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NONSUCH NEWS

Our weekly newsletter for the school community



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MESSAGES FROM MRS WILLIAMSON



Dear students, parents, and carers,

The highlight of this last week has undoubtedly been the success of our Chess team, who secured qualification for the national finals after a tense and closely fought qualifying round in the South East. This is a fantastic achievement! Congratulations to everyone involved - we look forward to hearing how you get on at the finals in March.

Last week also saw a number of academic challenges taking place. Students participated in the Chemistry Olympiad run by the Royal Society of Chemistry, as well as the Intermediate Maths Challenge. Well done to all who competed in these enriching contests. We were also pleased to welcome our Year 11 parents and carers into school for the parent teacher consultation evening. This is an important point in the year, giving families the chance to receive feedback on current progress following the mock examinations and to discuss the steps students can take as they prepare for the summer term.

Looking ahead to the coming week, there is much to anticipate. Year 11 guidance meetings will take place, alongside a Design and Technology trip, a Love Languages competition, the Key Stage 4 badminton county round, the Under 15 indoor cricket tournament and an A level music day.

Finally, please do read the important information on [page 4](#) regarding our imminent move to a new school information management system called Arbor. This aims to streamline our school systems, including parent communication.

I wish everyone a very positive week ahead.
Mrs Williamson
Headteacher



UPDATES FROM MS OSBORNE

Attendance

Attending school every day can help your child to achieve their aspirations, and the aspirations you have for them. School attendance is also important for giving them the enrichment opportunities that can help support their social and mental wellbeing.

The research on the link between attendance and attainment is clear; the students with the highest attendance throughout their time in school gain the best GCSE and A Level results.

We appreciate that it can be difficult to know whether your child is too ill to attend school. However, NHS guidance is clear that it is fine to send them in with a minor cough or common cold, provided they don't have a temperature.

We aim for all our students to have an attendance rate of 95% or above. You can monitor your child's attendance data through the Schoolgateway app and ensure that it remains at this rate. If there is anything that we may be concerned about, your child's form tutor, Head of Year, or I will contact you.

Guidance on attendance

Details of the Government's drive to improve attendance at school can be found [here](#), along with links to wider guidance on supporting your child's attendance. The full guidance is [here](#).

The Government has an [attendance hub](#) which can help parents make informed decisions about attendance and it also has advice for parents around illness and attendance at school. This [guidance](#) helps parents make informed decisions about their child's health and attendance.

All in %	Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11
Attendance	97.43	95.52	98.05	96.62	94.17
Authorised	2.24	4.43	1.76	2.90	5.34
Unauthorised	0.33	0.05	0.19	0.48	0.49
Persistent absence ≥10%	24	30	20	32	51

26/1/25-30/1/25

Yearly Attendance	Yearly Days Missed	Yearly Learning Hours Missed	Learning Hours Missed Over 5 Years
100%	0	0	0
97%	6	30	150
95%	10	50	250
90%	20	100	500
80%	40	200	1000
50%	100	500	2500

ClassCharts for parents

A reminder that our presentation on ClassCharts for parents can be found on the [parent portal](#) of our school website.

SAFEGUARDING AND WELLBEING

Safeguarding email

If you have any concerns or questions regarding safeguarding or child protection, please contact us at safeguarding@nonsuchschool.org. We are here to ensure the safety and wellbeing of everyone within our community, and we take any reports or enquiries seriously. Your email will be treated confidentially and promptly addressed by our dedicated safeguarding team.

Schoolgateway absence reminder

We have noticed an increased number of absence messages that are not being received in the attendance area of the Schoolgateway. If absences are not reported following the route below the Attendance Officer is not automatically notified and your daughter's reason for absence will not be recorded. Even when replying to a text, please follow the route below.

Please also note that attachments cannot be sent via the Schoolgateway. Therefore, if you are required to supply any evidence for an absence, please email attachments to office@nonsuchschool.org. Please refer to the PDF sent with this newsletter for a reminder of absence reporting either side of a school holiday.

Unfortunately, this is due to the set-up within Schoolgateway and is unavoidable.

The route is:

- Click on your child's name
- Click on Reporting
- Click on Attendance
- Click on 'Advise of Future Absence' - Complete the information not overwriting your daughter's name and tutor group

You need to be a priority 1 parent/carer to be able to download and your email address and mobile number must be up to date. Please email office@nonsuchschool.org if you need to update us. Download the app [here](#).

First Aid

Please advise [First Aid](#) of any recently-diagnosed medical conditions/allergies.

Hayfever Medication

If your child suffers from hayfever/allergies, please ensure that they take any medication needed in the morning before leaving for school. If you would like us to hold any medication in school can you please send it in a clearly labelled, original packaging/box. You will also need to complete a 'Permission to Administer Medication' form which can be found on our website or a hard copy can be collected from Main Reception.

Epipens

If your daughter carries her own epipen, please ensure that she is carrying it in her school bag every day she comes to school.

Students' achievements

We love to hear about and celebrate our students' many and varied achievements outside of school. Please complete this [form](#) to let us know about these and we will try to publish as many of them as we can in future issues of the newsletter.



SCHOOL NEWS

Parent information - new school management information system

We would like to remind parents and carers that a letter was sent last week confirming that we will be moving our Management Information System (MIS) to Arbor after the February half term. Moving to Arbor will, over time, allow us to communicate more efficiently and bring together our existing platforms helping to simplify how you interact with the school.

Initially, there will be very little change for parents, aside from a difference in the format of emails you receive, which will now come from Arbor. From mid March, we will begin contacting parents with information about accessing the Arbor parent portal, and the parent app is planned to go live after Easter.

To help ensure a smooth transition, please check that we are using your details and let us know if any contact details need to be updated. Any amendments should be sent to the school office at [**office@nonsuchschool.org**](mailto:office@nonsuchschool.org)

Thank you.

Parent Workshops

Workshop 1: E-Safety

Date and time: Monday February 9th 2026, 18.00-19.00

Facilitator: Steve Welding - Education E-safety Adviser from Cognus

Location: This is a virtual event – Teams

Steve Welding is an online safety specialist who wishes to educate all parents on how they can support their children to make the correct choices online. As a parent or carer you play a key role in helping your child to stay safe online. You don't need to be an expert on the internet to help keep your child safe online. This workshop will provide you with advice and resources to help you in supporting your child to use the internet safely, responsibly and positively.

Please see the meeting details below:

Microsoft Teams Meeting

Meeting ID: 328 317 871 653 4

Passcode: 2qr6gX3M

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Sutton Neurodevelopmental Needs One Stop Shop

Support and advice for families with neurodevelopmental (ND) related needs like social skills, concentration levels or coping with change.

A new drop-in service for Sutton families of children and young people aged between 5-18, with challenges which may be related to a neurodevelopmental presentation (Autism or ADHD). This could include emotional difficulties, behavioural challenges, problems with sleep, friendship issues, sensory difficulties, attention and concentration difficulties, and hyperactivity and impulsivity. Our health and care professionals can provide information, advice and signposting, and help you access services.

- Drop-in service - no need to book
- Supportive and friendly environment.
- Attend as a family, on your own or with other people who care for the young person (young people must be accompanied)
- All families from Sutton are welcome, whether or not you are on a waiting list
- No diagnosis needed
- Attending will not change your position on any waiting list

The Sutton ND Needs One Stop Shop will be held at:

Sutton Carers Centre
Sutton Gate, 1st floor
1 Carshalton Road
Sutton, SM1 4LE

Opening hours:

- 12 January 2026, 13:00-16:00
- 26 January 2026, 13:00-16:00
- 09 February 2026, 13:00-16:00
- 23 February 2026, 13:00-16:00
- 09 March 2026, 13:00-16:00
- 23 March 2026, 13:00-16:00



For more information contact
needsbasedneuro@swlstg.nhs.uk



QUIZ NIGHT

Do you have what it takes to be the ultimate quiz champion? Then gather your friends and join us for Nonsuch PTA Quiz Night. Mr Barrett from the Nonsuch maths department is back to put you through your paces. Ticket prize includes quiz entry + Pizza + one soft drink

FRIDAY 6 FEBRUARY

DOORS OPEN AT 6PM | ADULTS £12
START AT 6.30 PM | STUDENTS £7.50

BUY TICKETS

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Lunar New Year House Celebration

Make a Lantern to celebrate the Year of the Horse!

Competition period:
January 23 to February 6

- Attach a ribbon or string to the top of your lantern.
- Remember to label your lantern with your name and form.
- Lanterns will be displayed in main reception during the last 2 weeks before February half-term.

Top 3 lanterns will be rewarded with extra House Points and sweet treats

All entries receive 5HP for Respect



House Celebration for Lunar New Year

We are celebrating Lunar New Year with a lantern display in the main reception. Please see the poster for details. Bring your lantern to the library once you've enjoyed making it. You can create your lantern individually or in a group. Examples of lanterns are in the library if you would like inspiration!

Closing date is Friday, February 6th.

Chess success at the English Girls' Chess Southern Championships!

The Nonsuch chess teams delivered an outstanding set of performances at the Southern Semi-Finals on Sunday at St Catherine's in Bramley. Our A Team produced an exceptional display of resilience and determination throughout the day. After entering the final round in 12th place, the team secured a remarkable win worth 2.5 points. Coupled with Tiara's decisive victory, Leia's well-earned draw, and Maya's refusal to accept a draw in a challenging position and win the match, the team climbed to an impressive 6th place overall.

We are incredibly proud of this achievement and look forward to supporting the team in the upcoming national final in March.

Our B and C Teams also performed extremely well, with many students representing the school in their first ever competitive tournament. Their enthusiasm, sportsmanship, and willingness to take on new challenges were wonderful to see. Several players achieved personal bests and showed great promise for future competitions.

A Team: Maya, Tiara and Leia

B Team: Shruti, Kavi and Khushi

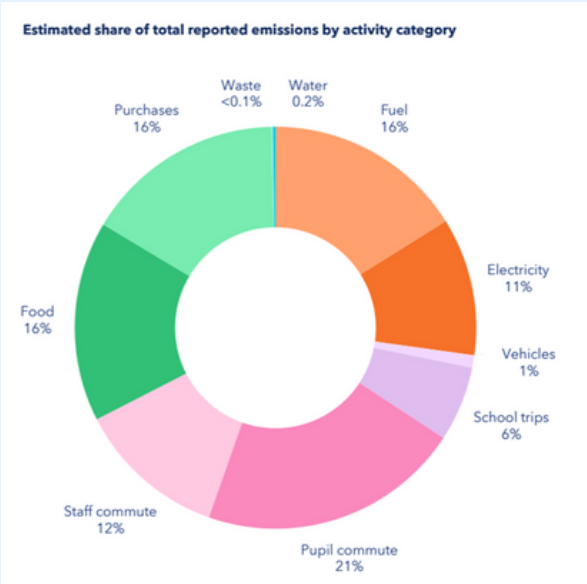
C Team: Anahita, Sabeeka, Rii with Joshitha



A heartfelt thank you to Mrs Berry and all parents for their invaluable support throughout the event. Their encouragement and help on the day made a tremendous difference.

Sustainability at Nonsuch

Last week, Count Your Carbon published its annual carbon audit for schools across the country. The report helped to highlight the impact that schools are having on carbon emissions, what activities were the most significant contributors and the steps that we might take to reduce our carbon footprint. The report found that each secondary school pupil had a carbon footprint of 0.95 tCO₂e (tonnes of carbon emissions). The most significant contributor to carbon emissions were the commutes taken by pupils and staff. In fact, over one fifth of school carbon emission were generated by our pupils commute to school. This term we will be launching an annual travel survey for our staff and student to determine how we can better encourage the school community to consider more sustainable methods of travelling to and from school.



We hope that in the coming years we will vastly reduce the impact of the daily commute to school on our environment.

Upcoming PE fixtures

Date	Time	Sport	Opponent	Team	Location
2/2/2026	10am	Badminton	County	KS4	St Andrew’s
3/2/2026	4pm	Netball	Invitational Tournament	Year 7	Nonsuch
3/2/2026	1pm	Indoor Cricket	Surrey School	U15	Claremont Fan Court
4/2/2026	4pm	Hockey	Rosebery	U14	Nonsuch
5/2/2026	3.45pm	Football	St Phil’s	Y10/11	Nonsuch
9/2/2026	3.45pm	Netball	Wallington	Year 10	Wallington
10/2/2026	3.45pm	Netball	Invitational Tournament	Year 10	Nonsuch
11/2/2026	3.45pm	Hockey	Sutton	U16	Nonsuch
13/2/26	3.45pm	Badminton	Surrey School	KS3	Ibstock Place

Fixture results

Date	Sport	Opponent	Team	Result
22/1/26	Netball	Overton	Y9A & Y10A	Y9 – Won Y10 – Won
27/1/26	Netball	St Phil’s	Y7A & Y8A	Y7 – Won 7-5 Y8 – Lost 11-4

PE

Our netball teams have been busy this week – congratulations to our Year 9 and 10 teams for their wins against Overton last week. The Year 9s worked really well as a team, especially when playing out of position. The Year 10s used their set plays very effectively, especially on centre passes. Congratulations to the POMs **Tiahni and Krithya**. Our Year 7 and 8 A teams worked hard in their matches against St Phil’s. Both teams defended very well, showing improvement from their previous matches! Congratulations to the POMs **Erica and Winter**.



Student spotlight

Kaitlyn (10J) writes: "Recently, I had the incredible opportunity to be part of the European Championships 2026, held in Sheffield, one of the most prestigious events in the figure skating season. I was honoured to perform in both the opening ceremony and the gala, as well as take part as a flower child during one of the competition events.

Being involved in this event allowed me to see a high-level competition up close and meet some world-class athletes. Watching them perform was a great learning experience that strengthened my love for figure skating and also helped me understand the standard and commitment required at this level of the sport." Well done, Kaitlyn!



UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Week 1	Fri 30th Jan - Mon 1st Feb - CCF Recruits Camp Y9 & Y13 only
Monday 2nd February	KS4 Badminton Competition, County Round, St Andrews 10.00-15.00
Tuesday 3rd February	Y9 & 10 DT Henry Hoover Trip U15 Indoor Cricket Tournament Higher Education and Apprenticeships Evening 19.00-20.00
Wednesday 4th February	
Thursday 5th February	CPD - late start for students 09.55 Trinity Laban A-level Music Day Year 11 Guidance Meetings & Year 11 Careers Day
Friday 6th February	Love Languages Competition, City of London Freeman's School Model United Nations Conference in Nonsuch PTA Quiz 18.00-21.00
Saturday 7th February	Cambridge Chemistry Race 11.00-17.00
Week 2	
Monday 9th February	
Tuesday 10th February	Young Carers' Meeting 12.30-13.00
Wednesday 11th February	Multicultural Extravaganza 12.20-13.30
Thursday 12th February	Year 10 Parent Teacher Consultation 16.00-19.30 Year 11 Options Deadline STEM Racing Regionals, Harlow College Austria Ski Trip, 40 students 12th-18th February
Friday 13th February	DTP/Men catch up KS3 Badminton Competition, County Round 09.00-13.30 Austria Ski Trip, 40 students 12th-18th February
Saturday 14th February	CCF February Camp Y9+ 14th-17th February HALF TERM 16TH to 20TH FEBRUARY