



School Bulletin



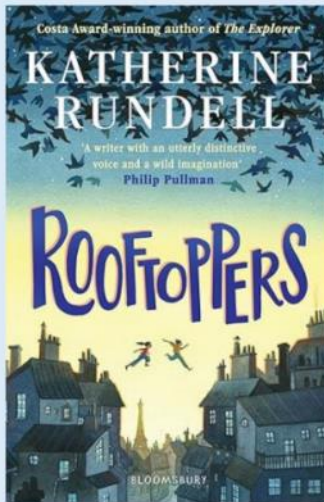
Happy New Year

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our Scissett Middle School families a very Happy New Year and wish you all the best for 2025!



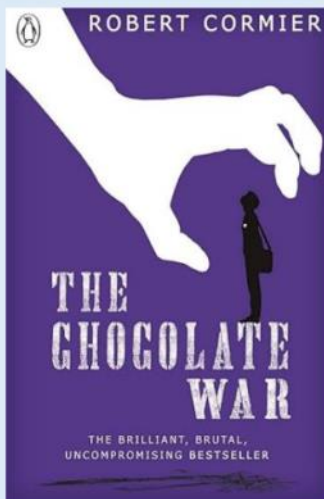
Recommended Reads

Yr6 Recommended Read



Rooftoppers by Katherine Rundell is an exciting adventure that follows a girl named Sophie, who is on a mission to find her mother. After a shipwreck leaves her alone, she discovers a mysterious connection to Paris and starts exploring the city from the rooftops. There, she meets a group of quirky friends who share her love for adventure. Together, they embark on a thrilling quest filled with danger and excitement. This book is full of heart, friendship, and the magic of believing in your dreams. A perfect read for anyone who longs to chase the clouds!

Yr7&8 Recommended Read



In *The Chocolate War*, Robert Cormier explores the life of Jerry Renault, a young lad at Trinity High School who dares to challenge the status quo. With a powerful fundraising chocolate sale on the horizon, Jerry grapples with peer pressure and the ruthless hierarchy among students. When he refuses to conform and sell chocolates, he faces harrowing consequences from both his classmates and school officials. This gripping novel delves into themes of individuality, loyalty, and the harsh realities of adolescence, making it a must-read for anyone who's ever felt the weight of making a stand.

Pharmacies First Initiative

Most pharmacies can help you with **seven common conditions** without needing a GP appointment



- **Sinusitis**
(adults and children aged 12 years and over)
- **Sore throat**
(adults and children aged 5 years and over)
- **Earache**
(children and young adults aged 1 year to 17 years)
- **Infected insect bite**
(adults and children aged 1 year and over)
- **Impetigo**
(adults and children aged 1 year and over)
- **Shingles**
(adults aged 18 years and over)
- **Urinary tract infection**
(women, aged 16 to 64 years)



Ask your pharmacy for more information about this free* NHS service

Visit your Pharmacy First!

*NHS prescription charge rules apply where a medicine is supplied



Christmas Concert

On Thursday 19th December over 100 pupils from across the school performed at the Christmas concert. There were superb performances by the Pop Choir, Wind Band, String Ensemble and Guitar Ensemble as well as a hilarious pantomime 'An Inspection Before Christmas' performed by the Year 7 Drama Club. A number of students performed instrumental, vocal or dance solos and the night also featured a number of our rock bands. A huge well done to all performers. Please check our Facebook page for a full gallery of photos.



Rock Band

Year 8 enjoyed an inspiring visit from the Musica Kirklees Staff Pop Band in the final week before Christmas. As well as learning about the different instruments in the band they enjoyed singing along to a big mix of songs from through the decades. A special well done to Lucas and Amy, Year 8, who joined the band playing trombone and percussion respectively. Videos of the performance can be found on our school Facebook page.



British Science Week

It is that time of year when the science department are thinking about the exciting opportunities, we can offer during science week. If any parents, grandparents, family members or friends can offer some time during science week to come and inspire our students, please get in touch as we would love to be able to offer inspiring careers talks, educational workshops or anything else science related.

Science week is 7th - 16th March and this years theme is change and adapt - for more information please check our the British Science Week website: <https://www.britishsienceweek.org/the-theme-for-2025-is-change-and-adapt/>.



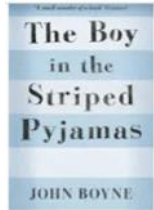
If you are able to offer some time, please contact Miss LeGray-Wise (zlegraywise@themast.co.uk)

Afternoon Reading Time

This half-term we are reading new books during afternoon form reading time.



During form reading time, Year 6 pupils are delving into a variety of short stories that cover an array of topics. This engaging exploration not only enhances their reading skills but also broadens their understanding of different themes and perspectives. By immersing themselves in these narratives, the children will discover new ideas and develop a deeper appreciation for literature.



The Year 7 pupils are reading *The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas* by John Boyne. This moving story delves into themes of friendship and innocence against the backdrop of World War II, encouraging thoughtful discussions among the children.



In Jerry Spinelli's enchanting novel, *Stargirl*, readers are introduced to a uniquely unconventional girl who captivates her peers with her eccentricity and spirit. The story explores themes of individuality, acceptance, and the often bittersweet nature of adolescence. Year 8s are reading this thought-provoking tale, encouraging them to reflect on the importance of being true to oneself while navigating the complexities of friendship and peer pressure.

Here is a reminder of some questions to support your children's understanding of what they have been reading and to open up some discussion about the novels:

- What has happened so far in the story?
- What do you predict will happen next?
- How do you think the story will end?
- Why do you think the character did _____?
- What would you have done if you were the character?
- How would you have felt if you were the character?
- What images do you see in your head when the story is being read?
- How do you picture the characters in your mind?
- What are you wondering about as your teacher reads?
- What do you think will happen in the next part of the story?

Dates For The Diary

Tuesday 21st January - Year 8 Parents' Evening (Face to Face)

Tuesday 28th January - Year 8 Parents' Evening (Online)

Friday 7th February - NSPCC Number Day - Dress Differently

Friday 14th February - School closes for half-term break

Monday 24th February - School re-opens following half-term break