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Our weekly newsletter for the school community



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MESSAGES FROM MRS WILLIAMSON



Dear students, parents, and carers,

This week sees once again a combination of wonderful opportunities for our students to showcase the breath of their talents, ranging from the fantastic Gym and Dance Display to the UKMT Mathematics Olympiads. We are, as ever, grateful to the PTA for their support of the school, and their annual Doughnut Day this coming Wednesday is sure to be a huge hit with students.

On a note of thanks, I would like this opportunity to express my gratitude to all the members of staff who organise, run and give up their time to support our students outside of school hours, both during term time and in holidays. For instance, the DT department supported the Surrey SATRO team last week, and looking ahead, we have the CCF and Chess Finals taking place the first weekend of the holidays. These are just a few examples of how staff at Nonsuch consistently go above and beyond to help our students enrich their learning and to provide them with positive memories and experiences outside of lessons. Thank you.

Please do note that this Thursday students are expected in school at the later time of 9:55am for registration, due to staff training in the morning.

Also, please note that the back gate to school now closes at 6pm.

Finally, thanks go to those parents who have already logged into our new parent portal on Arbor. If you have not yet done so, please follow the instructions on the email sent on 13/3/26 as Arbor is now the only way that you can report your child's illness if she is absent from school. Thank you for your understanding.

Wishing you a good week,

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 Arbor parent portal 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 | 98.19 | 97.42 | 97.38 | 97.19 | 95.66 |
| Authorised | 1.33 | 2.08 | 2.17 | 2.24 | 3.65 |
| Unauthorised | 0.47 | 0.5 | 0.44 | 0.57 | 0.7 |

9/3/26-13/3/26

| 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 |

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.



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.

Changes to reporting your daughter's absence

Now that all parents have access to our new information management system, Arbor, all daily unplanned absence must be reported through either on the Arbor website or the Arbor app. Absences should be reported each day and any subsequent days preferably before 8.30am, and by 9.00am at the latest. If there is no communication from parents, then this absence will be automatically recorded as an unauthorised absence.

To report on-the-day absence:

1. Log into the Arbor App or Parent Portal:
2. Click on the Quic Actions button on the Portal or the Quick Actions menu (three lines in the lower left-hand corner) and then click Attendance.
3. Click the green Log Absence button.
4. Input the start and end time for the absence and type in the reason for the absence. By default, the absence start and end times reflect the student's full day, but these can be adjusted as needed. Once you have filled in this data, click Log Absence. This will then be visible to school staff.
5. Once this has been logged, school staff can accept or reject the absence. Approved absences appear in the Attendance tab of the Parent Portal or Arbor App.
6. It is not possible to edit an existing absence request, so if you need to make any changes, you should delete the absence request and create a new one. To delete the absence, click on it and then click Cancel Change Request.

PLEASE NOTE:

It is not possible to delete an absence **once it has been approved by us**. If you need to make any changes after this has happened, please contact the school office.

For full details on how to report absence, please go to our website [Nonsuch High School for Girls - Reporting your child's absence from school](#)

First Aid

Please advise First Aid of any recently-diagnosed medical conditions/allergies.

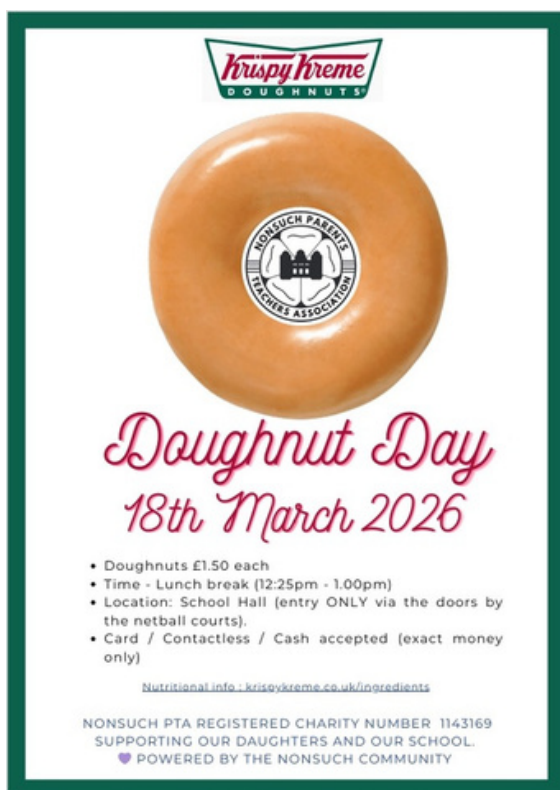
Hayfever Medication

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.

SCHOOL NEWS



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.

Upcoming PE fixtures

| Date | Time | Sport | Opponent | Team | Location |
|---------|-------|---------|----------------|------------|----------------|
| 20/3/26 | 12:30 | Dance | Sutton Schools | Dance Team | Sutton High |
| 26/3/26 | 15:45 | Netball | Borough | Y9A & 10A | Overton Grange |

Fixture results

| Date | Sport | Opponent | Team | Result |
|----------|-----------|------------------|-----------|---|
| 2/3/2026 | Netball | League Play-Offs | Y9 & Y10 | Y9 – 1st place Y10 – 1st place |
| 3/3/2026 | Netball | League Play-Offs | Y7A & Y8A | Y7 – won both games Y8 – 1 win, 1 loss |
| 4/3/2026 | Hockey | Sutton | U14 | 4-2 loss (PoM – Olivia) |
| 6/3/2026 | Football | Wallington | U14 | 3-1 loss (PoM – Kate) |
| 6/3/2026 | Badminton | County Round | KS3 | 1st place |

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PE fixture reports

Our Y9 and 10 teams had a very successful afternoon at the netball league play-offs last week. Both teams were fighting for first to fourth place in their age groups. After comfortably winning their first match against Greenshaw, the Y9 team demonstrated enormous determination to win their match against Wallington Girls. Having been beaten by Wallington earlier in the season, the team had a point to prove and came from behind to win the match and take first place in the league. The Y10 team also comfortably won their first match against Greenshaw, before a nail-biting final against Sutton ended in a 7-6 win. Congratulations to both teams for an exceptional season and a well-deserved final result. Well done to the PoMs, **Alyssa, Riya** and **Tiahni**.



Meanwhile, our KS3 Badminton Team took part in the County Round of the National Schools Badminton Tournament last week. Our team won their pool and the final with a wonderful display of talent, and will now progress to the regional round. Congratulations to the team for a resounding victory.



Author visit for World Book Day

We were delighted to welcome author Dev Kothari to Nonsuch for World Book Day on Thursday March 5th. Dev spent the whole day with us, delivering a whole year group talk to Year 7s, creative writing workshops throughout the day, and a very well-received careers talk to all years at lunchtime in the library.

Dev is an incredibly inspiring role model for our students and has had a stellar career to date. Author visits are always lots of fun for students, especially as so many of them dressed up for book character day!



Sustainability at Nonsuch



Embedding sustainability into our school curriculum is a key element of our Climate Action Plan and it has been great to see so many examples of this happening across the school. In art, students have been taking part in the Fourth Plinth Competition. The aim of the competition is to design something that could go on top of the Fourth Plinth in Trafalgar Square which holds a different artists' sculpture every couple of years.

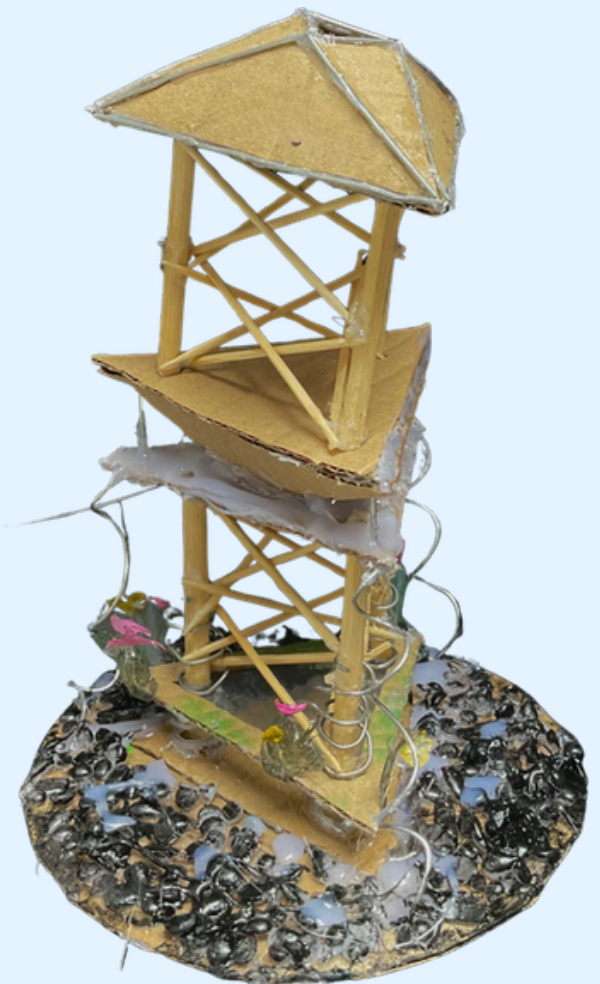
The first piece pictured on the left was made by **Julka** (Y7), and focuses on the theme on Environmental Justice. It's called 'Trapped' and depicts a sea creature caught up in plastic and rubbish. It was made using old newspapers, plastic packaging and recycling.

The second piece (bottom left) follows the theme of Identity and was made by **Katya** (Y7). She used recycled cardboard to create a head showing words relating to gender and the expectations that come with it. Congratulations to both Julka and Katya for their designs.



As part of the Silver Arts Award, Ria in Y12 asked lower school students to design a building structure that could survive extreme weather conditions. The winning design by **Arushi** (Y9) can be seen on the right.

Second place went to **Kavi** (Y9) and third place to **Karis** (Y7). They all receive House Points for Endeavour. Big congratulations to all students who took part.





A team of five students from Years 7-9 achieved great success at the regional heats of the National Reading Quiz last week organised by the National Literacy Trust [Senior National Reading Champions Quiz | National Literacy Trust](#). **Ava and Abi** (Y7), **Sophie** (Y8) and **Sophie and Mia** (Y9) formed an incredibly strong team against 23 other schools across South-West London. We were delighted to place second at our first time entering the contest - just a couple of points off vying for first place.

The quiz aims to celebrate and challenge the keenest readers in a school, in a fun and interactive way.

We are incredibly proud of the students and are already looking forward to entering next year, hopefully with two teams!

UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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|----------------------|---|
| Week 2 | |
| Monday 16th March | GCSE Drama Exam 8.30am-4.00pm |
| Tuesday 17th March | Gym & Dance Rehearsal GCSE Drama Exam 8.30am-4.00pm |
| Wednesday 18th March | Gym & Dance Display 19.00-21.00 |
| Thursday 19th March | UKMT Competition - Cayley, Hamilton & Maclaurin Olympiads UKMT Competition - Grey & Pink Kangaroo Late start for students – registration at 9.55am House Masterchef Final 12.00-12.30 Gym & Dance Display 19.00-21.00 |
| Friday 20th March | Eid al-Fitr Novice Gym, Guildford High KS4 Sutton Dance Competition Sutton High 13.30-15.30 |
| Week 1 | |
| Monday 23rd March | |
| Tuesday 24th March | Young Carers' Meeting Junior UKMT Maths Team Competition Interhouse Y10 P4 & 5 |
| Wednesday 25th March | Careers Fair |
| Thursday 26th March | GCSE PE Moderation |
| Friday 27th March | Term ends - school finishes 12:30pm |
| Saturday 28th March | FIRST Tech Challenge Regional Finals, Harris Academy 08.30-17.30 Bronze DofE training expedition, Surrey Hills RESIDENTIAL 28th-29th March ECF Schools Girls Team Chess Finals 28th-29th March |