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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,

It has been another busy and enriching week at school. Last Tuesday we welcomed Year 11 students into a day in the life of a sixth former. Students attended subject lessons and listened to a range of talks, helping them to reflect carefully on their next steps and consider the A level subjects that may be right for them.

At the same time, our Year 13s are sitting their mock examinations. This is an important milestone and represents the final formal assessment point before their summer examinations. These mocks provide essential feedback and support, enabling students to refine their revision strategies and approach the final stage of their courses with confidence. Beyond the classroom, last week was also filled with competitions and trips. We are proud of our Under 13 gymnastics team who competed in the Surrey competition, as well as the students who took part in round two of the British Mathematical Olympiad. In addition, students benefited from a visit to the Churchill War Rooms. And just this weekend, our keen chess players represented Nonsuch at the English Chess Federation's National School's Chess Championship at St Catherine's in Surrey.

Finally, please do read the letter sent last week regarding road safety. There have recently been several incidents that have put students at risk, including crossing at unsafe points, distracted walking, as well as hazardous drop off and collection practices. We are grateful for your continued support in reinforcing road safety messages at home so that together so we can keep everyone in our school and local community safe.

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	98.14	96.67	96.48	95.33	94.41
Authorised	1.76	3.33	3.43	4.10	5.25
Unauthorised	0.10	0	0.10	0.57	0.34
Persistent absence >=10%	19	26	34	38	58

19/1/25-23/1/25

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.



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

Apprenticeship information event for parents - Deloitte

Are you supporting a student in making decisions about their next steps after school or college? Do you want to explore all the pathways available to them, including the exciting world of apprenticeships? Deloitte invites you to a flagship insight event specifically designed for parents and carers, taking place at our London office during National Apprenticeship Week, with the alternative option to join virtually.



Event Details:

Date: Monday February 9th, 5:30-8:30pm (6-7:30pm for virtual attendees)

Location: Deloitte London Office: 2 New Street Square, EC4A 3BZ

Format: In-person attendance or virtual participation

This event offers an opportunity to gain insights into the apprenticeship pathways at Deloitte and beyond. We understand the importance of informed choices; with this in mind we aim to equip you with the knowledge and confidence to best support your children with their career decision making. The agenda includes:

- Apprentice to Leader Keynote: Hear an inspiring talk from a Deloitte leader, showcasing the long-term potential and career progression available to apprentices.
- An Apprenticeship Forum: Engage with a diverse panel featuring current apprentices, parents of apprentices, Deloitte Early Career specialists, and Deloitte senior leaders. This session will offer varied perspectives and answer your questions, whether you're attending in person or virtually.
- Programmes Overview: Gain clarity on the application and assessment process for our apprenticeships as well as insights into the various programmes available.

Please use the relevant sign-up form to register your interest and secure your place either in person or virtually:

[NAW London Office Event - In-person - 09.02.26](#)

[NAW London Office Event - Virtual - 09.02.26](#)



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 | START AT 6.30 PM

ADULTS £12 | 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!

Sustainability at Nonsuch

Learning to appreciate and enjoy the green spaces around us is an important factor in improving our mental health. To support this the WWF (World Wildlife Fund) are running their annual Big Winter Wander from February 9th-22nd and we would love to see as many students and parents taking part as possible. The Big Winter Wander is a 5k or 10k walk in your local area and aims to boost wellbeing by getting people of all ages outdoors.

We are extremely fortunate to have a beautiful green space in Nonsuch Park right on our doorstep. As part of their PSHE curriculum, students in our Sixth Form now regularly take part in a Walk and Talk event in which they explore the park and take an opportunity to spend some time in nature with their peers. Students have said how much they enjoy their Walk and Talks and the opportunity to get some fresh air away from the classroom.

Click on the link below to sign up to be part of the Big Winter Wander:

[The Big Winter Wander | WWF](#)

Looking to get healthier in 2026? Then why not give the Nonsuch Park Run a go. Held every Saturday morning at 9am, this 5km run can be done at your own pace and is a good way to get closer to nature whilst being active at the same time.

[home | parkrun UK](#)



Upcoming PE fixtures

Date	Time	Sport	Opponent	Team	Location
27/1/26	3.30pm	Netball	St Phil's	Y7A & Y8A	Nonsuch
27/1/26	4.30pm	Hockey	Croydon	U14	Nonsuch
29/1/26	3.30pm	Netball	Glenthorne	Y9A & Y10A	Nonsuch
2/2/2026	10am	Badminton	County	KS4	St Andrew's
3/2/2026	4pm	Netball	Invitational Tournament	Year 7	Nonsuch
4/2/2026	4pm	Hockey	Rosebery	U14	Nonsuch
5/2/2026	3.45pm	Football	St Phil's	Y10/11	Nonsuch

Fixture results

Date	Sport	Opponent	Team	Result
11/12/2025	Netball	Glenthorne	Y7A & Y8A	Y7 - Won 11-2 Y8 - Lost 7-3
12/1/2026	Indoor Athletics	Sutton Schools	Y7 & Y8	Y7 - 3rd Place Y8 - 2nd Place
14/1/26	Indoor Cricket	Rosebery and St Andrew's	U15	Won
19/1/26	Gymnastics	Surrey Schools	U13	11th Place
20/1/26	Football	St Phil's	U12	2-0 Loss
20/1/26	Netball	St Phil's	Y9A & Y10A	Y9 - Won 12-9 Y10 - Won 20-14

PE

It has been a very busy start to the new year in the PE department.

First up, we had Borough Sports Hall athletics. Our Year 7s and 8s competed valiantly in both track and field events, and were brilliant cheerleaders for each other. Year 7 finished third and Year 8 second. We are incredibly proud of their hard work and performances on the day! Special shout-out to the fantastic sports leaders who ran the various events - we could not have done it without them!

Later that week, our U15 Indoor Cricket team competed in a tournament against Rosebery and St Andrew's. They worked very well as a team. In a tight and exciting day of cricket, Nonsuch deservedly came out on top. Well done to the team and congratulations to the POMs: **Shion, Tiahni, and Olivia**.

The U13 Gymnastics team went to Putney High to compete in the Surrey Floor and Vault competition last Monday. Well done to the whole team for their wonderful display!

Our U12 Football team fought hard in their football match against St Phil's on Tuesday. Congratulations to POM **Ivy**!

Finally, well done to our Year 9 and 10 Netball teams who beat St Philomena's on Tuesday. The Year 9s stayed calm under pressure in a really tight game and the Year 10s used their set plays effectively throughout the game. Congratulations the PoMs **Tiahni (Y9) and Alyssa (Y10)**.



Student spotlight

Léa (Y8) has just been selected for the U17 GB Women's Ultimate Frisbee team. At 13, she is very young for the squad but managed to make it through with three team mates from her Epsom Ultimate team. They will go to Vienna this summer for a week to play in the European Championships. Well done, Léa!



Summer in Sutton Youth Volunteering opportunity

There is an exciting opportunity for 14-17 year olds to be part of the panel that helps London Borough of Sutton Cultural Services shape our 2026 children's summer programme, by reviewing and discussing commission applications from local creative and sports facilitators. The role will only take a few hours of volunteer's time, including a meeting with the full panel in early March 2026.

Please see the attached job description if you are interested in applying. Here is a [link](#) to the opportunity on the Sutton volunteering website.



UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Week 2	Year 13 Mock exams and MFL orals – back in lessons Friday 30th
Monday 26th January	
Tuesday 27th January	RSC Chemistry Olympiad 13.00-17.00
Wednesday 28th January	Intermediate Mathematical Challenge - Sports Hall (after school)
Thursday 29th January	Year 11 Parent Teacher Consultation 16.00-19.30
Friday 30th January	Year 9 DTP/MenACWY Immunisation
Sat 31st Jan - Mon 3rd Feb	CCF Recruits Camp Y9 & Y13 only
Week 1	
Monday 2nd February	KS4 Badminton Competition, County Round, St Andrews 10.00-15.00
Tuesday 3rd February	Y9 & 10 DT Henry Hoover Trip Higher Education and Apprenticeships Evening 19.00-20.00
Wednesday 4th February	
Thursday 5th February	Trinity Laban A-level Music Day Year 11 Guidance Meetings & Year 11 Careers Day
Friday 6th February	Model United Nations Conference PTA Quiz 18.00-21.00
Saturday 7th February	Cambridge Chemistry Race 11.00-17.00