



## Mrs Scripps' Scribbles

What a busy week! We have had three classes go to Aerozone at Stansted Airport and there were learning workshops for all the students in Year 7 and 8.

## Home Community Service

Well done Grace L (Y6) who volunteered to help out at an afternoon tea event held at her local village hall for residents of the village. She was responsible for serving food, clearing the tables, washing up and clearing up at the end of the event. The lady organising the event said she was absolutely wonderful and indeed a great help, she was polite and showed great use of initiative. As a result, she has been invited back to help at another event later this month. Grace was beaming when her parents picked her up - she liked having the responsibility.

[Please click here](#) if you would like to nominate your child for a Home Community Service Award.

## 'Studying with the Brain in Mind' workshops

This week Lea from InnerDrive workshops for our Year 7 and 8 students to enhance their learning skills.

Tommy B (Y8) tells us, "It was very helpful as I struggle with sleep and now know not to watch TV all the way up to when I am going to sleep, but to read on my Kindle with eye shield on. We also learnt that multi tasking things in your head is quite difficult and most of the time will hinder the quality of your work."

Naïve P (Y8) reports, "It was interesting to hear about the stages of sleep like REM, light and deep sleep and it how it affects your ability to learn."

## House Point Winners:

Students across the school have been given 5015 House Points this week. Congratulations to the following five students who have been awarded the most House Points: Samuel T (Y7), Layla C (Y7), Ariana C (Y7), Thomas L (Y7) and Alexis R-D (Y5).

## Word of the Week

This week's word is

**sonorous** (adj) - rich and full in sound

'Weir heard something different in the sounds. Once, during a period of calm, he sat on the firestep waiting for Stephen to return from an inspection and listened to the music of the tins. The empty ones were sonorous, the fuller ones provided an ascending scale.'  
(Birdsong, Sebastien Faulks)

## Friday Morning Snack

Congratulations to Freman House that received the most points this week.

On 26th January it will be students from the House that has gained the **least negative points between** Monday and Thursday who will be able to purchase morning snack.

## Free School Meals

Over 6,000 households in Hertfordshire could be eligible for free school meals but so far haven't applied, this includes 637 families in East Herts. As well as missing out on a free school meal, households could be missing out on:

- school milk (Year 3 and over)
  - food vouchers during school holidays
  - SaverCard which gives half fare bus travel to 11-19 year olds (usually £20)
  - Help with music lesson fees
  - Free school holiday activity camps
- ([www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/happy](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/happy)).

Please have a look at [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals) to see whether your child is eligible for free school meals.

## Lunch Update:

Next week is Week 1 on the menu and the rota is:

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| 1st: Year 7 | 2nd: Year 8 |
| 3rd: Year 5 | 4th: Year 6 |

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

<b>Date</b>	<b>Who's involved</b>	<b>Event</b>
22nd January	Selected Y7/8 students	District Cross Country being held at Edwinstree
23rd January	Yousafzai Class	Trip to Aerozone
29th January	Selected Y5/6 Students	District Cross Country at Ralph Sadleir
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
2nd February	Selected students	Police Drone demonstration
7th February	All students and parents	Parent Teacher Consultations (4.00—7.30 p.m.)
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.
15th February	All students and parents	Parent Teacher Consultations (4.30—7.30 p.m.)
19th—23rd February	All students and parents	Half Term Holiday—school closed
19th—23rd February	All students	House Art Competition to be completed during the break
26th Feb—1st March	Year 5 students	Bikeability
1st March	6 George students and parents	Class Assembly 11.30 a.m.
4th March	Selected Students	Girls Indoor Cricket Event at KJA
5th March	All parents	Parent Forum: Reports & Parent Evenings (9.00 –10.00 a.m.)
7th March	5 Pearson students and parents	Class assembly 12.30 p.m.
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.
27th March	All students	Bring entries in for the Easter House Bake Off Competition
28th March	All students and parents	End of term (1.30 p.m.)



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<b>SUMMER TERM 2024</b>		
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
11th June	Selected students	House Athletics
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
5th July	All students and parents	Sports Day
9th July	All students and parents	Sports Day Reserve—if cancelled on 5th due to weather!
11th July	All students	Transition/Moving Up Day
15th July	All students	Olympics Cross Curricular 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

<b>Autumn Term 2024</b>	<b>Spring Term 2025</b>	<b>Summer Term 2025</b>
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		

