a **community** where all flourish, following God's example by loving each other as He loves us. Together, we become the best versions of ourselves by being **ambitious, courageous** and **kind**, creating a **community** which can achieve anything we set our minds to.

Proud to be a Church of England School

Mrs Scott's class gave us an inspirational Collective Worship this week on our value of resilience. They used two inspirational figures to illustrate how people show resilience and can be courageous – even in the toughest of times.

Marcus Rashford

Marcus Rashford is a professional footballer who has played at the highest level for his country. He grew up in a family with little money, meaning his mother worked multiple jobs to support the family. Growing up he relied on free school meals and food banks. He led a campaign to get the government to continue providing free school meals to children during the school holidays and raised awareness about food poverty across the UK. How did he show resilience? He faced challenges growing up but continued to work hard towards his football dream. Continued speaking about child poverty even when some people criticised him. Showed that resilience is not just about helping yourself succeed, but also helping others.



Malala Yousafzai

Malala Yousafzai grew up in Pakistan. In some areas of Pakistan, girls were not allowed to go to school. Malala loved learning and going to school. She believed that every child, should have the right to an education. At just 11 years old, she began speaking and writing about the importance of education, which caused her to be targeted and harmed by the Taliban (an extremist group). She spoke with world leaders about the importance of education and raised money for schools and education projects around the world. How did she show resilience? She continued to speak up for education – even when it was difficult and dangerous. She turned a very challenging experience into a motivation to help others. She showed courage by using her voice to stand up for children who could not speak for themselves. Remember: Success is not final. Failure is not fatal. It is the courage to continue that counts!"



Team Ipsley – Be Ambitious, Be Courageous, Be Kind!

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IMPORTANT MESSAGES

KEY MESSAGES, UPCOMING DATES FOR THE DIARY & SAFEGUARDING

Year 6

As I am sure you will have seen in the news, the government has informed all schools that Year 6 SATs results will no longer be released on Tuesday 7th July, but on Thursday 16th July instead. We will ensure that we have these results with you as soon as we can after their release, as I know you will be as excited as we are to know how our pupils have done.

Our end of KS2 celebration will still take place on Friday 10th July at 9.15-10.15am on the school field. This is a morning to get together to celebrate our pupils reaching the end of Key Stage 2 – a huge milestone in their educational journey - and while we would love to celebrate their brilliant results with you, Key Stage 2 has been about much more than just SATs results. We look forward to seeing you on Friday 10th July and will keep you informed of any updates around the release of SATs results.

Important Dates!

- 6.7.26 Performing Arts Showcase @Wasely
- 7.7.26 Sports Day
- 8&9.7.26 Transition Days
- 8.7.26 Year 4 into 5 transition evening
- Year 6 6 into 7 transition evening
- 9.7.26 Year 5 into 6 transition evening
- 10.7.26 Year 6 Celebration 9.15-10.15
- 13.7.26 KS2 TIPS Bowling Reward
- 14.7.26 Yr 5 Dudley Zoo Trip
- 16.7.26 Year 7 Habberley Trail Trip
- 17.7.26 Year 8 Drayton Manor
- 17.7.26 End of school year! Break up for Summer Holidays**
- 3.9.26 Start of term for pupils**



The local Policing Team for Winyates and Matchborough have arranged a Police Surgery for Monday 6th of July between the hours of 5pm till 6pm. The location will be The Barn, Winyates Centre, Winyates, Redditch, B98 ONR.

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 Soden



Miss Jackson



Mr McRobie



Mrs Cross

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