

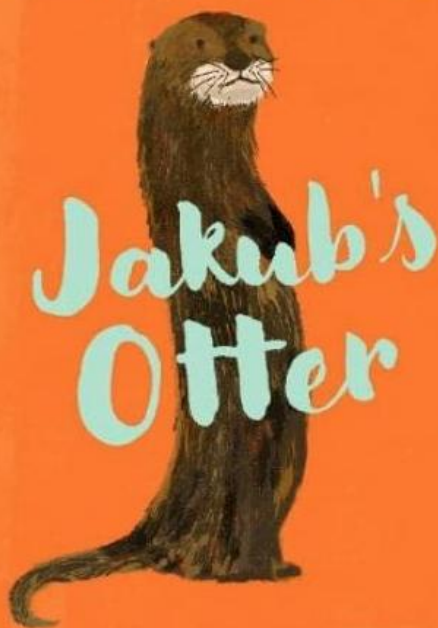


School Bulletin



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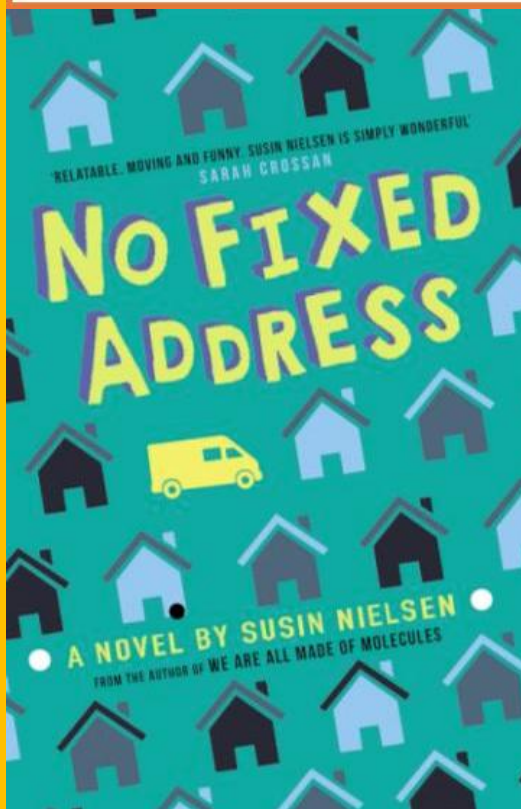
CORAL RUMBLE



Ten-year-old Jakub Polanski carries a heavy weight. As a young carer for his mum, his life is filled with adult concerns that have made him forget what it means to be a child. Sensing his exhaustion, family friends whisk him away on a holiday to Italy.

Away from the pressures of home, Jakub discovers a world of freedom, poetry, and adventure. But it is deep in the woods, under the guidance of a wise woodsman, where he encounters a resilient, injured otter named Piccolo. Through this profound connection, Jakub begins to realise he is more than just his responsibilities—he is smart, funny, and capable of finding hope again.

Yr7&8 Recommended Read



Felix Knutsson is nearly thirteen, brilliant at trivia, and living in a van.

Felix and his mum, Astrid, have a giant secret. Astrid promises their housing situation is only temporary, but Felix has to go to extremes to hide the truth from his new school. With his clothes in storage, no proper place to shower, and barely enough to eat, he is constantly making excuses to keep his friends at bay.

But Felix has a plan to turn their lives around: win the cash prize on his favourite TV game show, Who, What, Where, When. He has the brainpower—he just needs a little luck.

Balancing humour, heartbreak, and hope, this moving story explores what happens when people slip through the cracks of society, and how friendship and community can make all the difference.

Summer Showcase

Well done to all students who performed with such confidence and talent at our Summer Showcase last week; a fantastic evening of music, drama and dance. The evening saw performances by our Wind Band, Folk Band and Musical Theatre Choir, Dance Club, a 10-minute Annie production, Shakespeare, singers, bands and more! Please see our Facebook page for a full gallery of photos.



Musical Success

A huge well done to the following students for their success in recent music exams.

Chloe (Year 7) - grade 6 distinction in piano

Lucy (Year 7) - grade 1 distinction in singing

Delilah (Year 7) - grade 2 distinction in singing

Shea (Year 8) - grade 3 distinction in singing

Annabel (Year 7) - grade 2 distinction in singing

Iris, Year 8, has recently been in the studio recording her debut single I Don't Care. It's a fantastic song with a very positive message and when released on 26th June, it hit 2146 on day one including listeners from the US and Spain! Her second single is weeks away from release, so please follow the link below to save Iris as an artist on Spotify/Apple Music! Well done Iris!

[I Don't Care by Iris Danbury - DistroKid](#)

If your child is interesting in starting singing or instrumental lessons in September, please visit the Musica Kirklees website to find out more. Please email Mr Osborne if you have any questions.



Musica Kirklees - Volume Up event

We've got some amazing student bands at Scissett and it was a privilege watching two of them performing at The University of Huddersfield last week as part of Musica Kirklees' Volume Up event. Please visit our Facebook page to enjoy videos of the Troublemakers performing Fighter and Tiger Road performing Run Away!

WYP and Fire Service

Officers from Team 1 Rural NPT, alongside with West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Officers, recently visited Kirkburton Middle School and Scissett Middle School as part of ASB week to raise awareness around the dangers of swimming in open water.

[Click here to read more](#)

Hot weather and your child's school

Please refer to the below link for details of a blog from The Education Hub

[Hot weather and your child's school: what you need to know – The Education Hub](#)

New Beginnings: Farewell to Our Year 8's

As the final bells of the summer term ring, we find ourselves saying goodbye to our Year 8 pupils as they stand on the threshold of another milestone: their transition to high school.

From their first days of navigating the corridors to becoming the confident young adults that now leave us, our Year 8 pupils have left an indelible mark on our community. Whether it was on the sports field, in the drama studio, or within the classroom, their enthusiasm and spirit have been a joy to witness.

Transitioning to high school is a time of mixed emotions - excitement for new subjects and friendships, balanced with a little natural nervousness about a larger environment. To our Year 8's, we offer these three reminders:

- Embrace the Challenge: You will be faced with new responsibilities and higher expectations. Trust in the foundations you have built here; you are more prepared than you realise.
- Stay Curious: High school offers a vast array of clubs, choices, and extracurriculars. Try something new - especially if it feels outside your comfort zone.
- Be Kind to Yourself: There will be days that feel overwhelming as you adjust. Take a breath, ask for help when you need it, and remember that everyone else is on the same journey.

To the parents and carers, thank you for your support and partnership. We share in your pride as we watch these students move forward into their next chapter.

Year 8, you leave us with our very best wishes. Work hard, stay true to yourselves, and remember that you will always be a part of our school history.

Good luck and farewell!

Mrs Ward

Head of Year 8



Meet our Governors

Liz Godman - Co-Opted Governor

Liz has been a trust appointed governor within the MAST Academy Trust for six years, initially at Kirkburton Middle School and subsequently for the local governing committee of both middle schools. She was also a trustee for MAST from 2018-2026. Her particular areas of interest are in special educational needs and safeguarding.

Her professional background has been in education, initially teaching in a primary school and in a provision for children with SEND. She has also taught in initial teacher education and has been an adviser, inspector and education officer in two local authorities. This covered a wide range of duties as well as special educational needs. She was an Ofsted inspector from 1993-2015, leading inspections in all types of school.

Her son, who is now in his thirties, attended Scissett Middle School, which he loved. He now teaches 16-19 year old students in a special school.



Message from the Children's Commissioner for England

This is a chance for your child to have their say at a national level.

For the first time, hundreds of thousands of children will be eligible to vote in the next general election at age 16, the biggest change to the franchise in half a century – yet just one in five children say politicians listen to them.

That's why I'm doing my final survey, The Big Future, to talk to a million children, to listen to them. And to find out about what it's like to be a child today.

I am asking children about the changes they want to see in their communities, their biggest concerns, and their hopes for the future. More than anything, I want to know what they think a good childhood should look like, now and in the future.

Please follow this link to access the survey - <http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture>

Dame Rachel de Souza

Children's Commissioner for England

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Message from The School Leadership Team

As we come to the end of another wonderful academic year, entering the last week of the Summer term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our parents, carers and families for your continued support throughout the year.

It has been a fantastic year filled with achievements, growth and memorable experiences for our children. We have been incredibly proud to watch them develop in confidence, embrace new challenges, show kindness to others and make excellent progress in their learning. From classroom successes and special events to friendships formed and milestones reached, there is so much to celebrate.

None of this would be possible without the strong partnership between home and school. Your encouragement, support and commitment have played a vital role in helping our children thrive, and we are truly grateful.

As the summer holidays begin, we hope that every family has the opportunity to relax, recharge and enjoy some special time together. Whether you are travelling, exploring new places or simply enjoying moments closer to home, we wish you a summer filled with laughter, happiness and treasured memories. These precious moments spent with loved ones are often the ones that stay with us for a lifetime.

To the families who are leaving our school community this year, we would like to thank you for being part of our journey. We wish you every success and happiness for the future and hope that your next chapter is filled with exciting opportunities, continued growth and wonderful experiences. You will always be a valued part of our school story.

At the same time, we are delighted to be welcoming new families into our school community. We look forward to getting to know you and working together to ensure your children thrive, flourish and create many happy memories of their own in the years ahead.

To our children, thank you for all of your hard work, enthusiasm and resilience this year. We are so proud of each and every one of you and look forward to hearing about your summer adventures when we return.

We would also like to take this opportunity to recognise those members of staff who will be leaving Scissett Middle School at the end of this academic year. While we are sad to see them go, we wish them every success and happiness in their next chapter, whether that be embarking on a new career, pursuing new opportunities or enjoying a well-deserved retirement. We are incredibly grateful for the dedication, care and commitment they have shown to our children, families and wider school community during their time with us.

The members of staff that are leaving us are Mr Bishop, Mr Freshwater, Miss Hodgson, Mrs Lane and Mrs A Ward. On behalf of everyone at Scissett Middle School, we thank them for their hard work and the positive impact they have made, and we wish them all the very best for the future.

Have a safe, restful and enjoyable summer break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September for another exciting year of learning, achievement and opportunity.

With warmest wishes,

The School Leadership Team



Friday 10th July 2026

Travel survey

We would really value your views on how your child travels to and from school. Please take a few minutes to complete our short Travel to School survey - your feedback will help us improve safety and sustainability for our whole community. [Travel Survey](#)

Attachments

Please find attached to this email, an important document from West Yorkshire Police.

Dates For The Diary

Friday 17th July - Last day of term

Tuesday 1st September - School Closed for Staff Training Day

Wednesday 2nd September - Year 6 only return to school

Thursday 3rd September - Years 7 & 8 return to school