



19th June 2026

Dear Parents/carers

As we look ahead to next week, there is a real sense of excitement building across the school as we prepare for *IGNITE Week*—our dedicated enrichment week. This is always a highlight of the year, offering students the opportunity to step beyond the classroom, explore new interests, and develop skills that will stay with them long after their time at school.

Enrichment is a vital part of both education and life. It allows pupils to broaden their horizons, discover hidden talents, build confidence, and learn through experiences that simply cannot be replicated in a traditional lesson. Whether through creative pursuits, physical challenges, or collaborative projects, these opportunities help shape well-rounded, curious, and resilient young people.

I am particularly looking forward to taking a group of our Year 8 and 9 students to Belgium next week. While the 4:30am alarm call may not be the most appealing start to our journey, I have no doubt that the experiences awaiting us will more than make up for the early rise! Trips like this are invaluable in bringing learning to life and creating lasting memories for our students.

Wherever your child's enrichment activities may take them next week, I wish them every success and enjoyment. I look forward to hearing all about their experiences—and sharing some of ours—when we return.

Other messages for the week can be found below:

Attendance Matters because your child's future Matters

With just 20 school days remaining until the end of the academic year, it is more important than ever that students are in school every day, making the most of every opportunity. There is still so much to look forward to, and we would not want anyone to miss out on these key moments that make this time of year so special.

Upcoming highlights include Sports Day, where we celebrate teamwork and determination; the opportunity for our students to support with induction day for our incoming Year 6 pupils; the much-anticipated Sports Personality and House Championship reveal; and, of course, our celebratory inflatables day.

In the final two weeks of term, we will also see the return of our popular *Belonging Weeks*. These will feature both published and 'flash' rewards, giving every student the chance to earn a treat simply by being present, engaged, and in their seat.

Every day counts—let's finish the year strongly together



National Survey: The Big Future

We are keen to ensure that the voices of our students are heard on a national level, and we are therefore supporting *The Big Future* survey led by the Children's Commissioner, Dame Rachel de Souza.

This important survey aims to gather the views, experiences and aspirations of children and young people from every school and community across the country. At a time of significant change, it is vital that student voices help shape future policy—and without participation, those perspectives risk being missing from the national picture.

We strongly encourage all students to take part by completing the survey here:

<http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture> A range of helpful resources, including an introductory video and FAQs, are also available on the Children's Commissioner's website.

There is even an opportunity for students to act as *student champions*, promoting the survey among their peers. Those who help generate high participation may receive formal recognition from the Children's Commissioner's office—something that can be included in personal statements, CVs, and future applications.

Schools with the highest response rates will also be invited to attend the final *Festival of Childhood*, celebrating the voices and contributions of young people from across England. We hope you will support your child in taking part in this valuable opportunity to have their voice heard.

IGNITE Week

We're looking forward to next week, when our year 7, 8 and 9s explore a whole range of activities and adventures! If you have forgotten which package you have signed up to – simply go to the timetable section of the student app, and change the dates to the IGNITE week (23rd June) and it will tell you the name of the package you are on. From Wednesday 24th June the Magic & Mayhem and the Magical Makeover groups are combined so if you check your timetable on the 24th it will tell you the group you are in for the rest of the week (7A, 7B, 8A, 9A & 9B).

Much work has gone on behind the scenes to make sure this week happens, student groups can not be changed at this late stage and students must attend and register at the sessions on their timetable - this is to ensure we know where students are.

Timetables can be found on our website. If you need to check individual trip information, all the letters from the trip leads can also be found on our website [IGNITE -Enrichment Week – Nailsea School](#)

Monday is a normal school uniform day - but from Tuesday clothing and footwear needs to be appropriate to the activity students are taking part in. As an aside note - the weather is set to be hot and sunny next week - so please ensure students, have plenty of water, hats and sunscreen.



Vaccination Information

Please find, attached, a letter from North Somerset

6th Form Social Action Week – Wk Comm 29th June

A group of year 12 students have been working hard to introduce a 'Social Action Week' to Nailsea Sixth Form. Throughout this week, students will be raising money for chosen charities close to their hearts by running an activity every day for the Sixth Formers to be involved in. The week will run from June 29th - 3rd July (minus Transition Day on Thursday!). The Friday (3rd July) will be a whole school non-uniform day, where, if possible, we would like everyone to wear the colours associated with our charities. The selected charities are Weston Hospice care (orange, blue, green and pink) and Cancer Research UK (pink, blue and purple). Students are encouraged to donate at least a pound to whichever charity they wish. Links to the Just Giving pages have been provided below - Thank you in advance for your support.

https://www.justgiving.com/page/nssocialactionweek-westonhospicecare?utm_medium=FA&utm_source=CL

https://www.justgiving.com/page/nssocialactionweek-cancerresearchuk?utm_medium=FA&utm_source=CL

Finally... Following our return from IGNITE Week, I wanted to take the opportunity to share that, in response to valuable student voice feedback, we will be launching an updated behaviour system with both staff and students.

This revised approach places a strong emphasis on building positive, respectful relationships between staff and students, while ensuring that every lesson remains focused, purposeful, and free from disruption. At its heart is a simple but vital principle: every student has the right to learn, and every teacher has the right to teach.

We are incredibly proud of our current cohort—they are, without doubt, the best we have ever had—and we are committed to ensuring that every single student is supported to achieve their very highest potential. These changes are designed to strengthen that focus, while continuing to foster a strong sense of belonging across our school community.

The updated system will be introduced when we return in both assemblies and tutor time, and I will write again in a fortnight's time to outline the changes in more detail. I am genuinely excited about the positive impact these developments will have on students' experiences and outcomes.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. I look forward to updating you further in due course

Have a lovely weekend



Dee Elliott
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