



Mrs Scripps' Scribbles

Wow—what a week! I am so proud of all of the students who performed at our two singing performances. Despite some of the older students looking like they wanted the ground to swallow them up, everyone tried their best and it was great to have such appreciative audiences. A big thank you to the staff who taught the students their songs.

I can't believe my first half term as Ralph Sadleir Headteacher has almost finished. I would like to thank all members of the school community for the warm welcome and support that I have received. An enormous thank you to all the staff who have worked so hard this half term.

On behalf of the staff and trustees I wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a wonderful start to 2024.

Staffing Update

We are saying good bye to five members of staff at the end of this term. Mr Leach who has been interim Headteacher since Easter. Miss Gordon, who currently teaches in Year 6 is moving to a school in Stevenage. Mrs Raynham, one of our PE teachers is taking a break from teaching to spend more time with her young family. Mr George, who has been providing cover across the school is going to be teaching at a Cambridge school. Miss Fairbank, who has been off school unwell since the summer term has now tendered her resignation and will not be returning. Thank you to all these staff for their hard work and commitment and we wish them very well for the future

We are welcoming two new teachers to school in January. Mr Dodd will be teaching music across the school and RE to Y7/8. Mr Lam will be teaching Y7/8 maths.

Mr Haigh is continuing to teach 5Parks/H5 and Mr Verderame will be teaching 6John/G6.

Congratulations to Mrs Man, a member of our fantastic support staff team, has just completed her Higher Level Teaching Assistant (HLTA) Qualification.

Ralph Sadleir Reads

Would you like to volunteer to help some of our students? Do you have a regular hour to spare once or twice a week? We have a number of students who would benefit from the opportunity to read with an adult. Email Miss Devonshire (K.devonshire@ralphsadleir.academy) if you can help, letting her know which times/days suit you best.

INSET Days Update

Whilst the students are still enjoying their Christmas holidays, teachers will be hard at work in school on 4th and 5th January. We are reviewing and updating the school curriculum and our assessment procedures. All the updated information will be available on our school website by the middle of January when we will share the link.

Buntingford and Villages Food Bank

Many thanks to everyone who donated to our food collection. As you can see everyone was very generous and we will be delivering the donations to the Food Bank ready for Christmas.



Dates for the rest of the year 2023/24— new/updated dates in red

Date	Who's involved	Event
AUTUMN TERM 2023		
20th December	All students and parents	End of term (1.30 p.m.)
Christmas Holidays	All students	Big Book Swap Reading Challenge
SPRING TERM 2024		
4th - 5th January	-	INSET Days—school closed to students
8th January	All students and parents	Start of term
15th January	6 Radcliffe	Trip to Aerozone
16th January	Hamilton Class	Trip to Aerozone
17th January	Year 7 and 8 students	'Studying with the Brain in Mind ' workshops
17th January	All parents	Parent Forum - Behaviour (2.30 p.m.)
18th January	Attenborough Class	Trip to Aerozone
22nd January	Selected students	District Cross Country being held at Ralph Sadleir
23rd January	Yousafzai Class	Trip to Aerozone
24th January	All students and parents	Parent Teacher Consultations (4.30—7.30 p.m.)
25th January	All students and parents	Parent Teacher Consultations (4.30—7.30 p.m.)
29th January	Selected Students	District Cross Country at Edwinstree
30th January	Year 7 and 8 students	Natalie Shay Show and MH sessions
31st January	Year 7 students	'Drugs' Police presentation
31st January	Year 8 students	'Drugs, Gangs and County Lines' Police presentation
1st February	Selected students	Year 7 Football Match
8th February	Year 6 students	Heights and Weights
8th February	Selected students	Netball Match at King James Academy
9th February	Year 6 students	Heights and Weights
13th February	6 Radcliffe students and parents	Class Assembly 12.30 p.m.
19th—23rd February	All students and parents	Half Term Holiday—school closed
26th Feb—1st March	Year 5 students	Bikeability
1st March	6 George students and parents	Class Assembly 11.30 a.m.
5th March	All parents	Parent Forum: Reports & Parent Evenings
7th March	5 Pearson students and parents	Class assembly 12.30 p.m.



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Date	Who's involved	Event
SPRING TERM 2023		
12th March	Selected students	Big Bang Science Conference
13th March	All students and parents	Science Fair 3.30—4.30 p.m.
15th March	5 Teresa students and parents	Class assembly 12.30 p.m.
18th March	5 Parks students and parents	Class assembly 12.30 p.m.
26th March	6 John students and parents	Class assembly 12.30 p.m.
28th March	All students and parents	End of term (1.30 p.m.)
SUMMER TERM 2024		
15th April	-	INSET Day—school closed to students
16th April	All students and parents	Start of term
28th April—3rd May	Year 8	Trip to France
7th May	All parents	Parent Forum (subject tbc) 9.00—10.00 a.m.
21st May	Year 8 students	HVP1 Vaccine
24th May	-	INSET Day—school closed to students
24th—31st May	All students and parents	Half Term Holiday—school closed
3rd—7th June	Year 6 students	Trip to PGL
12th June	Year 7 students	Trip TBC
19th June	Year 8 students	Thorpe Park TBC
26th June	All parents	Parent Forum (subject tbc) 2.30—3.30 p.m.
27th June	All parents	Reports Home
11th July	All students	Transition/Moving Up Day
16th July	Freman House students and parents	Prize Giving (2.30 p.m.)
17th July	Sadleir House students and parents	Prize Giving (2.30 p.m.)
18th July	Salisbury House students and parents	Prize Giving (2.30 p.m.)
19th July	Wellington House students and parents	Prize Giving (2.30 p.m.)
23rd July	All students and parents	End of term (1.30 p.m.)

Term Dates 2024/2025

Autumn Term 2024	Spring Term 2025	Summer Term 2025
2nd September: INSET Day	6th January: INSET Day	22nd April: Start of term
3rd September : Start of term	7th January: Start of term	26th—30th May: Half Term Holiday
28th Oct—1st Nov: Half Term Holiday	17th—21st February: Half Term Holiday	18th July: End of term
6th December : Occasional Day	4th April: End of Term	21st—23rd July: Allocated INSET Days*
22nd December: End of term	7th—21st April—Easter Holidays	* Twilight sessions throughout the year.
23rd Dec— 3rd Jan: Christmas Holidays		

