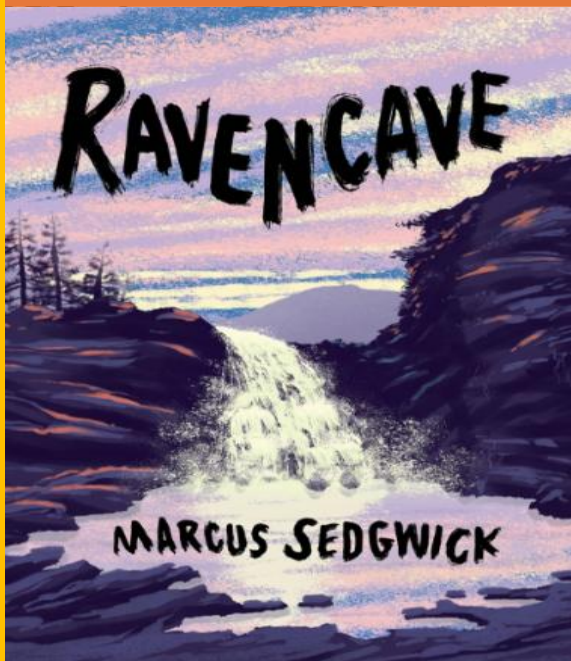




School Bulletin



Yr6 Recommended Read



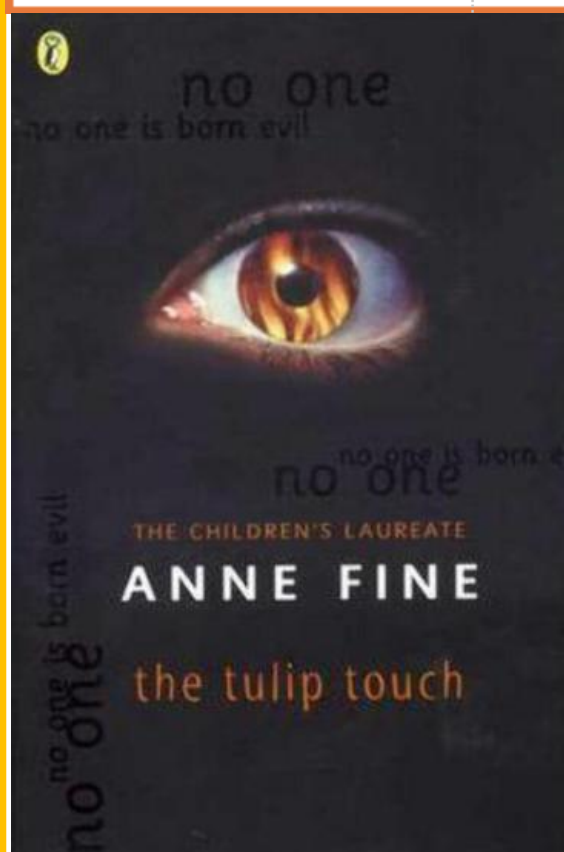
Some family roots are better left buried in Marcus Sedgwick's chilling ghost story, *Ravencave*.

James is enduring the holiday from hell. His parents are at each other's throats, his older brother is permanently moody, and his dad is relentlessly dragging them across Yorkshire to dig up the family tree. Against a backdrop of growing social unease, the tension is suffocating.

Then, the dead make themselves known.

A spectral girl beckons to James from the ruins of Crackpot Hall. When another bitter argument tears through his family, James finally gives in and follows her. What she shows him is a horrifying discovery that connects the past to the present, unlocking a terrible secret his family was never meant to find.

Yr7&8 Recommended Read



Some friendships are built to self-destruct in Anne Fine's compelling and disturbing novel, *The Tulip Touch*.

Nobody wants anything to do with Tulip Pierce. She bunks off school, torments the teachers, and alienates her classmates with awful, malicious lies. She is the girl everyone goes out of their way to avoid. But for Natalie, Tulip's reckless rebellion isn't off-putting—it's dangerously intoxicating.

At first, Natalie is swept up in the thrill, happy to ignore the people hurt by Tulip's bizarre games. But as the dares twist into something much more sinister, Natalie realises her friend is going too far. Way too far.

Tulip's destructive streak is spiralling out of control, bordering on a violent obsession. When a bitter row finally shatters their bond, it pushes Tulip over the edge—and straight into a terrible, unforgivable crime.

Maths Challenges

Pupils from Mr Fox's Year 6 Maths groups entered the UKMT's Primary Maths Challenge in March. The questions were challenging and required good reasoning and problem-solving skills; the following pupils scored 18 or more out of 20: Lily A, Remus D and Charlie S. Certificates have been awarded to all pupils who took part, with higher scores receiving Gold, Silver or Bronze awards.

We also had 96 pupils taking part in the UKMT's Junior Maths Challenge in April. Pupils were awarded Bronze, Silver or Gold awards; the following pupils gained the highest scores for each year group:

Year 6 - Lily D (Silver).

Year 7 - Paris C (Gold).

Year 8 - Louis B (Gold); he also qualified for the follow-on round - the Junior Kangaroo, which will take place in June.

Certificates will be given out after the half-term holiday. Well done to all pupils who took part.

Battle of the Bands

Please follow the links below to enjoy photo and video highlights from our recent Battle of the Bands competition.

Photos: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/scissettmiddle/permalink/4483598578534689/>

Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I6kRyhUgW98>

Careers Assembly

Year 7 and 8 recently enjoyed a visit from a representative from Barnsley College, who got them thinking about their future career paths. She gave information about apprenticeships, A Levels and vocational options and encouraged students think about their interests and skills.



Summer Showcase - Date for the Diary!

On Wednesday 24th June, 6.30pm Scissett will be holding our annual Summer Showcase. This will be an exciting evening of music, dance and drama. Full details, including how to buy tickets will be shared after half term!

Friday 22nd May 2026

Year 7 Quarry Bank Mill Trip

This week our Year 7 pupils went on a trip to Quarry Bank Mill just outside Manchester. The trip built on what that have been learning about life in the Industrial Revolution. We went into the mill and saw some of the machines in operation and saw first hand how loud and dangerous they were. The highlight of the trip was a visit to the Apprentice House to see how children who had been sold to the factory would live.

The students were an absolute credit to the school and yourselves.



Attachments

Please find attached to this email the following important document: PSHE Updates

Water Bottles

As the weather is starting to become warmer, can we please remind all parents to ensure their child brings a water bottle with them to school each day. As always there is a hydration station available with free water at lunchtimes and pupils are able to refill their water bottles from the water fountains at breaktime. Also to send your child with a hat and sun cream as the weather becomes warmer. Thank you for your support.



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Message from Mrs Onnis

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of another busy and productive half term, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy and restful break.

Our pupils have worked incredibly hard over the past few weeks. In particular, I would like to commend our Year 6 children for their focus, determination and resilience during their SATs assessments. They approached the tests with maturity and should be very proud of their efforts.

That said, it is important to recognise that all year groups have demonstrated a strong commitment to their learning across the curriculum. Every class has been working diligently to show their understanding and progress, enabling teachers to make accurate and informed judgements about attainment. We are proud of how all our pupils continue to rise to expectations and embrace their learning.

As we move into the final half term, our expectations around behaviour, uniform and attendance remain high. Good levels of attendance continue to be vital in ensuring pupils make the most of every learning opportunity. We are also looking forward to recognising and celebrating those pupils who consistently meet these standards, particularly through our end-of-year reward trips.

With one half term remaining, we are also looking ahead to a particularly busy and exciting period. Much of our focus will turn to transition - whether that is preparing pupils to move on to their next educational setting, welcoming our new intake, or supporting children as they get ready to move up to the next year group. This is always a special time, full of new opportunities and experiences.

We hope you enjoy the break, spend valuable time with your loved ones, and take the opportunity to rest and reset, ready for the final six weeks of the academic year. There is certainly a great deal to look forward to.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We look forward to welcoming the children back refreshed and ready for the last half term.

Wishing you all a wonderful half term break.

Kind regards,

Mrs Rachael Onnis

Head of School & Designated Safeguarding Lead.

Dates For The Diary

Monday 1st June - School closed for Staff Training Day

Tuesday 2nd June - First day back following half term

Friday 5th June - Monday 8th June - Year 8 French trip

Thursday 11th & 12th June - Year 6 Roman Soldier Workshop

Monday 6th - Wednesday 8th July - Year 7 Kingswood Trip