



Mrs Scripps' Scribbles

I am delighted to let you know that once again we have received very positive feedback from the team at Aerozone about the great behaviour of our students over the last two weeks.

Home Community Service

Well done Beau T (Y6) who volunteers at Roger de Clare School. Last summer, Roger de Clare had their library refurbished. Mrs Worby, who is in charge of the library, is very keen to keep the new library a welcoming and inspiring place for the children. Since September, Beau has been helping Mrs Worby twice a week, on Tuesday before school and Thursday after school. She tidies the bookshelves, makes sure the books are the right way round and returns any books that have gone astray to their correct section. She assesses the condition of the books and removes any damaged books so Mrs Worby can repair them. She also tidies the floor area and arranges the seating ready for the children to use. She continues to volunteer twice a week and is looking forward to installing the non-fiction topic labels soon.

This week in House Assemblies we have spoken about the importance of Community Service. We have explained to the students that when they are older, it will be down to them to volunteer in their community if their own children are to have the same experiences that they have. Many thanks to any of our parents who give up time to volunteer for sports teams, youth clubs, scouting and guiding activities and so.

[Please click here](#) if you would like to nominate your child for a Home Community Service Award. We have set the challenge that 50% of students will have earned a Bronze Home Community Service award by Easter.

Smart watches

It seems quite a few students were received smart watches at Christmas. Students are being reminded that their phones must be turned off so that they can't interact with the smart watch.

Word of the Week

This week's word is **ferocity (n)** – the state or quality of being fierce/violent

'As Sykes growled forth this oath, with the most desperate ferocity that his desperate nature was capable of...' (Oliver Twist, Charles Dickens)

Aerozone

6Radcliffe and all the Year 7 students have been to visit Aerozone this half term.

Lenny (Y7) tells us, "It was really good because we got to speak to people who do jobs all around the airport. I thought that the pilot was the most interesting, because he spoke about how he controls the plane and answered all our questions."

Lilly-May (Y7) said, "During our visit we had numerous people talk to us about their jobs and what it's like to work at the airport. It has inspired me to think about being cabin crew, but I am also really interested in forensic science. We got to watch planes from a platform that had a really good view of the runway - it was awe inspiring."

House Point Winners:

Students across the school have been given 4321 House Points this week. Congratulations to the following five students who have been awarded the most: Emma Bartlett (Y7), Chloe Murphy (Y7), Joe Hodge (Y7), George Hilborn (Y8) and Toby Woodward (Y7).

Friday Morning Snack

Congratulations to Salisbury House that received the fewest negative points this week.

On 2nd February it will be students from the Year Group that has gained the **highest percentage of positive points** between next Monday and Thursday who will be able to purchase morning snack.

Lunch Update:

Next week is Week 2 on the menu and the rota is:

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

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

Date	Who's involved	Event
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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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
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

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		

