



4th July 2025

Dear Parents/carers

I hope the students enjoyed the longer weekend, given our INSET day on Monday. During the day staff spent time working in faculties preparing for the new academic year ahead, reviewing the improvement plans set this year and identifying targets for 2025/26. In the afternoon all teaching staff attended training led by a representative from Adoption West to support staff in their work with students that may be looked after or previously looked after. The training was really thought provoking and is an important part of our vision of supporting all children to achieve their very best, irrespective of any barriers there may be.

Today, we are also hosting the final visit of the year from our School Improvement Partner, Nigel Clemens. Nigel is a highly experienced school leader having spent 35 years in education to date and he is also an experienced and practising Ofsted inspector. Today he will be meeting with members of the Senior Leadership Team reflecting on the progress made this year and listening to plans we have for next year. Two key areas of focus will be cementing and enhancing the House Challenge and enrichment programme and supporting students in years 10 and 11 to achieve their very best over the course of their GCSE studies. I will be able to update you on plans and the comments made from the visit next week.

Other messages for the week can be found below:

Resource Base Consultation

The school is working with North Somerset Council to increase the number of places in our Resource Base provision from the current planned admission number of 10 to 25 places from September 2026. Please find attached an outline of the proposal. We are asking for feedback from stakeholders related to this proposal and your thoughts and comments can be captured through the link below:

<https://forms.office.com/e/irvwNjFN4W>

The consultation will close at **3pm on Friday 11th July.**

Arrangements for Sports Day – Monday 14th July

In order to accommodate the school community being able to support Sports Day activities the school day will change slightly on Monday 14th July. Details are shown below:

Period	Time
Tutor	8.30 - 8.35
1	8.35 - 9.30
2	9.30 - 10.30
Break	10.30 - 10.50
3	10.50 - 11.50
4	11.50 - 12.50
lunch	12.50 - 1.20
Tutor	1.20 - 1.30
SPORTS DAY (Everyone)	1.40 - 3pm

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Feedback from Curriculum Enrichment Week

Many thanks to the students and parents that have taken the time to contact the school after another successful enrichment week. Mrs Davies will be taking over the planning and organisation of the event moving forward and I know she already has a number of ideas she would like to implement to further extend the offer. Parents and students should keep an eye out for the opportunity to provide some feedback/make suggestions in the next couple of weeks.

As I mentioned last week the planning of the week is a huge undertaking but given comments we have received below, we understand how valuable these experiences are for our students:

My girls have both enjoyed enrichment week...buzzing with excitement at the activities they've done both in school and off site. I also wanted to pass on my thanks to all who made it happen - admin staff who must have done so much organising and teachers who gave up their time to plan this and stay overnight. My children have got so much out of these experiences. Thank you for all you have done to make it happen.

Thank you so much for providing such a great enrichment week... We felt completely at ease knowing he was so well cared for and he absolutely loved it! We are so proud to send him to such a kind and caring school!

I hope that you are resting after a hectic week! I just wanted to say thank you so much for arranging an absolutely fantastic trip. The schedule looked absolutely exhausting and I am so grateful for your dedication and professionalism. I especially appreciate you leaving your families to look after the students and give them such a wonderful experience which will no doubt be one of their top memories of their time at school.

Duke of Edinburgh Expeditions

Curriculum Enrichment Week saw the year 9 Bronze cohort complete their training on site before leaving for their practice expedition. The weather was glorious – perhaps a little too hot and the students thoroughly impressed our external provider, JC adventures, as shown below:

It was a pleasure to witness their positive behaviour, strong teamwork, and outstanding commitment throughout the experience. From the very beginning, the groups upheld the core values of Nailsea School, demonstrating resilience, respect, and responsibility at every stage. They supported one another through challenges and remained enthusiastic and solution-focused throughout.

Their preparedness to learn was evident as they embraced each new experience with open minds and a genuine desire to improve. They listened carefully, applied feedback thoughtfully, and continually sought to do their best. Perhaps most impressively, the students genuinely excelled as teams. Their communication, cooperation, and care for one another were clear to see and made a real difference to the success of the expedition. They represented Nailsea School with pride and embodied the values you champion every day.

I am incredibly proud of the attitude and dedication of both staff and students and we wish the Gold Expedition groups all the best for the remainder of their time away this weekend.



Arrangements for House Celebration Day – Wednesday 16th July

The House Champions will be revealed on Wednesday 16th July, with the winning house able to access the inflatables during lunchtime and during period 5 that day. So that the whole school can gather together for the announcement, tutor time will run from 8:30 – 9:10am on that day. Students should report to tutor time, leave their bags and then come as a group down to the Sports Hall.

Individual students will also be invited during the course of the day to access the inflatables as a reward for their efforts this term. Students will be notified of their invitation in due course.

Arrangements for the last day of term – Friday 18th July

Students finish for the summer break at 12:20pm on Friday 18th July. Students will have attend tutor time and lessons 1, 2 and 3 as per their normal timetables. Students will be dismissed at 12:20pm at the end of lesson 3.

For those students that are brought to school by taxi/minibus the school will be informing the companies concerned regarding the timings.

Community Clean Up Event – 19th July

Nailsea Town Council is inviting residents and local groups to come together and help spruce up the town by helping in our Community Clean Up event on the 19th July. There was a fantastic turnout for the Great British Spring Clean in March, and this event would be a great way to make a difference and meet others who care about our community. Further details are below and on the attached flyer:

Date: Saturday 19 July 2025

Time: 1.00 PM (Meet at 12:45 PM) Millennium Park (near the Skate Park)

Equipment: Provided by Nailsea Town Council and Nailsea Community Group. If you have your own gloves or litter-picking tools, feel free to bring them along!

There will be further updates on the Nailsea Town Council social media accounts.

Lost Property

The lost property is bursting at the seams. Anything with a name in has been either reunited with its owner or an individual message sent home asking for the item to be collected. Please can you ask your child to check lost property before the end of term if they are missing something. All unclaimed items will be donated to the PTA/charity at the end of term.

Move to Biometric System

As mentioned for the first time last week, please find another version of the letter and frequently asked questions previously shared, outlining the plan for the school to move to a biometric system for students to pay for food/meals from September 2025. This is being undertaken to speed up the dining experience, allowing students to pay for their meals using their fingers and also increase the security of money on student accounts. Given that we are planning to process the biometric data for students currently in years 7, 8, 9 and 10 this term, we need parental consent. Parents will need to complete this form <https://forms.office.com/e/nucVTwmTmS>



The deadline for this is **Monday 7th July at 3pm.** Moving forward any student that we do not hold parental consent for will not be able to purchase food on site and so will need to come to school with their own snacks/packed lunch. We intend to start collating data from students on Tuesday 8th July, with the new system being in operation from Wednesday 9th July. As a reminder, students that do not have permission granted will not be able to purchase food from any catering servery moving forward.

Move to 'My Child At School' (MCAS)

You may remember that earlier in the year we informed you that we are moving to a new management information system called Bromcom, which we started using on the 1st of April 2025. The system is our main database of information for both students and staff and with the introduction of Bromcom, we are now able to incorporate other aspects of school life, which historically have had to be managed by third party systems. This will enable us to streamline our communications to you, as well as reduce costs, and as a parent you will only now need one app, which is called My Child at School (MCAS). Please find an additional letter, attached, that outlines next steps for parents and carers.

Finally... it has been a pleasure to see the students and parents who are moving into the next stage of their education with us, this week. On Thursday we saw current year 11 students from Nailsea and those from other local schools attend their 6th form transition day. It was great to see so many returning and I trust the students began to familiarise themselves with their new 6th form surroundings, ahead of joining us officially as year 12 students in September. Thursday afternoon also saw great sunshine as we welcomed current year 6 students and their families for our 'Big House Party'. This is an informal event that enables those starting with us in year 7 to get to know some key staff ahead of their official induction day next week. Despite there only being 10 school days left of the year, there are certainly no signs of term slowing down as yet!

Have a lovely weekend



Dee Elliott,

Head teacher

