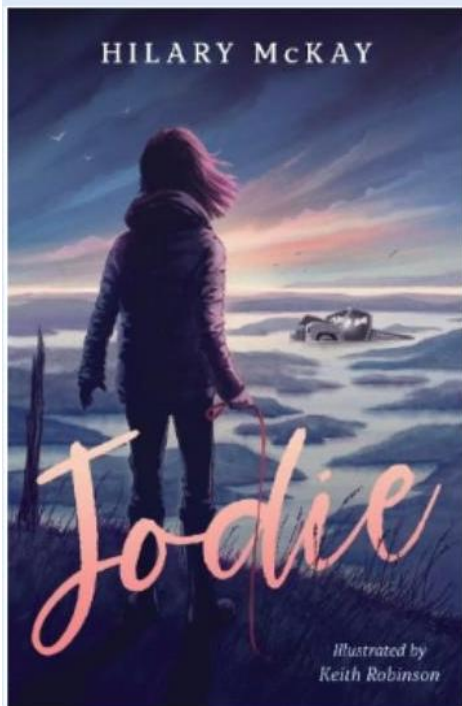




# School Bulletin



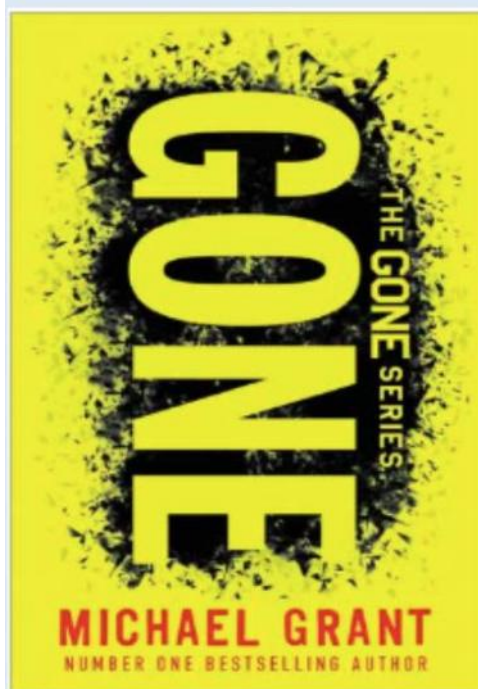
## Yr6 Recommended Read



Jodie never wanted to come on the residential trip to the field centre. A loner at school, she's forced into a dormitory with other girls from her class who don't understand her and talk about her behind her back. Even though they're not trying to be mean, Jodie feels excluded and miserable, and eventually escapes out onto the salt marshes in search of a little dog she can hear barking in the distance. But the salt marshes are dangerous and Jodie gets trapped by the incoming tide. Stuck in the sucking mud, will anyone even notice that she's gone? And where is the little dog that keeps barking so mournfully ...?

Trapped and alone on the salt marshes, Jodie is troubled by a haunting presence in this eerily atmospheric ghost story from multi-award-winning author Hilary McKay.

## Yr7&8 Recommended Read



In the blink of an eye, everyone disappears. Gone. Except for the young.

There are teens, but not one single adult. Just as suddenly, there are no phones, no internet, no television. No way to get help. And no way to figure out what's happened.

Hunger threatens. Bullies rule. A sinister creature lurks. Animals are mutating. And the teens themselves are changing, developing new talents—unimaginable, dangerous, deadly powers—that grow stronger by the day. It's a terrifying new world. Sides are being chosen, a fight is shaping up. Townies against rich kids. Bullies against the weak. Powerful against powerless. And time is running out: On your 15th birthday, you disappear just like everyone else...

## World Book Day

On Thursday 5th March, Scissett Middle celebrated World Book Day in spectacular style! The corridors were transformed as students and teachers alike brought their favourite stories to life, sporting an incredible array of costumes that showcased both creativity and a deep-seated love for literature. The festivities began with an inspiring morning assembly, where several pupils shared moving tributes to the books that have shaped them.

This set the stage for a high-energy day packed with literary excitement. Students threw themselves into the spirit of the occasion, tackling literature-related maths puzzles and engaging in spirited book quizzes to prove their fictional expertise. A particular highlight was the pupils' costume competition; the effort from the children was truly remarkable, making for a very difficult judging process indeed!

It was a joy to see the whole school community come together to celebrate the magic of reading. Pupils really went all out to create a fun and energetic atmosphere, making it a day that was as educational as it was unforgettable.



Friday 27th March 2026

## Battle of the Bands

We are just a few weeks away from our annual middle schools Battle of the Bands competition. Well done to all bands who made it through the semi-final round held in school last week. Tickets are on sale NOW for the live final on Thursday 16th April.



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## Magna Trip

Year 7 had a fantastic day last week, learning all about careers in Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics at the Get Up To Speed Careers Event, held at MAGNA, Rotherham. They had the chance to speak to representatives from lots of exciting companies, find out what it's like working in these industries, try out STEM related activities... and of course collect the all-important free pens!



## Dance Club

Well done to Dance Club, who performed their routine 'Houdini' brilliantly at Strictly Pennine at the Lawrence Batley Theatre recently. This free group meets weekly on Mondays after school, led by our amazing dance teacher Amelie. If you're child is interested in joining please email [mosborne@themast.co.uk](mailto:mosborne@themast.co.uk)



## First School Big Sing

We had a great time last week hosting the First School Big Sing! Thank you to Birdledge, Scissett CE, St Aidan's, Kayes and Flockton, for joining us for a great morning of music making and thank you to Mrs Waller from Musica Kirklees for organising such a fantastic event! The morning also featured singers and instrumentalists from SMS, well done to all!



## Comic Relief Day

We had our Year 7 Charity Day for Comic Relief last Friday. There was a bun and cookie sale and stalls which included glitter tattoos, hair design and colour, lucky dip, name the blobfish and sporting challenges to name a few. Pupils had a great day!

We raised over £1,500 so a massive thank you to everyone who helped and supported the day.



## Music exams

We have many students taking music exams over the next couple of weeks. Good luck to everyone; we'll look forward to sharing your success in future bulletins!

## SATS Information

The link below will take you to the Education Hub's very comprehensive breakdown of the end of KS2 SATS that take place in May. If you have any questions or queries regarding the upcoming exams, then this summary of key information should hopefully provide you with the answers you are looking for.

[KS2 SATs 2026: What parents need to know – The Education Hub](#)

## Shelley College Charity Football Match

Please see details below for a charity football match between Year 11 Shelley College students (former pupils of Kirkburton and Scissett Middle School) which takes place at the end of the holidays for anybody who may wish to support.

**SHELLEY COLLEGE CHARITY FOOTBALL MATCH**  
**SUNDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**  
**3PM KICK OFF**

**£1 ENTRY GATES OPEN 1PM**  
**HOT FOOD | BAR OPEN | RAFFLE | SPECIAL GUESTS**  
**FANTASTIC MEDIA WELFARE GROUND, EMLEY, HD8 9RE**

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## Message from Mrs Onnis

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of another busy and rewarding term, I want to take a moment to thank you for your continued support. This term has been filled with hard work, good progress, and plenty of moments where our pupils have made us incredibly proud. Their resilience, kindness, and enthusiasm for learning continue to shine through every day.

As we head into the Easter break, I hope the holiday offers your family a well deserved opportunity to rest, recharge, and enjoy some quality time together. Whether you are celebrating Easter or simply taking advantage of the spring time break, we wish you a peaceful and joyful time together.

Thank you once again for all you do to support our school community. We look forward to welcoming the children back refreshed and ready for the new term.

Wishing you a wonderful Easter and a happy, restful holiday.

Warm regards,

*Rachael Onnis.*

*Head of School.*

## Year 7 Quarry Bank Mill Trip

A gentle reminder that the consent form and deposit is due **today** for the Quarry Bank Mill trip for Year 7 pupils.

## Attachments

**Please find attached to this email the following important documents:**

- New lunch menus which will be launched on the first day back after Easter
- PSHE Updates
- Term Dates 2026-27

## Dates For The Diary

**Monday 13th April** - School re-opens for all pupils following Easter break

**Thursday 16th April** - Battle of the Bands (6.30pm - 8.30pm)

**Wednesday 29th April** - Junior Maths Challenge

**Monday 4th May** - School Closed for May Day Bank Holiday

**Monday 11th May - Friday 15th May** - Year 6 SATs week

**Tuesday 19th, Wednesday 20th & Thursday 21st May** - Year 7 Quarry Bank Mill trips

**Friday 22nd May** - Last day of half term