



6th March 2026

Dear Parents/carers

It was wonderful to have so many of our Year 7 families join us for the Subject Evening last night. Teaching 7D History myself and having a number of appointments my experience, echoed by other staff, was of a warm and positive atmosphere. It was fantastic to be able to speak so highly of the students' progress, engagement, and growing confidence this year. Thank you to all parents and carers for your time and support—your partnership plays a key role in helping our Year 7 students continue to thrive. We are incredibly proud of everything they have achieved so far and look forward to the exciting learning still to come.

Other messages for the week can be found below:

Wessex Learning Trust Student Voice Survey

This week, we are inviting all students to take part in the Wessex Learning Trust Student Voice sample, which gathers honest thoughts and feelings about school life. This is an important opportunity for students to reflect on their experiences and help shape future improvements across the Trust. Their feedback plays a meaningful role in understanding what is working well and where we can strengthen the support, opportunities, and environment we provide. We would be grateful if you could encourage your child to complete the survey thoughtfully so that their voice is fully represented. The survey can be accessed through the QR code or via this link [Student Voice Survey](#)



Reading Week – Week Comm 9th March

Following the success of our previous Nailsea School Reading Week, we are delighted to announce another fantastic week dedicated to encouraging our students to read for pleasure, both in school and at home.

Throughout Reading Week, all KS3 students will spend the last 10 minutes of every Lesson 4 and the first 10 minutes of every Lesson 5 reading a book of their choice.

To help foster a strong reading culture, teachers will also be reading during these sessions, modelling the value and enjoyment of regular reading.

Students are encouraged to finish their chosen reading book by 23rd March, with opportunities to read at home as well as during the school day. When a student completes their book, they can earn 10 Book Finisher House Points and receive a sticker from their tutor or the librarian.

We ask tutors and teachers to speak with their tutees and KS3 classes about what they plan to read—and to share what they themselves are reading. These conversations help build enthusiasm and community around reading, and we are excited to see the energy this year's Reading Week will bring.



PCSO Community Concerns

This week our local PCSO contacted the school to share information about a number of incidents in the community involving eggs being thrown at the doors of vulnerable residents. We want to be clear that there is **no indication** that any Nailsea School students were involved. However, as a precaution, the PCSO has asked us to help raise awareness and encourage families to remain vigilant.

We would be grateful if parents and carers could support this message by knowing where their children are during the evenings and reminding them of the importance of respectful behaviour within the community. Ensuring that all young people feel safe, supported, and responsible for their actions is a shared priority, and we appreciate your continued partnership.

If you have any concerns or information that might help the PCSO in their work, please do not hesitate to contact the school or the local policing team.

Equipment in School

A reminder that students should arrive at school each day with the full set of essential equipment they need for learning, including pens, pencils, a ruler, and any subject-specific items required. Having the correct equipment helps lessons to run smoothly and supports students in developing good organisational habits.

Recently, a small number of students have been bringing items that are not appropriate for school and can cause unnecessary distraction. In particular, *mini finger skateboards* have become an increasing source of disruption during lessons and around the school site. These items should not be brought into school. If they are seen, they will be confiscated and returned at an appropriate time. We really appreciate your support in helping to maintain a calm and focused learning environment for all students.

IGNITE – Pay it Forward

If you'd like to additionally support the IGNITE enrichment programme you can 'pay it forward' or make a donation in the MCAS store. This donation will help subsidise activities and enable us to purchase additional resources for in-school activities.

Hate Crime Consultation

The North Somerset Youth Parliament need your help. In 2025 Hate Crime was voted as a priority for the Youth Parliament who want to create change for children and young people. Please can you encourage your child to complete the consultation survey to put forward their views, experiences and opinions of Hate Crime in all its forms. The survey is anonymous and will take just 3 minutes to complete. Follow the link to complete [Hate Crime - in all its forms](#)



CAMHS and Mental Health Support Team Parent/Carer online sessions

Every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday lunchtime (12 – 1pm) MHST are running online webinars for parents and carers on a variety of topics. The first topic is parenting anxiety, what is anxiety, what keeps it going, strategies for managing and overcoming anxiety. If you are interested please register here [Referral Form](#)

Once you have registered you will be sent an email with instructions on how to access.

National Offer Day

This week marked National Offer Day, when Year 6 students across the country received confirmation of their secondary school places. We are delighted to share that Nailsea School has once again filled all available places for September. This is a wonderful reflection of the trust our community places in us and the growing reputation of the school.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming our new families and supporting our incoming Year 7 students as they begin their secondary school journey. Their enthusiasm, potential, and energy will be a fantastic addition to our school community. The continued popularity of Nailsea School is a testament to the hard work, dedication, and care shown by all our staff, who consistently go above and beyond to make Nailsea a school where students feel valued, challenged, and inspired. We are proud that our efforts are recognised by families locally, and we remain committed to providing the very best educational experience for every child who joins us.

We look forward to meeting our new cohort in the months ahead and beginning the transition process that helps ensure an excellent start to life at Nailsea School.

Finally... I am not actually at school today as I have had the opportunity to attend a Conference run by the Department of Education on the topic of Inclusion, a valuable event focused on strengthening the support mainstream schools provide for all learners. Inclusion continues to be a central part of our work at Nailsea School, and we remain deeply committed to ensuring that every student—regardless of their needs, experiences, or starting points—can thrive here.

Our inclusive provision already includes a range of supportive environments tailored to different needs:

- **The Resource Base**, offering specialist provision for students with an Education Health Care Plan linked specifically to an Autism diagnosis
- **The Hive**, supporting students who may feel more anxious or worried about school or may need some time out of some mainstream lessons for a variety of reasons
- **The Bridge**, designed for students who may display more challenging behaviours and benefit from a more bespoke support approach.

As a mainstream school, we make reasonable adjustments for students who require additional support, and we are proud of the thoughtful, compassionate way staff work to meet those needs. At

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the same time, we must balance this with our responsibility to ensure that learning is not disrupted and that all students and staff remain safe. When behaviour crosses those lines, sanctions will be applied, in line with our policies, to maintain a calm and purposeful learning environment.

The conference today will provide an invaluable insight into other emerging approaches to mainstream internal provision, and we look forward to exploring how these ideas can enhance, refine, and strengthen our offer here at Nailsea School. Our aim remains the same: to provide the right support, at the right time, for every student, so they can succeed and feel fully part of our community.

Take care and be kind



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