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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,

Last week we were delighted to celebrate International Women's Week and Nonsuch Book Week with a variety of activities, talks and competitions for our students to enjoy. We also achieved second place in the National Reading Champions regional heats coming in second out of 24 schools across South-West London at our first time taking part in the contest - a tremendous achievement for our team of five students from Years 7-9. This week, we welcome parents and carers of students in Year 13 to our parent/teacher consultation evening. This is the last school parents' evening for our Year 13s before they sit A-Levels and then move onto life after Nonsuch.

The next few weeks sees a wide variety of enrichment and sports activities for our students. Not only do we have Interhouse competitions, we are also participating in competitions as varied as indoor cricket and dance. Thanks go to the PE department for their commitment to facilitating these exciting events, as well as for the team's dedication for our annual Gym and Dance Evening taking place on Wednesday and Thursday, March 18th and 19th. Students are also taking part in robotics and DT contests, and we continue to enjoy the richness of our musical talent in school with last week's Spring Concert and this week's GCSE and A-Level recital.

We also highlight the upcoming 'Big Walk and Wheel Week' which is linked with the school's efforts to educate and encourage our students to think about the environment and see how we can all make small changes to reduce carbon emissions and promote healthy habits.

Finally, I hope those celebrating Holi last week had a joyful time with friends and family.

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	99.13	97.81	97.14	98.47	95.25
Authorised	0.68	2.05	2.57	1.39	3.38
Unauthorised	0.19	0.14	0.29	0.14	1.37

2/3/26-6/3/26

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.



Education Wellbeing Service Webinar


Conflict, Communication and Compromise - The Teen Years

This online workshop is designed for parents navigating the challenges of raising teens. Discover strategies to manage conflicts at home, gain insights into the teenage brain, and learn how to handle big emotions effectively.

This workshop will equip you with practical communication tools to build a stronger, more understanding relationship with your teen.

DATE / TIME

Monday 9th March
1.00-2.00pm



Scan the QR code or [click here](#)

LOCATION

Online - Hosted on Teams


Sign up to either event for free on Eventbrite by scanning the QR Code.

You can also check out our other events by [clicking here](#)


wellbeinginschoolsevents@swlstg.nhs.uk


DATE / TIME

Thursday 12th March
7.00-8.00pm



Scan the QR code or [click here](#)





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



Doughnut Day

18th March 2026

- Doughnuts £1.50 each
- Time - Lunch break (12:25pm - 1.00pm)
- Location: School Hall (entry ONLY via the doors by the netball courts).
- Card / Contactless / Cash accepted (exact money only)

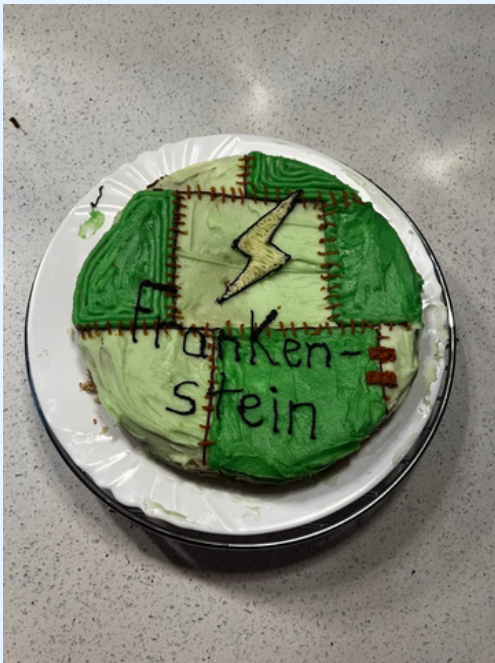
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NONSUCH PTA REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1143169
SUPPORTING OUR DAUGHTERS AND OUR SCHOOL.
POWERED BY THE NONSUCH COMMUNITY

The PTA are organising its popular doughnut day on Wednesday March 18th. If you have any allergies, please click on this [nutritional information](#) on the poster to check the ingredients.

Nonsuch Book Week - bake-off winners

We were delighted to see so many students take part in a House baking competition with the challenge to make an original creation based on a book or literary character. Five winners each receive a £5 book voucher to spend at the School Book Fair which takes place in the library from Monday 9th to Friday 13th March. Well done to Abi and Ava in Y7, Edna and Katherine in Y8 and Smitakshi in Y10 for their lovely entries. Thank you to Miss Hicks for judging!



PE notice

Please note that for safeguarding reasons and site security, parents and carers are not permitted onto the school site to watch sports fixtures. Thank you for your understanding.



SCHOOL NEWS

OVER 200 BOOKS TO CHOOSE FROM

SCHOLASTIC TRAVELLING BOOKS

Your **NEXT FAVOURITE READ** is waiting



DATE: Monday 9th to Friday 13th March	TIME: All week	GO ALL IN. National Year of Reading
LOCATION: School Library		

The School Book Fair takes place in the library for the week of Monday March 9th. This is a fantastic opportunity for your daughter to buy a book to keep and enjoy and it helps us raise funds for the school library to buy new titles for students to enjoy. Please buy gift vouchers for the fair [here](#) if you would like your daughter to select a book during the week. Thank you.

Part of the **National Year of Reading 2026**

GO ALL IN.

Sustainability at Nonsuch



Between March 16th-27th Nonsuch will be taking part in the Big Walk and Wheel Week, a campaign aimed at inspiring pupil to make active journeys to school. On each day of the challenge, schools across the country will compete to see who can get the highest percentage of their pupils walking, using a wheelchair, scooting or cycling to school with daily prizes to be won by the schools who encourage the largest number of active journeys.

Recently, our sustainability team conducted a travel survey across the school and found that just 17% of students either walk, cycle or scoot to school. We know that school journeys are the largest single contributor of carbon emissions in schools and so we hope that by taking part in the Big Walk and Wheel Week we can do our part in protecting the environment.

Student spotlight

Aksheka (Y7) achieved considerable success as a recent competition organised by the Tamil Education Department Centre UK (TEDC). She was awarded first place in both Essay Writing and in the History Competition as well as an Excellence Award for a graded examination. Well done, Aksheka!



Student spotlight

Well done to **Lucy** (Y8) who represented Surrey yesterday in the indoor Sports Hall athletics. She won the silver medal for the 6 lap race at the final for the South East of England. She also took a bronze medal with a Guildford athlete in the eight lap relay and Surrey won the overall team event too. Lucy is now selected to run six laps for south-east of England in the National finals in April, and hopefully the relay too.

UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Week 1	
Monday 9th March	
Tuesday 10th March	GCSE and A Level Recital 15.30-17.00
Wednesday 11th March	KS3&4 Badminton Competition, Regional Round 09.00-11.00 U15 County Indoor Cricket 11.15-16.30 QuickSticks Hockey 13.00-15.00
Thursday 12th March	Year 11 Interhouse P2 & 3 Surrey SATRO Heat - 15.00-19.00 Year 13 Parent Teacher Consultation 16.00-18.30
Friday 13th March	
Saturday 14th March	FIRST Lego League Regional Finals University of Greenwich 8.45-17.00
Week 2	
Monday 16th March	GCSE Drama Exam 8.30am-4.00pm
Tuesday 17th March	GCSE Drama Exam 8.30am-4.00pm Gym & Dance Rehearsal
Wednesday 18th March	Gym & Dance Display 7pm-9pm Parents can arrive from 6:30pm for a prompt 7pm start
Thursday 19th March	Late start for students – registration at 9.55 UKMT Competitions House Masterchef Final lunchtime Gym & Dance Display 7pm-9pm Parents can arrive from 6:30pm for a prompt 7pm start
Friday 20th March	Eid al-Fitr Novice Gym, Guildford High KS4 Sutton Dance Competition Sutton High 13.30-15.30