



Mrs Scripps' Scribbles

At last we have some regular blue sky and already the students are asking when they can go on the field at breaktimes. Hopefully the good weather will continue and we will get them on the field as soon as we are confident that trousers and shoes won't be covered in mud! To celebrate the start of the National British Science Week which is a celebration of science, technology, engineering and maths all the students are taking part in our Puzzle Day on Friday.

Safeguarding matters at Ralph Sadleir

We would like to remind all parents that WhatsApp is not a suitable messaging service for younger students, particularly those in Year 5 and 6. At this age, children are still developing emotionally and socially, and may struggle to use the app appropriately. As a result, issues such as hurt feelings over messages or being removed from group chats can arise, leaving children upset and confused.

While we understand that these situations can be concerning for parents, we want to emphasize that it is not appropriate for parents to contact children directly via social media. If there is an issue that involves your child, we ask that parents reach out to the other parents involved. If you are unsure of who to contact, please inform the school, and we will help address the concern.

We also urge parents of children in all year groups to regularly check their child's phone and ensure they are using messaging services responsibly. It's important to challenge your child if they are sending inappropriate messages or have contacts with unfamiliar names. Together, we can create a safer and more positive online experience for all our students.

Punctuality matters at Ralph Sadleir

We are concerned by the high number of students who are arriving at school after the gates have been closed at 8.40 a.m.—this morning it was 45 students. We know that there are occasional days when traffic is heavier than normal resulting in delays, but on the whole local traffic is fairly consistent so parents should know when they need to leave home and allow enough time to drop off children at school so they can be through the gates by 8.40 a.m. From today parents are being informed via Track It when their children have arrived late. Two late arrivals to school during a week will result in a breaktime detention on the Friday. Every student arrived at school on time on the day we went to the cinema so we know it is possible. We know that some students struggle to arrive at school due to anxiety and of course these children will not receive a consequence.

Homework matters at Ralph Sadleir

We have been so impressed with the wide range of Book in a Box projects that were brought in last week. We will let you know the winners next week. This half term we will not be setting an optional homework task as we want to focus on every student doing their statutory homework,.

Reading

Year 5 & 6: 20 minutes per day Year 7 & 8: 30 mins sustained reading three times per week

Spelling: All year groups complete Spellzone task that has been set by the teacher and encourage students to do 20 mins independent work each week too

Maths:

All year groups: White Rose journal homework set by maths teacher

All year groups: Times Table Rock Stars weekly tasks and encourage students to do 20 minutes independent work over the week too

Science:

Weekly quiz set on a Google Form, this will take no more than 30 minutes.

Many thanks to the parents who are supporting us in ensuring that their children complete their homework tasks on time. Students who have not completed homework when it is due will be expected to use some of their lunchtime to complete it.

Celebrating Excellence

Attendance

At Ralph Sadleir we know that good school attendance is key to student success. Being in school regularly helps students stay on track with their learning, build important skills, and develop positive relationships with friends and teachers. We know that sometimes our students cannot come to school because they are really unwell - and that's the right thing to do for them and other students. When reporting your child's absence please ensure that you give the specific reason for their absence, ill/unwell/poorly is not acceptable, we need to know the specific reason, e.g., migraine, sore throat, ear ache.

	Last week	This year
1st	8S—95.49%	6T—95.28%
2nd =	5C— 96.67%	8R—95.29 %
3rd	7I— 96.67%	8S—94.55%
Whole school	93.43% ↑	93.25% =

Positive House Points

The chart below shows the total number of positive house points each class achieved in the last week before half-term and

	Last week	All Year	Last week	All Year	Last week	All Year
Year 5	122 5C 5130		299 5O 7532		113 5N 4575	
	Lyla R—8	Lyla R 283	Dylan L—21	Oliver F-H —433	Ronnie H—8	Flo A—295
Year 6	255 6D 6336		159 6E 4916		230 6T 4755	
	Lexi R—17	Lexi R—435	Sophie SC—13	Preston T—273	Lilah H—14	Lilah H—271
Year 7	260 7K 5999		202 7I 7272		130 7N 5824	
	Spencer W—15	Beau T— 378	Tommy T—14	Millie W—392	Abigail M —8	Abigail M—356
Year 8	204 8R 7386		225 8E 5786		186 8S 7533	
	Indie C—15	Indie C —391	Charlie S—17	Sam T—379	Mabel F—11	Ashton K—484

so far this year, including the class leaders.

Time Tables Rock Stars

All students **must** be regularly practising their tables on Times Tables Rock Stars. We cannot stress enough how vital it is that students know their tables and are able to recall them quickly. Each week students are set compulsory homework tasks and we encourage them to do additional daily practice. Congratulations to the following students who have the highest average time played per day over the last school week, * indicates consecutive weeks.

5C	Sofia T *	6D	Alfred H	7K	Ostyn B	8R	Ellie A
5O	Esse LC	6E	Preston T *	7I	Emma T *	8E	Sebastian H *
5N	Eddie R *	6T	Vlad K	7N	Adam J	8S	Ashton K



Spelling

All students **must** be regularly practising their spellings on SpellZone. Each week students are set compulsory homework tasks. Congratulations to the following students who have spent the most time on SpellZone over the last school week, * indicates consecutive weeks.

5C	Sofia T *	6D	Evie G	7K	NO STUDENT	8R	Emma B
5O	Georgia H	6E	Kalani W	7I	Emma T *	8E	Paige S *

Date 2024/2025

Any additions or changes to the dates are in red. As there are so many events across the year, please look at the second column to see who the event is for, that way you can ignore many of the dates! We have a calendar of the events for this year on our website, [click here to see it](#).

Spring Term 2025

5th March	Sadleir Brooks students & parents	Sadleir Brooks Assembly 8.40—8.55 a.m.
7th March	All Students	Maths Puzzle Day - STEM Day
10th March	All parents	OFSTED Update 9.00 - 9.30 a.m.
11th March	Parents of students with SEND	Coffee Morning 8.40—8.55 a.m.
12th March	Sadleir Bentley students & parents	Sadleir Bentley Assembly 8.50—9.05 a.m.
17th—21st March	All students	Student/Tutor Review Week
19th March	Selected students	Trip to see Oliver
20th March	Year 8 Parents	France Trip Information Meeting 6.00—7.00 p.m.
26th March	Year 8 Students	Trip to Woburn Safari Park
26th March	Selected students	Y5/6 House Netball Tournament
27th March	Selected students	Y7/8 House Netball Tournament
28th March	All students and parents	Spring Term Reviews home
1st April	Freman Devonshire Students & Parents	Freman Devonshire Assembly 8.40—8.55 a.m.
2nd April	Selected students	Y5/6 House Netball Tournament (if wet previous week)
3rd April	Salisbury Hindhaugh students & parents	Salisbury Hindhaugh Assembly 8.40—8.55 a.m.
3rd April	Selected students	Y7/8 House Netball Tournament (if wet previous week)
4th April	Wellington Davison students & parents	Wellington Davison Assembly 8.40—8.55 a.m.
4th April	All students and parents	1.00 p.m. End of Term

Summer Term 2025

22nd April	All students and parents	Start of Term
24th April	Year 6 Parents	PGL Trip Information Meeting 6.00—7.00 p.m.
27th April—2nd May	Year 8 Students	Residential Trip to France
28th April—2nd May	Parents of students with IEPs	IEP Review Meetings
5th May	All students and parents	Bank Holiday Monday—school closed
6th May	Parents of students with SEND	Coffee Morning 9.00—10.00 a.m.
8th May	Salisbury Haigh students & parents	Salisbury Haigh Assembly 8.40—8.55 a.m.
9th May	Wellington Mikelsons students & parents	Wellington Mikelsons Assembly 8.40—8.55 a.m.
12th—15th May	Year 6 students	SATS
19th—23rd May	Year 6 students	Residential Trip to PGL
23rd May	All parents	OFSTED Update 2.45—3.15 p.m.
26th—30th May	All students and parents	Half Term Holiday

3rd June	Freman Dodd Students and Parents	Freman Dodd Assembly 8.40—8.55 a.m.
6th June	Wellington Draper students & parents	Wellington Draper Assembly 8.40—8.55 a.m.
9th—13th June	All students	Student/Tutor Review Week
10th June	Year 7 students	Trip to Stanborough Lakes Water Activities
10th June	Year 7 students	Trip to Stanborough Lakes Water Activities
17th June	Selected Year 5 students and parents	House Athletics Competition 2.15—3.30 pm.
18th June	Selected Year 6 students and parents	House Athletics Competition 2.15—3.30 pm.
18th June	Year 8 students	Trip to Thorpe Park
19th June	Selected Year 7 students and parents	House Athletics Competition 2.15—3.30 pm.
19th June	New Year 5 Parents 25/26	Information Meeting 5.00—6.00 p.m.
20th June	Selected Year 8 students and parents	House Athletics Competition 2.15—3.30 pm.
24th June	Freman House Students and Parents	Freman House Assembly 8.40—8.55 a.m.
24th June	Selected Year 5 students and parents	House Athletics 2.15—3.30 pm. (if wet previous week)
24th June	Selected Year 7 and 8 students	Trip to see Six the Musical
25th June	Selected Year 6 students and parents	House Athletics 2.15—3.30 pm. (if wet previous week)
26th June	Salisbury Coppen students & parents	Salisbury Coppen Assembly 8.40—8.55 a.m.
26th June	Selected Year 7 students and parents	House Athletics 2.15—3.30 pm. (if wet previous week)
27th June	Wellington Grist students & parents	Wellington Grist Assembly 8.40—8.55 a.m.
27th June	Selected Year 8 students and parents	House Athletics 2.15—3.30 pm. (if wet previous week)
27th June	Selected Year 4 students and parents	Tea Party
1st July	Parents of students with SEND	Coffee Morning 9.00—10.00 a.m.
3rd July	Salisbury Mclver students & parents	Salisbury Mclver Assembly 8.40—8.55 a.m.
3rd July	All students and parents	Sports Day
4th July	Year 6	Horrible Histories at The Beam, Hertford
4th July	All students and parents	End of Year Reviews sent home
8th July	All students and parents	Back up Sports Day (if wet on 3rd July)
9th July	All parents	OFSTED Update 9.00 - 9.30 a.m.
10th July	All students	Moving Up Day
11th July	Freman House students and parents	Ralph Sadleir Award Presentation (2.45 p.m.)
14th July	Sadleir House students and parents	Ralph Sadleir Award Presentation (2.45 p.m.)
15th July	Salisbury House students and parents	Ralph Sadleir Award Presentation (2.45 p.m.)
16th July	Wellington House students and parents	Ralph Sadleir Award Presentation (2.45 p.m.)
17th July	Year 5, 6 and 7 Gold Award Winners	Gold Award Treat
17th July	Year 8 students	Year 8 Leavers' Celebration
18th July	All students and parents	1.00 p.m. End of Term

Autumn Term 2024

2nd September: INSET Day
3rd September : Start of term
28th Oct—1st Nov: Half Term Holiday
6th December : Occasional Day
20th December: End of term
23rd Dec— 3rd Jan: Christmas Holidays

Spring Term 2025

6th January: INSET Day
7th January: Start of term
17th—21st February: Half Term Holiday
4th April: End of Term
7th—21st April—Easter Holidays

Summer Term 2025

22nd April: Start of term
26th—30th May: Half Term Holiday
18th July: End of term
21st—23rd July: Allocated INSET Days*
* Twilight sessions throughout the year.

Autumn Term 2025

1st September: INSET Day
2nd September : Start of term
27th –31st October Half Term Holiday
5th December : Occasional Day
19th December: End of term
22nd Dec— 2nd Jan: Christmas Holidays

Spring Term 2026

5th January: INSET Day
6th January: Start of term
16th—20th February: Half Term Holiday
27th March: End of Term
28th March—10th April —Easter Holidays

Summer Term 2026

13th April: Start of term
22nd May: INSET Day TBC
25th—29th May: Half Term Holiday
17th July: End of term
20th and 21st July: Allocated INSET Days*
* Twilight sessions throughout the year.