

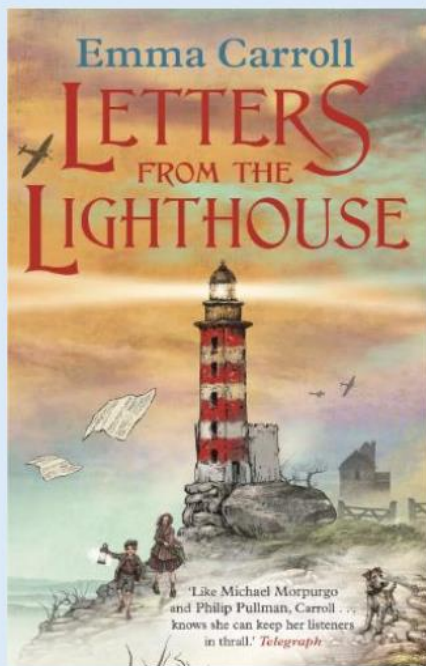


School Bulletin



Recommended Reads

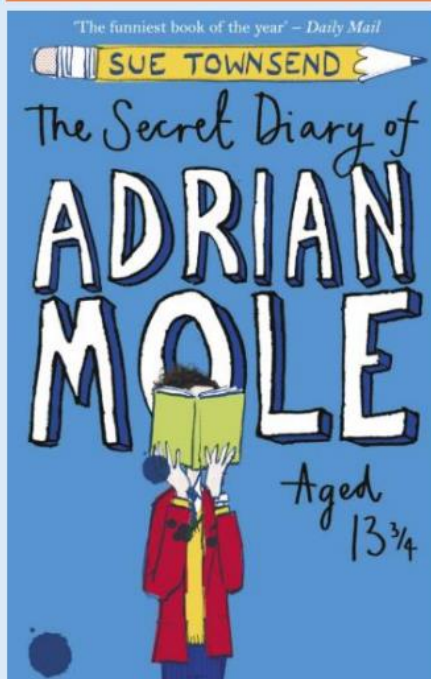
Yr6 Recommended Read



Letters from the Lighthouse is an exciting mystery set during World War II. When Olive and her little brother Cliff are evacuated from London to the Devon coast, they find themselves staying with the mysterious lighthouse keeper, Ephraim. But Olive is determined to solve a puzzle of her own - her sister Sukie disappeared during an air raid, leaving behind a strange note. As Olive uncovers secrets hidden in the lighthouse and the village, she discovers a wartime mystery that could change everything.

Perfect for readers who enjoy adventure, history, and a gripping story full of secrets and bravery!

Yr7&8 Recommended Read



Meet Adrian Mole: a 13³/₄-year-old boy navigating the chaos of teenage life. Between embarrassing parents, school struggles, his hopeless crush on the beautiful Pandora, and his dreams of becoming a famous writer, Adrian records every awkward, hilarious, and cringeworthy moment in his diary. Full of witty observations, teenage drama, and laugh-out-loud moments, this classic novel is a must-read for anyone who's ever felt misunderstood (or just really annoyed by their parents!).

Perfect for fans of funny, relatable stories about growing up!

Battle of the Bands 2025

Wednesday 2nd April saw the live final of the annual Scissett & Kirkburton Middle Schools Battle of the Bands. 13 superb acts had made it through the semi-final stage to the live final and the quality of performance was absolutely superb. Playing a mix of covers and original compositions, every band showed great confidence and musicality and got the audience singing and clapping along. A huge thank you to our panel of expert judges, Mr Crone, Dan O’Flanagan and the band The First Ones (ex-middle school students themselves, who played a fantastic set at the end of the evening). The overall winners, Hyperheads, have won a half day recording studio session and we will be sure to share the studio recording of their winning track Happy by Pharell Williams. A huge well done to all performers, you were fantastic!

[Please click here to enjoy a highlights video](#) of the night and check out our school Facebook page for a full gallery of photos.



SK3 Squash Event

On Wednesday 12th March, the KS3 squash team from across Scissett Middle School, Kirkburton Middle School and Shelley College all took part in the Squash National School Finals in Birmingham. The students won their quarter finals match against Berkhamsted 4-1.

In the semi-finals match the team just missed out on a win, losing 3-2 to Elizabeth College, a school from Guernsey.

In the final match, the team beat Sir Thomas Rich school from Gloucester 3-2, to take 3rd place overall in the competition. This is a wonderful achievement for the team with over 40 schools entered. A massive well done to Lewis G, Frankie A, Jake B, Sam R, James B, Mathew S.



Year 7 - Quarry Bank Mill Reminder

A polite reminder to all of our Year 7 parents/carers that the deposit deadline for the Quarry Bank Mill trip is Friday 4th April and the final payment deadline is Friday 25th April.



Lawrence Batley Theatre Drama Trip

On Thursday 27th March, 40 students from Years 7 and 8, celebrated World Theatre Day at Lawrence Batley Theatre in Huddersfield. The trip consisted of a Physical Theatre workshop with an industry professional, in which students learnt fantastic new exercises to inspire their devising work in Drama. They also took part in a backstage tour which taught them the rich history of the theatre building, as well as an up-close look at how shows are operated behind the scenes. The tour included a visit to the box office, dressing rooms, green room and wings, as well as both on and beneath the stage, which allowed them to see first-hand how a professional set is designed and manoeuvred from the viewpoint of the Actors and Stage Managers. Students were also lucky enough to participate in a Q&A session with industry professionals at the theatre: LBT's CEO; Lighting, Sound and Set Technician; Marketing Manager and Visitor Experience Manager. This was an invaluable morning which opened the students' eyes to the many exciting career routes in theatre. What better way to celebrate World Theatre Day 2025!



Music Exams

We would like to say a big well done to the following pupils for passing their recent music exams:

Amy C- Grade 3 piano & Grade 2 drum kit (Distinction)

Oliver T- Grade 3 (Distinction) Drum Kit

Zak J - Grade 2 (Distinction) drum kit

Toby S - Grade 2 (Distinction) drum kit

Jack B- Grade 2 (Merit) Trumpet

If your child has recently passed a music exam that we don't already know about, please let us know so we can share this in future newsletters!



Another
big
trip...



This year saw us do our first trip to the world's biggest dance show – Move It Dance Exhibition, at the Excel, London. This was an amazing opportunity for students to experience both going to London and the event itself. Students took part in 2 workshops – a Disney audition workshop and either a Starlight Express roller skating workshop or a Starlight Express Dance workshop. There were many stalls the students could access relating to careers, educational next steps and general merchandise and dance equipment. There were many different performances going on around the event, including on the main stage, which is where students watched many performances of different genres/themes. Throughout the day, the students showed enthusiasm, respect and great interest, also displaying exemplary behaviour on the journeys to and from the event. A day enjoyed by all involved!





It was lovely to see the students laughing and having so much fun, in addition to interacting with students from different year groups, recognising their similar interests! All good for mental health and wellbeing!



If your child is interested in joining a Dance club, encourage them to talk to other students in school who already go to one and find out more about the clubs and opportunities that are out there.

Some students did a Dance version of the starlight express workshop! Wow, they did amazing, big shout out to Lucy in year 6, who was absolutely pumping it throughout! The workshop was led by the lead choreographer for Starlight Express: The Musical, Ashley Nottingham. The students did brilliantly in picking up the routine and showed great movement skills in their practice and performance. Another fantastic part of the day enjoyed by all.





Lots of fun had by all on the skates, watching big groups like Burlesque and chilling in a big deck chair! The above picture also shows them taking part in the Disney workshop, where there were Disney scouts from all the world Disney parks – a great experience to show how important expression is in telling a story through Dance.

**Scissett
Yellow
1st Place**

**Toby
Amelia
Kellan
Sienna
Louis**



**Scissett
Orange
2nd Place**

**Ethan
Kaiden
Kaine
Ryan
Reggie**



The year 6 panathlon was held at Longley Sports Club. We had 2 teams of 5, a boys team and a mixed team. The event involved students participating in a carousel of multi-skills activities, which saw students show off their hand-eye coordination and agility. They worked together as a team with great success, the team captains did a brilliant job at motivating and leading, which was lovely to see. Out of 7 teams in the morning event, Scissett yellow won the event overall by 1 point with Scissett Orange coming in 2nd. We have since had news that Scissett yellow have now progressed through to the West Yorkshire Panathlon Final, which is an absolutely amazing achievement! Congratulations to Scissett Yellow and a huge well done to Scissett Orange.

Well done to all involved 😊



**The West Yorkshire Panathlon final for Scissett Yellow is on
Tuesday 20th May... watch this space!**



West Yorkshire Sportshall Athletics Champions '25



The year 7 and year 8 boys/girls have been busy with the sportshall athletics competitions, competing in the South Kirklees SHA. In this competition, it's the top 2 teams who go through to the Kirklees final. I am thrilled to say that both the year 7 and year 8s qualified, which I'm sure you'll agree is super! This was held at Leeds Road Sports Complex and saw our year 7 girls and year 8 boys qualify for the West Yorkshire final.





West Yorkshire Sportshall Athletics 3rd Place



3rd April - finals day! Here, the year 7 girls had some fantastic results and put in some great performances, resulting in them coming 3rd overall in West Yorkshire. The year 8 boys also did fantastic, putting some rapid race performances in. The success they had was big with them coming 1st overall in West Yorkshire. An amazing set of results all round! Huge congratulations to all involved! Hopefully, we'll have a good track and field season after Easter!



Y7&8 Netball

The year 7 girls have done fantastic this season, developing their tactical awareness in Netball and showing real grit and determination in a number of league games as well as the year 7 tournament. They have got a good grasp of the game and I look forward to much success with them in year 8.

Our year 8 team have also worked hard this season, with 3 teams rotating around fixtures, which shows huge interest and involvement from a number of girls. I am sure they will be successful as they progress on to Shelley and I will be putting a few names forward for the Netball trials. Well done to all involved.

Note: The year 8 Netball tournament is on Monday 28th April.

Year 6 Netball Festival

As well as in PE, some of the year 6 girls have had a taste of a Netball festival environment, working with students from other schools on various aspects of Netball. They participated in a few workshops based on passing/receiving, shooting and spatial awareness.

They had a brilliant time and I know they're very excited for Netball practice to start in year 7. Even if your child didn't go to this particular festival, they're most welcome at Netball when it begins in September.

In the meantime, why not encourage your child to go to some of the Netball Easter camps or join a Netball team such as Silkstone Swifts? Their skill development will increase greatly as a result.

All things football.. year 6, 7 & 8 girls' Football

I am thrilled to see so many girls getting involved with Football – we have had a great season and shown positive attitudes both in training and at fixtures.

Year 6 girls have worked well on developing confidence on the ball, having had a mix of results across a number of games. They have trained alongside the older girls, which has also helped them with the social side of playing football. I have no doubt they will go on to develop further next season.

Year 7 and 8 have played in the U13 Kirklees Football League and have had great success at a number of games. The girls play the ball up the pitch with great skill and confidence, with some incredible goals at the end of it. A huge well done to the team!



Bikeability

A great opportunity has again been had by a number of students from various year groups on the Bikeability scheme – the national cycle training programme. They learnt the importance of controlling their bike, confidence in riding in addition to vital, practical skills for riding their bikes on and around today's roads.

In the cross country, both the boys' and girls' teams made it to the West Yorkshire Finals, a fantastic achievement reflecting their hard work and dedication. Every runner gave their best, and we're incredibly proud of them all.

A special mention goes to one exceptional athlete who progressed even further, earning a place in the National Finals—a truly remarkable accomplishment!

Congratulations to Niamh in year 6!

Our Year 6 boys have had a positive season in the Huddersfield schools football league, playing at home and travelling to other schools across the region. They have demonstrated great team work and resilience picking up many victories along the way. Keep up the good work as we look forward to 9-a-side football next academic year!

The year 6 boys also qualified for the first round of the floodlit cup and had the opportunity to progress to the next round. This saw them play at Canalside - Huddersfield Town's training ground. They played some fantastic football, showing their teamwork throughout, particularly when it came to showing their support during the penalty shootout. They came through this and reached the final, where again, they played a brilliant game but unfortunately just lost out to winning overall.

Our Year 7 boys' rugby team has been putting in the hard work on the training field as they prepare for the first round of the Yorkshire Plate. Their commitment and effort have been fantastic, and they're ready to take on the challenge ahead. The team will travel to Grimsby for their opening fixture, where they'll be looking to put their skills to the test. Watch this space for an update on how they progress after the Easter break.

The Year 8 boys have played in the Huddersfield league and cup over the last half term, showing commitment and grit in all of their games. They have played well as a team, developing their cohesion and performance. I'm sure they'll continue the training and hard work when up at Shelley next season. Well done to all involved.

Additional general updates/reminders

Back at the end of term 1, we reported that as well as the whole school accessing the PE curriculum, over

60% of the whole school have accessed a sporting club/activity since September. This figure has now

increased to **83%**. I am sure you will agree this is fantastic that so many of our young people are showing interest in participating in sporting opportunities! On top of the many opportunities we've already provided, the summer term will see many fixtures that involve Cricket, Rugby, Rounders and Athletics. We have also got our year 8 sports day at the English Institute of Sport on the 9th May, as well as the Superleague Netball Trip and a new trip to Emirates Cricket Ground, Manchester to watch England v India Women in the International T20 Cricket.

All years PE groups will be moving onto Cricket and Tag Rugby after Easter. Rounders and Athletics will follow after the spring half term break.

Could I also take this opportunity to encourage your child to remember all parts of their PE kit please – a suggestion of putting a reminder in their phone would be advantageous or a reminder on the fridge. It is vital they have this so that they get the most out of their PE experience and can access the PE curriculum. Lastly, if they're excused, they must still bring their PE kit – this is so that they can still access the curriculum in an alternative role such as a leader, coach, referee, analyst, timekeeper etc. in addition to ensuring they have a dry set of clothes to change into as well as maintaining good habits and routine of bringing their kit.

Be active, be healthy and have a lovely Easter break!

