

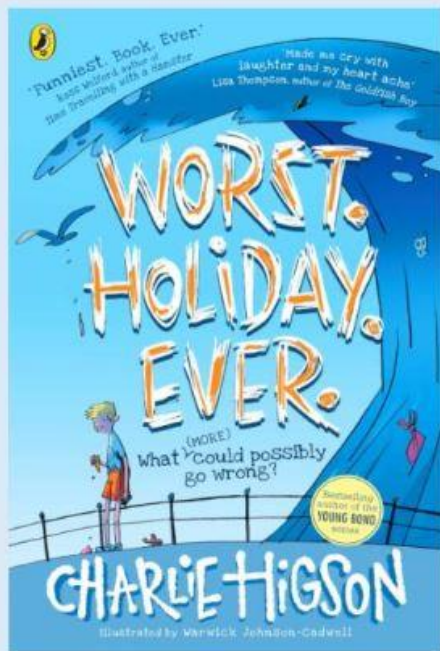


School Bulletin



Recommended Reads

Yr6 Recommended Summer Read



Worst. Holiday. Ever. by Charlie Higson

Stan is quiet, anxious, and not exactly a fan of sunshine or socialising. So when he's sent on a summer holiday with his super-confident friend Felix and a bunch of total strangers, he knows it's going to be a disaster. And he's right.

Embarrassing moments, terrible tents, bug bites, beach disasters—everything that could go wrong does go wrong. But along the way, Stan discovers that stepping out of his comfort zone (even if it's by accident!) might not be such a bad thing after all.

Full of laugh-out-loud moments, awkward adventures, and hilarious holiday chaos, Worst Holiday Ever is a brilliant, funny, and relatable read about friendship, courage, and learning to laugh at life's mishaps.

Yr7&8 Recommended Summer Read



The Island at the End of Everything by Kiran Millwood Hargrave

Ami has always lived on Culion, a beautiful island in the Philippines—but it's also a leper colony, and her mother is one of the patients. When the government sends a cruel man to take healthy children away, Ami is forced to leave her home and her mother behind.

Sent to an orphanage on another island, Ami refuses to give up. With the help of new friends, she begins a brave journey to get back to the island and the person she loves most.

The Island at the End of Everything is a moving and unforgettable story about standing up for what's right and never giving up on those you love.

MFL Department

French Pop Song Contest 2025

This year we entered a great song called 'La Musique' into a national competition to celebrate language learning. This self-made song was produced in French and put together by a lovely group of Year 8 Scissett pupils - George J, Esme P, James F and Oscar S.

We didn't win but got certificates for a catchy entry!

Linguists of the Year

These pupils have been recognised for their extraordinary talent in French both in and beyond the classroom. They achieved exceptional test and homework scores and have always shown a real interest in the language

Well done to Jacob C, Lucy M, Paige B, Ella C, Erin S, Amy C and Callum C.

Outstanding Effort in French

These pupils have also been a delight to teach and worked exceptionally hard in their French lessons.

They have shown enthusiasm, willingness to get involved in a multitude of tasks and have always pushed themselves in the language. Bravo! Mrs Barker and Miss Threlfall are so proud of you all!

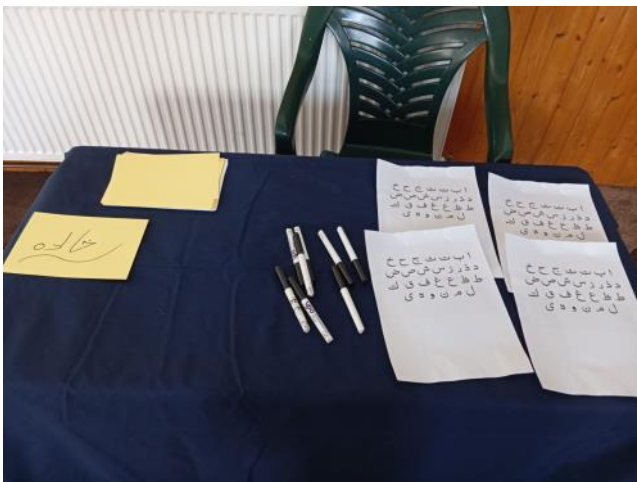
James F, Jack W, Joshua S, Finley B, Max B, Ollie P, George J, Charlie B-W, Thomas C-B, Flynn S, Harry A, Noah S, James G, Olivia H, Sophie L, Olivia C, Robyn H, Lucia G and Berrie G

"Bonne chance" with your MFL studies at Shelley College!



RE Visit

On Tuesday 9th July, some of our Year 7 pupils visited a Mosque and Gurdwara in Huddersfield. They had a lovely tour around the buildings, met some of the people who work there and were able to listen to some music and prayers. They enjoyed learning how to write their names in Arabic, experiencing the Sikh langar and trying some of the food.



SUMMER READING BINGO!



COMPLETE 3 IN A ROW (ACROSS, DOWN, OR DIAGONAL) – OR GO FOR A FULL HOUSE IF YOU'RE UP FOR THE CHALLENGE!

Read...	Read...	Read...
A BOOK SET IN ANOTHER COUNTRY	A BOOK WITH A BLUE COVER	A BOOK SET ON A HOLIDAY TRIP
THE FIRST BOOK IN A SERIES	A BOOK RECOMMENDED BY A FRIEND OR TEACHER	A MYSTERY OR ADVENTURE STORY
A COMIC OR GRAPHIC NOVEL	A BOOK BY AN AUTHOR YOU'VE NEVER READ BEFORE	A BOOK THAT IS SET AT THE BEACH

COMPLETE THE BINGO CARD AND A SHORT BOOK REVIEW FOR EACH BOOK AND SUBMIT IT TO MRS WARD IN ROOM 3 BY FRIDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER 2025 TO RECEIVE A CERTIFICATE, BOOKMARK AND A PRIZE DRAW ENTRY!

Uniform Exchange

We are asking for surplus school uniform to be handed back to school so we can recycle it and it can be used by another family.

If you are able to donate any uniform that your son/daughter has grown out of we would be extremely grateful. Please hand any spare uniform into the school office clearly labelled 'school uniform exchange'.



Our school uniform exchange will take place on Tuesday 22nd July between 12:30pm and 2:00pm for all year groups. This will be held in the Art Room in school.

Recording Studio Visit

The winning prize from our Battle of the Bands competition last term was a visit to a professional recording studio to record the winning track. A couple of weeks ago our winners, Hyperheads, enjoyed their visit to Vibrations Studios in Huddersfield. As well as recording their song they learnt about how a recording studio works and career paths that can get you there. [Please click this link to enjoy the final recording](#) or [click here to see a bit of backstage at the studio!](#)



Year 7 and 8 Pupils Get Creative at the Yorkshire Sculpture Park

A group of enthusiastic Year 7 and 8 pupils recently enjoyed a fantastic creative experience at the Yorkshire Sculpture Park, working alongside acclaimed willow artist Laura Ellen Bacon. The trip offered a unique opportunity for pupils to meet the artist in person, hear about her inspirations, and gain insight into her large-scale, organic willow installations.

After learning about Laura’s artistic process, pupils rolled up their sleeves for a hands-on workshop, where they had the chance to create their own individual willow sculptures. They also experimented with willow charcoal, using it to explore expressive drawing and mark-making techniques.

One of the highlights of the day was a collaborative project: pupils worked together to construct two large willow spheres, which will be proudly displayed in school as a reminder of their creative teamwork and the skills they developed during the day.

The visit concluded with time to explore the stunning grounds and sculpture trails at YSP, where pupils took inspiration from the wide range of contemporary art on display — and of course, rounded off the trip with a well-deserved ice cream in the sunshine.

It was a memorable day of creativity, collaboration, and inspiration for all involved.



Performing Arts Updates and success

Goodbye Mrs Mansfield!

We've some very longstanding staff at SMS, but no one comes even close to Mrs Mansfield's 38 YEARS as our legendary woodwind teacher. Since she started in 1987 Mrs Mansfield has taught literally thousands of budding woodwind players and as she teaches her final lessons this term we owe her a huge debt of gratitude for the time, passion and expertise she has given over her decades at SMS. Many of her students have gone on to study music at prestigious conservatoires, many more have found a lifelong passion. From everyone at Scissett we want to say to Mrs Mansfield a massive THANK YOU!



Exam Success!

A huge congratulations to Thomas L, Year 7, who has recently passed his Grade 1 piano with distinction. Also, to Fletcher L, Year 6, who this term has incredibly taken 3 exams! He has been awarded Grade 2 Tuba, Grade 2 trombone and Grade 1 classical guitar, scoring a distinction in all three.

Please always let Mr Osborne know about any exam successes so we can celebrate these in future bulletins. If your child is interested in starting instrument lessons in September please visit www.musicakirklees.org for information about the lessons we can offer in school. If your child qualifies for free school meals please email mosborne@themast.co.uk to discuss how the school can support with the cost of lessons.

Thank you Ackworth Guitar Repairs

Finally, a huge thank you to Tristan Johnson who runs Ackworth Guitar Repairs in Denby Dale. Tristan is an ex-SMS student who now runs this fantastic local business. Our instruments undergo a lot of wear and tear through the year and we're extremely grateful for Tristan's generous support in getting our equipment fixed back up and running and ready to go again for September.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Iris D who has made it to the final of Bank's Got Talent- a huge competition in Pontefract which has seen hundreds of auditionees from all over the country compete for an amazing cash prize, a residency at the venue and recording studio time at Wakefield's Tileyard North. The competition has showcased a variety of talents including: singers, musicians, magicians and dancers and the standard has been incredibly high. Iris has already impressed the judges in her first round and semi final, where she blew the roof off with her renditions of Defying Gravity from Wicked and Listen from Dreamgirls. We were very proud to hear one of judges describe Iris as the best 12 year old singer he had heard! Iris won the public vote which has taken her through to the grand final and we can't wait to see her shine again. If you would like to go support Iris, the final takes place at The Last Bank, Pontefract on Sunday 20th July from 2pm.



Pupils Help Break a World Record with Jamie Oliver!

Our pupils recently took part in a truly unforgettable experience — breaking a Guinness World Record alongside world-renowned chef Jamie Oliver! As part of Jamie’s global Food Revolution Day, they joined thousands of young people from around the world in the World’s Largest Simultaneous Cooking Lesson, learning valuable skills while making history.

With over 10,000 participants across multiple venues worldwide, the event was a global celebration of food education and healthy eating. Led by Jamie via a live broadcast, pupils followed his step-by-step guidance to create a delicious, wholesome meal: fresh pasta made entirely from scratch, served with a rich tomato, garlic, and basil sauce.

From mixing and kneading the dough to rolling and shaping the pasta, pupils got stuck in with enthusiasm — learning hands-on skills and gaining confidence in the kitchen. The vibrant sauce, full of flavour and made from simple, fresh ingredients, showed just how enjoyable and accessible cooking from scratch can be.

Taking part in this global event gave our pupils a powerful sense of connection, achievement, and fun — all while promoting the importance of knowing where our food comes from and how to make healthy choices.

Here's the impressive figures that came out of the successful world record attempt:

- 10,515 bowls of pasta made
- 31,545 tomatoes chopped
- 10,515 eggs cracked
- 5,257 garlic cloves chopped
- 21,030 hands washed
- 42 countries cooking together simultaneously



Not only did they cook up a storm, they also helped set a new Guinness World Record — a moment they’ll never forget!



Summer Showcase

On Wednesday 25th June the Performance department hosted our annual Summer Showcase: a fantastic evening of music, dance and drama. A huge congratulations to all students involved, you showed immense courage and talent! Please follow this link to enjoy a video of some of the highlights.



First School Tours

We've had lots of fun this term visiting our First schools with our Wind Band, String Ensemble, Dance Club and Drama groups.

The Wind Band visited Kayes Academy, Skelmanthorpe Academy, Cumberworth First School and Denby Dale First & Nursery School and the String Ensemble visited St Aidan's CE Academy, Birdsedge First School, Scissett CE Academy and Denby First School. On each tour we played a variety of pieces and introduced all the instruments that make up these fantastic ensembles. The quality of playing was superb and we hope to have inspired some younger students to start instrumental lessons!



Dance Club

Our Dance Club enjoyed visits to Denby Dale and Birdsedge. As well as expertly performing dances we've rehearsed this term, our visit encompassed a dance workshop where our students supported the First school students to learn part of a routine. A huge thank you to our dance club leader, Amélie Austin who has done a superb job this year leading the group!



Drama Club

As part of the Year 8 drama curriculum students study *Theatre in Education*, and devise their own pieces for a Year 5 audience in this style. We had the pleasure of taking some of the strongest performances, based on themes such as cyber-bullying, online safety and refugees, to Kayes Academy and Skelmanthorpe Academy. These powerful pieces were very well received by our Year 5 audience and opened up some great discussions about the choices the characters had made and the consequences of their actions. We also played some fun drama games!



Kingswood 2025

On Monday 7th July, 160 of our Year 7 pupils attended their residential trip to Kingswood, Dearne Valley. A fantastic time was had by all when taking part in activities such as High Ropes, Problem Solving, Leap Of Faith, Raft Building and zip-wiring.



PE & Sport at SMS – Summer Term

April – July 2025



Year 6 Girls' Cricket

16 of our year 6 girls competed in the SPIN Cricket tournament earlier this term. The weather was very much on their side and they enjoyed playing against a number of other schools. They worked successfully together as a team and there were some excellent catches and some great 6s. It was lovely to see them demonstrating grit and resilience in addition to great sportsmanship throughout.

A huge well done to all the girls involved!

Neiley Races XC Series

The Neiley Races returned this year and saw some of our year 6s compete in up to 3 races. They all put in maximum effort and battled with the heat. There were some excellent individual performances from Niamh and Zosia who both came 1st and 2nd respectively.

Huge congratulations to these two girls and all the other students who raced. These strong performances bode well for the year ahead in the Kirklees Secondary XC races.



Year 7 Rugby

Our Year 7 boys rugby team have shown incredible commitment and determination throughout the year. After months of hard training, they proudly reached the round of 16 in the Yorkshire Plate, a fantastic achievement in their first full season together. We ended the season on a high with a thrilling 20-18 win against local rivals Kirkburton in a hard-fought friendly. The boys showed real grit, teamwork and passion – a perfect way to round off the year. We're proud of everything they've achieved and can't wait to go again next season – stronger, hungrier, and ready for more.



Year 8 Sports Leaders



It has been a fantastic year for our sports leaders. They have had endless opportunity and thrived in everything they have done. It has been brilliant to see them going into first schools and working with the younger students, as well as engaging in all their own sporting activities. They have developed their leadership skills with great success and importantly, enjoyed doing this along the way. Doing this has enabled them to see beyond participation/performance and given them the skills to lead, help and support others, key skills that will transfer into everyday life. I am thrilled with the progress they have made. I wish them well at Shelley College and will look forward to seeing many of them continuing their leadership role at the endless sporting events we attend. Thank you to each and every one of you for your input this year!



Year 6 Boys' Football

Congratulations to the year 6 boys football team who have finished the season as league champions! The team have consistently worked hard and produced great performances. They finished the league campaign unbeaten which is a fantastic achievement and just missed out in the cup final. Congratulations on a fantastic season!



Rounders tournament

July saw us host the annual SPIN Rounders Tournament for year 6. Fortunately, the weather just held out and the tournament could proceed. We had 5 teams of 9 out this year, which is very strong indeed and showed great commitment and eagerness to be involved. One of our teams got to the final and just missed out, coming 2nd place which is a fantastic achievement. Students represented school very positively and enjoyed playing against several different schools. They continued to develop their rounders skills in a competitive environment, which was another great opportunity had by all involved!

Track & Field Athletics

Year 7 & 8 have been busy at the track putting in some brilliant performances in the various track and field events. Milo put in an amazing 200m performance whilst some of the year 7s competed out of their comfort zone and did absolutely amazing!! Sports Day at school for year 6 and 7 was also a great success seeing record numbers of students involved, particularly in field events – a big well done to all involved and particularly to 6JM and 7AC who both won in their year groups!

Multi-Sport Festival

30 of our year 6s went to the Kirklees Multi-Sports festival, which involved them in many different sporting activities. A number of these activities used limited equipment or equipment that could be bought fairly cheaply, to show how physical activity doesn't have to be complex in more ways than one. It demonstrated creativity and the students engaged brilliantly with all the activities. They were then kindly given some sporting gifts to take away with them. A super fun day out with a midday picnic and recognition of the importance of physical activity for one and all.





Hockey Tournament

Several of our students have taken the opportunity to do some hockey training with the Huddersfield Dragons school development section. They have trained here at school and also down at Storthes Hall on a weekend. They then had the opportunity to participate and compete in the Kirklees Schools Hockey Tournament, where they demonstrated excellent skill development and team spirit. They came 2nd overall, which is superb result!



**International T20 Cricket
England v India**

The last trip of our sporting trips programme saw 29 of our girls (alongside some from KMS) attend the T20 at the Emirates Old Trafford cricket ground. The girls got very much involved with the crowd shenanigans and loved having the opportunity to see elite level Cricket - with many of them playing themselves for a club and being inspired by both England and India. I'm sure you'll agree that it was a fantastic sporting opportunity for the girls to be inspired and have such an elite stage to work towards!

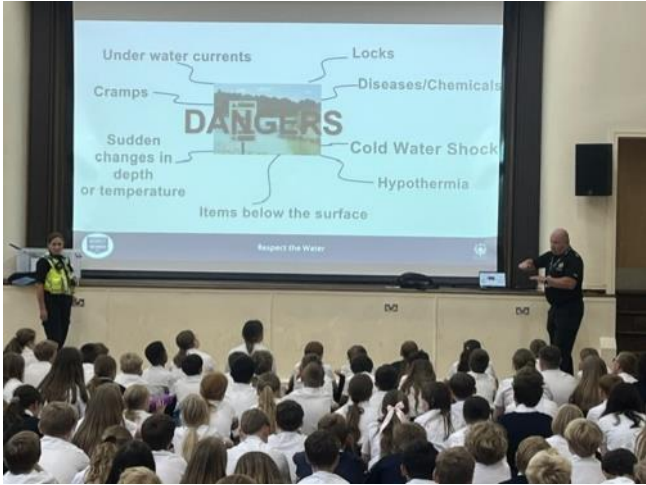
Thank you to everyone for your support and input in varying capacities this year – it has been brilliant and much appreciated! We look forward to a new year in September for another exciting year of sporting opportunities. Do try and get involved in sport and physical activity over the summer, trying new things and maintaining your overall health.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a fabulous summer holiday.

😊 SMS PE 😊

Water Safety

On Thursday 10th July, we had a visit from West Yorkshire Police and our local Fire crew from Skelmanthorpe to give a water safety presentation. As we approach the holidays this safety message is an important aspect of their outreach work. All pupils attended an assembly and then Year 7 pupils were shown a water simulation showing the dangers of open water.



Wellbeing Support and Useful Links

As we approach the summer holidays, we just wanted to remind you of some of the organisations that are available for you and your children if you need support.

Please see our website for links to some of these organisations:

[Websites for Support | Scissett Middle School](#)



Easyfundraising

Treat yourself and raise a free donation for Scissett Middle School, Huddersfield this payday when you shop via #easyfundraising. Apple, Sainsbury's, M&S, Argos and many more are INCREASING their donations to us for this week only! If you're not supporting us on easyfundraising yet, now's the perfect time to get involved.

[Sign Up Here!](#)

Dates For The Diary

- Monday 14th July** - Year 5 Transition Week
- Friday 18th July** - Last day of school
- Tuesday 22nd July** - School Uniform Exchange
- Monday 1st September** - School closed for Staff Training Day
- Tuesday 2nd September** - School opens to Year 6 pupils only
- Wednesday 3rd September** - School opens to all year groups

