



Mrs Scripps' Scribbles

We seem to be flying through the summer term. Year 8 had a fantastic time in France making memories to last a lifetime. An enormous thanks to Mrs Bentley, Mr Grist, Mrs Coppen, Mrs Morrison, Mr Young and Mrs Selby who took such good care of the children and Mrs Boddy for all her hard work behind the scenes with the admin. The children's behaviour was exemplary and the staff reported how lovely it was to see them all phone free enjoying being young teenagers together.

This week Year 6 are showing determination taking their SATs. They have worked hard leading up to them and we know that they will all try their best and should be proud of their results. Thanks to all the year 6 English and maths teachers and teaching assistants who have supported the children in the run up to the tests. Enormous thanks also to all school staff and Year 5,7 and 8 students who are coping so well with all the timetable and teaching room changes this week.

A quick reminder that we break up for half term at 3.10 p.m. on **Thursday 21st May**. Friday 22nd May is an INSET Day when school is closed. We return to school on Monday 1st June.

Safeguarding Matters at Ralph Sadleir.

[Help your child stay safe online - Kids Online Safety](#)

The campaign aims to support families and encourage regular conversations about what they're seeing online, asking simple questions, like "who shared this" and "why?".

The site has been designed to meet the needs of parents and carers by providing a trusted place for content that gives:

- conversation tips to have with children about online safety
- actions to help you support each stage of a child's life online
- parental controls information
- support and reporting information for various risks, harms and issues

It provides clear information which recognises the challenges and fast changing nature of the online digital world. In addition, it will also sign post to trusted resources from charities and 3rd parties, where parents and carers can get other forms of support (like speaking to an expert). The website will continue to grow and be developed this year and will support the Online Safety Act and wider government aims.

Attendance Matters at Ralph Sadleir

We are pleased to see such a positive trend in our attendance figures this year, with more children than ever consistently reaching or exceeding our 95% target. It is wonderful to report that persistent absence—the term used when attendance falls below 90%—is also decreasing across the school. This fantastic improvement means less lost learning time for our students, ensuring they have the best possible foundation to make great progress and thrive.

	Since last RSN 20th April—8th May	This year: 2nd Sep—8th May
1st	7N 96.0%	7N and 5C: 96%
2nd	8R 95.9%	6E 95.7%
3rd	5O 95.5%	7K 95.1%
Whole school	94.7%	94.5%
95%+ attendance this academic year	184 students	
100% attendance this academic year	20 students	
95%+ Raffle Winners since last RSN	Alfie F, Ava W, George F, Kiara B, Oscar M, Clara H, Harry J-G, Noah R, Rosemae M, Sophie J-G, Amber J, Chloe L, Grace R, Iris-Mai J, Jesse D, Larna A, Maya R, Mylo U, Noah B and Suki H	

Excellence Matters at Ralph Sadleir

118,650 House points have been awarded across the school this academic year. Well done to everyone, but special congratulations to these students who have earned the most House Points so far this term.

	Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8
1st	Toby B	Elena B	Daisy C	Ostyn B
2nd	George H	Oliver F-H	Sophie S-C	Abi M
3rd	Harvie L	Kai L	Preston T	Amber Y

Our 'Five a Day' voucher scheme for students whose behaviour consistently meets our high expectations in every lesson is going well. A total of 4483 vouchers have been awarded to students across the school since the start of November. Congratulations to these children who have received Ralph Sadleir pens in recognition of their exemplary behaviour and attitude since the last newsletter: Edith L, Harley L, Livvy H, Lyla R, Rachel R, Tommy W, Dempsey C, Lily B, Max Ta, Henry C, Izzy L, Louie C, and Louie B.

Values Matter at Ralph Sadleir

The children are familiar with our five values: confidence, determination, kindness, respect and responsibility and understand that they are values that we hope that they will take with them through life. We have introduced a new initiative to help us promote and celebrate the values through our 'Spotted at Ralph Sadleir' initiative. Each week we focus on a different value with staff and students nominating children who they spot demonstrating the value. So far we have spotted:

Confidence: 199 times Determination: 286 times Kindness: 95 times Respect: 91 times

This week we are spotting *responsibility*.



Maths Matters at Ralph Sadleir

When it comes to Key Stage 2 SATs and GCSE maths, students face a wide range of topics, from algebra and geometry to trigonometry and statistics. A solid grasp of the basic multiplication facts is like a sturdy foundation upon which the entire structure of Key Stage 2, Key Stage 3 and GCSE maths rests. Without it, students can find themselves struggling with even the simplest calculations, slowing down their problem-solving and potentially costing them valuable marks.

In an exam setting, speed is crucial. With only a limited amount of time to answer each question, students can't afford to be bogged down by basic calculations. When times tables come naturally, students can calculate more efficiently, freeing up mental resources to focus on more complex parts of the problem. For example, a question requiring quick calculations of area or volume—both of which rely heavily on multiplication—becomes far easier if the student has fluent recall of their times tables.

Times tables underpin many aspects of the maths syllabus, including algebra, fractions, ratios, and probability. When students are comfortable with multiplication, they're better equipped to simplify fractions, manipulate equations, and solve ratio problems. Lack of fluency can create barriers that make these areas feel more challenging than they are. Mastering these foundational skills allows students to approach higher-level maths with confidence.

Maths anxiety is a genuine challenge for many students, and one of its roots is often a lack of confidence in the basics. Knowing times tables inside out can help students feel more assured when approaching different problems. This confidence reduces the mental strain of calculation, allowing them to focus on understanding and solving questions more effectively.

Congratulations to the following students who earned the most correct answers on TTRS since the last newsletter.

5C	Mia T	6D	Essé LC	7K	Evie G	8R	Toby D
5O	Stefan R	6E	Sofia T	7I	Preston T	8E	Rosemae M
5N	Grace R	6T	Oliver F-H	7N	Noah B	8S	Emma T

Year 8 had a fabulous time in France.







The Ralph Sadleir School

BAKE OFF



THEME: SUMMER

**ALL CREATIONS WILL BE JUDGED
ON PRESENTATION AND
ORIGINALITY**

DATE: 22ND JUNE 2026

ON YOUR MARKS, GET SET, BAKE

Reading Matters at Ralph Sadleir

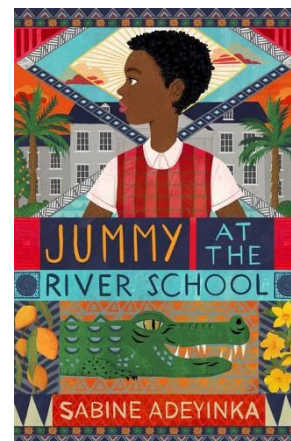
To celebrate the National Year of Reading, in each RSN going forwards, we will share with you a recommended great book for each year group. They should all be available to borrow from Buntingford, Ware, Hertford or Royston library. If they don't have it in stock they can order it in for you.

Jummy at the River School by Sabine Adeyinka

Year 5

Jummy is excited about joining an elite boarding school in Southern Nigeria, but her joy is clouded by disappointment when her best friend Caro is not accepted. Caro arrives unexpectedly, not as a student, but as a servant, just as Jummy is settling in and making new friends. This vivid first-person depiction of boarding school life, friendships, and fast-paced fun will appeal to KS2 independent readers.

School story | Diverse

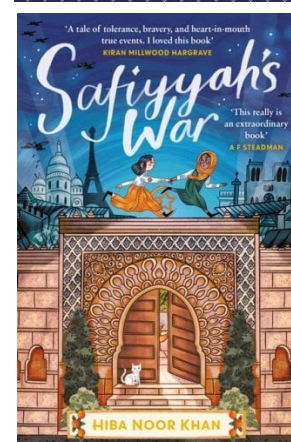


Safiyyah's War by Hiba Noor Khan

Year 6

Inspired by the heroic actions of the Grand Mosque of Paris, Hiba Noor Khan delivers with this captivating novel that follows Safiyyah, a young Muslim girl in Nazi-occupied Paris. Amidst the turmoil, Safiyyah's quest for justice leads her into the clandestine resistance against oppression. The poignant storytelling sheds light on the forgotten role of Muslims in history, showcasing bravery, empathy, and resilience amidst adversity. It's a compelling read which will resonate with more advanced Year 6 readers.

Historical



When I See Blue by Lily Bailey

Year 7

12-year-old Ben is struggling with a new school, a complicated home life and OCD. With a brain that bullies him with intrusive thoughts, he finds himself counting to four and performing rituals to stop things from going wrong. But when he makes friends with April, he begins to see the world in new ways. This #ownvoices story offers an authentic portrayal of OCD and explores themes of family, friendship, and mental health. A moving read for middle-grade audiences, it encourages readers to empathise with the challenges of living with OCD.

Empathy

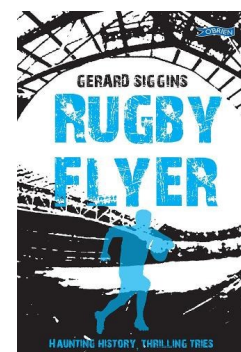


Rugby Flyer by Gerard Siggins

Year 8

Rugby action collides with mystery sleuthing in this exciting adventure book series. When Eoin joins a prestigious rugby academy, he uncovers ghostly secrets and faces tough challenges both on and off the field. This sports-soaked thriller explores teamwork, friendship, and determination. Highly recommended for less confident readers.

Sport | Ghost story



Dates 2025/2026

New events are in green and 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](#).

Date	Who	What
11th - 14th May	Year 6 students	Key Stage 2 SATs
15th –18th May	All students and parents	'Celebrate my Learning' weekend
18th May	Year 8 students	HPV vaccinations
19th May	Freman Owens students and parents	Freman Owens assembly, 8.40 - 8.55 a.m.
19th May	Selected Year 5 and 6 students	Tag Rugby Festival, 11.30 a.m.—3.00 p.m.
19th May	Year 8 Parents	Parent Teacher Consultations, 3.30 - 7.00 p.m.
20th May	Sadleir Dias students and parents	Sadleir Dias assembly, 8.40 - 8.55 a.m.
21st May	Salisbury Mclver students and parents	Salisbury Mclver , 8.40 - 8.55 a.m.
21st May	Year 7 and 8 students	Police Presentation: Gangs and Knife Crime
22nd May	All students and parents	INSET Day - school closed
25th - 29th May	All students and parents	Half Term Holiday
w/b 1st June	Year 5, 7 & 8 students	GL Assessments—English, maths, science
w/b 1st June	Year 5, 6, 7 & 8 students	Assessments— Non Core subjects
w/b 8th June	Year 5, 7 & 8 students	GL Assessments—English, maths, science
w/b 8th June	Selected Year 6 students	Year 6 trip to PGL
w/b 15th June	All students	House Athletics during Games lessons
15th June	Selected Year 5 Students	WWWoodson Games, 9.00 a.m.—12.30 p.m.
17th June	Year 7 students	Watersports at Stanborough Lakes
18th June	New Year 5 Parents	New parents Meeting, 5.00 p.m.
18th June	Selected Year 5 & 6 students	Ultimate Frisbee Tournament
w/b 22nd June	All students	Tutor Student Review Week
w/b 22nd June	All students	House Athletics during Games lessons if wet/too hot
22nd June	All students and parents	Summer Bake Off House Competition
24th June	Year 5 Parents	Year 5-6 Moving Up Meeting, 5.00 p.m.
24th June	Selected Year 5 and 6 students	District Athletics 12.30—4.30 p.m.
26th June	New Year 5 students with SEND	SEND Welcome Tea Party, 3.30-4.45 p.m.
26th—29th June	All students and parents	'Celebrate my Learning ' Weekend
w/b 1st June	Year 6 students	GL Assessments—English, maths, science
29th June - 1st July	All students	Tutor Student Review Week
30th June	Year 7 parents	Parent Teacher Consultations, 3.30 - 7.00 p.m.
1st—12th July	Parents of students with SEND	IEP Review Meetings
1st July	Sadleir Brooks students and parents	Sadleir Brooks assembly, 8.40 - 8.55 a.m.
1st July	Year 6 Parents	Year 6-7 Moving Up Meeting, 5.00 p.m.
1st July	Selected Year 8 students	Trip to see Wicked
2nd July	All students and parents	Sports Afternoon, 1.30 - 3.10 p.m.

Date	Who	What
7th July	All students and parents	Reserve Sports Afternoon, 1.30 - 3.10 p.m.
8th July	Year 7 parents	Year 7-8 Moving Up Meeting, 5.00 p.m.
9th July	All students	Transition Day
10th July	Year 5 parents and students	Year 5 Awards Assembly, 2.30-3.00 p.m.
10th July	All students and parents	Summer Term reports home
13th July	Year 8 parents and students	Year 8 Awards Assembly, 2.30-3.00 p.m.
14th July	Selected Year 5 and 6 students	Lawn Bowls Festival, 9.00 a.m—12.30 p.m.
14th July	Year 6 parents and students	Year 6 Awards Assembly, 2.30-3.00 p.m.
15th July	Year 7 parents and students	Year 7 Awards Assembly, 2.30-3.00 p.m.
16th July	Year 8 students	Leavers' Celebration Day
17th July	All students and parents	End of Term, 1.00 p.m.

Autumn Term 2026

1st September: INSET Day
 2nd September : Start of term
 26th –30th October Half Term Holiday
 4th December: INSET Day
 7th December : Occasional Day
 18th December: End of term
 21st Dec— 1st Jan: Christmas Holidays

Spring Term 2027

4th January: INSET Day
 5th January: Start of term
 15th—19th February: Half Term Holiday
 25th March: End of Term
 26th March—9th April —Easter Holidays

Summer Term 2027

12th April: INSET Day
 13th April: Start of term
 3rd May: Bank Holiday Monday
 22nd May: INSET Day
 31st May—4th June: Half Term Holiday
 21st July: End of term
 22nd July: Allocated INSET Day*

* Twilight sessions throughout the year.

2026-2027 Dates		
Date	Who	What
1st September	All students and parents	INSET Day—School Closed
2nd September	All students and parents	Start of Term
3rd September	Year 5 students	Writing Baseline Assessment
w/b 7th September	Year 5 and other new students	Baseline Assessments
w/b 14th September	Year 6 students	Bikeability Course
w/b 21st September	Year 6 students	Bikeability Course
23rd September	Year 8 students and parents	Freman College Open Evening
w/b 28th September	Year 6 students	Bikeability Course
8th October	All students	Ralph Sadleir Open Evening
13th October	All students	Flu vaccinations
26th—30th October	All students and parents	Half Term Holiday
19th November	All students	Flu vaccinations catch up
1st December	Year 5 parents	Parent Teacher Consultations 3.30 - 7.00 p.m.
4th December	All students and parents	INSET Day—School closed
7th December	All students and parents	Occasional Day —School closed
15th December	All students	Jack and the Beanstalk Panto
15th December	All students and parents	Christmas Enterprise Fair 2.45—4.15 p.m.
17th December	All students	Christmas Lunch
18th December	All students and parents	End of Term, 1.00 p.m.

2026-2027 Dates		
Date	Who	What
4th January	All students and parents	INSET Day—school closed
5th January	All students and parents	Start of Term
1st—4th February	Year 6 students	Mock SATs
15th—19th February	All students and parents	Half Term Holiday—House Art Competition
23rd February	All students and parents	House Art Competition Exhibition
2nd March	Year 6 parents	Parent Teacher Consultations
8th—17th March	All students	Tutor Student Reviews
19th—21st March	Selected Year 7 & 8 students	Netball and Football Tour
24th March	All students and parents	Spring Term Reports Home
25th March	All students and parents	End of Term, 1.00 p.m.
12th April	All students and parents	INSET Day—school closed
13th April	All students and parents	Start of Term
19th April	Selected students	Paddington
3rd May	All students and parents	Bank Holiday Monday—school closed
10th—13th May	Year 6 students	SATs
18th May	Year 8 parents	Parent Teacher Consultations
31st May—4th June	All students and parents	Half Term Holiday
21st—30th June	All students	Tutor Student Reviews
29th June	Year 7 parents	Parent Teacher Consultations
16th July	All students and parents	Summer Term Reports Home
21st July	All students and parents	End of Term, 1.00 p.m.