



May 2020 | Term 5 | Lockdown Edition



A Message from the Head

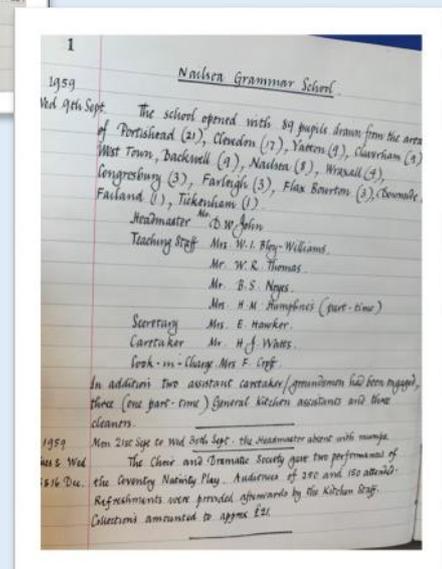
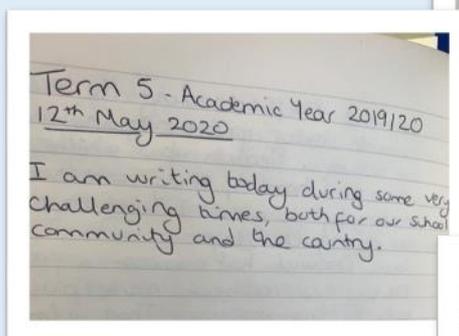
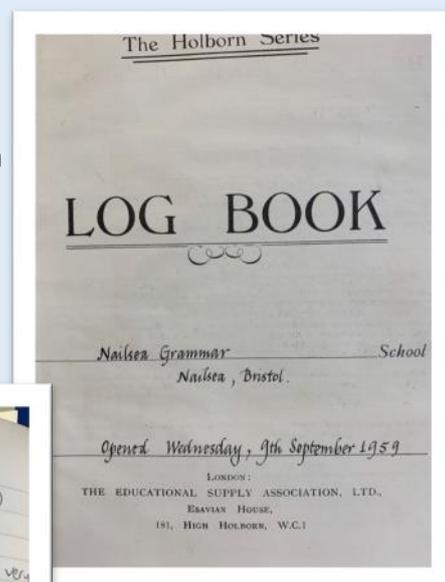
Term 5's newsletter is certainly being written in circumstances no one could have imagined. Continuing to be in school, on a rota basis for a couple of days a week, has enabled me to maintain some sense of normality but I know we have all been adjusting.

When in school last week I was reminded of the school log book, given to the school on opening and where every Head teacher of Nailsea School has made reference to notable events. With the anniversary of the school opening being this year our 60@Sixty campaign has been halted and our commemorative year has turned into one we could not have predicted.

My log book entry is calling and I feel a sense of real responsibility in writing a piece to summarise the last seven weeks knowing that Head teachers in the future will be looking back on my words. I am not even sure I have the words to summarise what has happened and how I have felt. This newsletter continues to show the efforts and focus of #teamnailsea just as the world as we know it is being turned on its head. I am immensely proud of all of our families and our staff who continue to go that extra mile and, in the words of Edgar Albert Guest ...

'Don't Quit'

*Success is failure turned inside out -
The silver tint of the clouds of doubt.
And you can never tell how close you are,
It may be near when it seems so far,
So stick to the fight when you're hardest hit-
It's when things seem worst that you must not quit.*



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The PTA ~~Summer~~ WINTER Fun Prize Draw

In view of these unprecedented times the PTA have made the decision to postpone the annual prize draw. The draw date will be put back to a date in December 2020 (tbc) and tickets will hopefully be on sale via ParentPay in October. If you bought a ticket at one of our events earlier in the year this will still be valid for the postponed draw.



Plus lots more great prizes for all the family including:



Uniform Wanted

Calling all Year 11 Students, do you have any unwanted uniform?

We are collecting good quality second-hand **PE Kit** and **School Jumpers** to resell, to raise funds for School. To arrange a donation drop, please text or phone Karen Bidgood on 07989 924388 for more details. Please note, we don't expect anyone to make an unnecessary journey to drop off and donations will need to be placed in a bag. Once received, items will be quarantined and washed before they are available for sale. Thank you for your support.



What has Nailsea School PTA been up to during Lockdown?

Whilst many businesses have been mothballed and people have been furloughed during this epidemic, many charities have also suffered the same fate.

Our PTA is of course one of those charities who cannot operate whilst the school is closed, and while there are things we could be doing to continue raising funds for the school, we have felt it wouldn't be appropriate to try, given the fact that many of our families have been adversely affected by lockdown, and there are many other charities that we consider to be more deserving of public attention.

Many of the PTA members however have been putting their free time to good use, volunteering with the Nailsea Covid-19 Help Group. The Reactive Team, led by Bridget Wyatt (Nailsea School PTA Chair) are volunteers who telephone people who have reached out to the Town Council for help. These 'Reactive Team' volunteers then co-ordinate another team of volunteers who are willing to go shopping or collect prescriptions and deliver them. Volunteering in this area are Nailsea School PTA committee members: - Sarah Hallett, Vicky Whitwham, Lisa Needham, Lynne Gosden, Karen Bidgood, Leah Bingham, Di Nicoll and Nicky O'Leary.

As well as working on the communications and shopping teams, other PTA volunteers include Kate Moore who is helping with prescriptions from Towerhouse Pharmacy for people who are staying safe at home, she makes numerous calls daily to Nailsea residents allowing the pharmacy to ensure locals have their necessary medication.

The Reactive Team is just one branch of the Help Group that has grown up over night in response to the need generated by this crisis. PTA stalwart - Jo Wood has been working in the Social Media Team, managing the moderators who oversee the Nailsea CV19 Help Group Facebook Page, ensuring that it stays on message. Former PTA chair - Louise Dumbell is part of the Facebook Content team, keeping information on the page up to date and is involved in the set up of a new community website.

We are all grateful to have something useful to be doing for the community, but we are all looking forward to the time when things get back to normal, whenever that may be.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INDOMITABLE COMMUNITY SPIRIT NAILSEA SCHOOL PTA !

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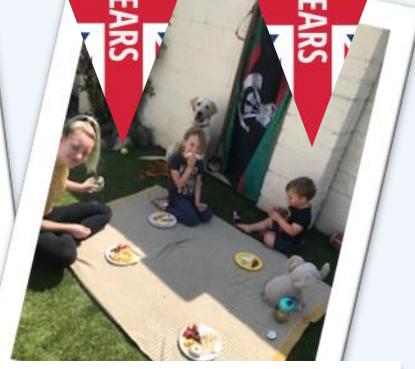
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Celebration of the allied forces by Mr Perry



Homemade scones by Alice G



The Stone household celebrated VE Day in style, Mr Stone is a serving soldier who has recently returned from a 7 month tour of Afghanistan.



VE DAY
75TH ANNIVERSARY
A SHARED MOMENT OF CELEBRATION
8-10 MAY 2020



Lauren N baked delicious VE cakes



Hand painted bunting by Ava J



Socially distanced street parties happened across the town



Lots of people opted for a traditional Cream Tea!



Enjoying the sunshine!



Mrs Elliott dressed up for the celebrations.



Miss Creswick's afternoon tea



This Union Jack was flown by the Summerell family on the original VE day from a long gone Nailsea Pub called 'The Bird in Hand'

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Art Department Update

Art Department staff continue to be delighted by the quality of work we are receiving from students. Year 7 & 8 students have been working hard on their current projects, and we're starting to get the first Art and Photography Passport Project submissions in from the Year 9s. We couldn't be any prouder of the way our young artists and photographers have responded to distance learning. The standard they're reaching is extremely awesome. We'd also like to give a special shout out to our year 10 and 12 Art and Photography students who are developing their coursework projects at home. This takes a lot of independence and perseverance, and they're really exceeding our expectations. Keep on keeping on everyone.

One positive of our current situation is that many galleries and online art resources have made additional content available. Mrs Hancock-Martin is currently taking a virtual tour of the Frida Kahlo Museum <https://www.museumofridakahlo.org.mx/en/the-blue-house/multimedia/> and Ms Davies is mildly obsessed with the new Art Game released on the Tate Kids website 'Which arty hairstyle should you get?' <https://www.tate.org.uk/kids/games-quizzes/quiz-which-arty-hairstyle-should-you-get> Try looking up 'free online art resources' online, and see what gems you can find!

Stay safe everyone, and hope to see you soon.



Year 7 Cycle 1 work - decorative fruit designs inspired by the work of the artist Hundertwasser



Year 8 cycle 1 work - Logo designs, based on observations of circular objects

year 7 cycle 1 work - Landscapes and imaginary places inspired by the work of the artist Hundertwasser



Year 8 cycle 1 work - drawings of circular and spherical objects

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House Competition: Write a Historical Short Story

1st Prize Griffin House: Isabelle B-S, Year 8
"The Diary of a Victorian Servant"

"Miss Dolly is not usually strict, but she can sometimes be simply awful when her toast is not toasted enough, her butter is not carved into a perfect rose or her bedcovers are not completely folded down. When she is at her most disagreeable, I find it best to quietly leave until next summoned and help Cook make the daily meals for both the family and the servants. I only have a stub of a candle left to write with now so I will be quick: I miss you Mother and I hope after I have enough wages we can see each other again."

2nd Prize Unicorn House: Lily-Mae R-T, Year 8
"Guy Fawkes and the Big Plot"

"They sat down. Robert mumbled under his breathe 'they're on to us' one of the men questioned him 'are you sure? We have been very careful and watched our every move' but deep down the men sensed the game was up!"

3rd Prize Phoenix House: Sarah B, Year 7
"My Evacuation Diary"

"Shirley, pack your bags quickly we have to leave now!' I was so scared I ran upstairs and packed my favourite things like clothes, books and all that kind of stuff. I didn't know what we were going to do. The buzzing sounds got nearer and nearer until eventually they stopped. The last thing I could remember was the crashing of this massive black object splashing debris and concrete everywhere"

4th Prize Dragon House: Finlay G, Year 7
"9/11"

"I was just working and I heard a loud noise. I thought it was in my head because I had a headache from working all night, but I look out of my window and I see a plane circling the building..."

Last term we launched a Historical Short Story House Competition. Students were invited to write a historical short story set in a time period of your choice. Well done to all those who entered. We had some amazing entries that were imaginative, had convincing historical settings, interesting characters and engaging plots. It was a hard decision, but 1st prize has gone to Isabelle B-S in Year 8 for her story "The Diary of a Victorian Servant". Her sense of period was really impressive and her characters convincing. 2nd prize went to Lily-Mae R-T in Year 8 for her story "Guy Fawkes and the Big Plot". It was a dramatic retelling of the Gunpowder Plot and had real tension and suspense. 3rd prize was awarded to Sarah B in Year 7 for "My Evacuation Diary", which successfully conjured up the heartache, uncertainty and fear of living during the Blitz and finally 4th prize was given to Finlay G, Year 7 for "9/11", an action-filled story about the terrorist attack.

This means that the following points have been awarded to these Houses:

- 1st Prize** - Griffin House 1000 HPs
- 2nd Prize** - Unicorn House 900 HPs
- 3rd Prize** - Phoenix House 800 HPs
- 4th Prize** - Dragon House - 700 HPs

These stories will also be entered into The Historical Association's National Historical Fiction Competition. Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, the competition deadline has been extended and it has been opened to KS4 and 5 as well, so if you would like to enter go to this website for more details <https://www.history.org.uk/getinvolved/categories/531/news/3451/write-your-own-historical-fiction-competition-2020>



Reading for Pleasure!

Looking for a good book to get stuck into? Click [here](#) for an amazing list of historical fiction aimed at 11-18 year olds. Not only are these riveting stories, but they will also help students to get a really good feel for the times of the people they are studying. The books are organised by time period and so students should be able to find something that links to the time period that they are studying at the moment. Enjoy!

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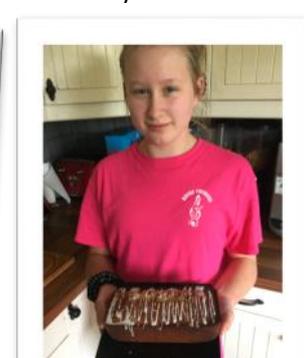
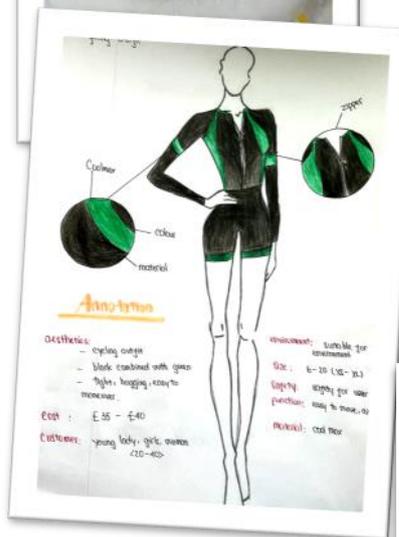
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Design & Food Technology News

Another inspirational student making a difference to nurses and Health Care Workers in the Local Community. Many DT students have been inspired to put their skills to the test around the home and garden. They've been sharing lots of photos of the types of things they have been spending time doing over the past few weeks. These include helping with repairs, making planters, designing and testing mechanical kitchen utensils using lego, making dolls houses and wooden bicycle stands to name but a few.

Lucy M has taken her skills to another level, she's been busy making scrub bags and head bands for nurses and health care workers in the local community. I'm very proud of her contributions to the community!



Year 8 Lucy Volunteering to Make Scrub Bags

Photos—an example of the fantastic work being done at home. Includes a Lego Whisk by Year 7 - Mat M.

Year 10 students Linh & Keara designing Team GB Olympic Sportswear.

Year 7 Alexa G made a fab Banana Cake & gave weaving a try at home.



Geography Department News

The Geography department has been massively impressed with the quality of work and research that students are completing at home. Year 7s have been working on their Kenya topic and we have received some beautiful pictures, maps and extended writing from students. Year 8s have continued on their China topic finding out about China's impact on the environment and the building of the Three Gorges Dams. Passport projects have already started to be submitted from year 9s and we have been impressed with the research skills demonstrated on a range of climatic and tectonic hazards including forest fires, tsunamis and landslides.

Year 10s have now finished their sustaining ecosystem topic and started urban futures. They are exploring the opportunities and challenges of living in Mumbai and again there has been some excellent work submitted!

Year 12 have been continuing learning about globalisation and tectonic hazards as well as completing their NEAs, we can't wait to see the finished investigations.

We look forward to seeing the year 11 transition work in September and we wish our year 13s all the best for their future studies and careers.



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Student Thanks

Students who have been working on site during lockdown showed their appreciation by creating a thank you in the front windows of the school. The large display of letters thanks NHS staff and other Key Workers. A number of students have been using the school whilst others have been at home. The students are made up of those with EHCP plans, vulnerable children and the children of Key Workers.



Bunting for Heroes

Students in school during lockdown have been getting involved with VE Day celebrations by making their own bunting. The bunting included drawings of heroes, the union jack and planes—marking the historic 75th Anniversary of victory in Europe at the end of WW2.



Ecological Site Tour

Students learning in school were also given a tour of the ecological benefits of Nailsea School. The team took a tour of the roof area where they were able to view the solar panels and rainwater recovery system. They could also view the weather station which helps to control the running of the building. They also visited the biomass boiler which uses wood from renewable resources and during the tour the group talked about how Nailsea School uses wind and solar energy for generating electricity to light up the school drive.

Mary's 90th Birthday

Local resident Mary will celebrate her 90th Birthday at the end of May—but because of lockdown her party had to be cancelled—so Nailsea School has been helping Wraxall WI to make her birthday special. Students in school helped make stunning birthday cards and flags to surprise her on her BIG day. Happy Birthday Mary!



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Nailsea PPE Donations

Like many schools Nailsea School has donated Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) to those in need, and in danger of being exposed to the Covid-19 virus.

A number of gloves, goggles and glasses went to support local GP practitioners Tyntesfield Medical Group and some of Nailsea School's visors went to the Siron Health Care District Nursing Team based in Clevedon. Site Manager Mr. Perry has been coordinating the effort and was pleased to be able to also help the local policing team who were given safety goggles from the school to help protect them whilst policing the community.

In addition to the donations of PPE, Nailsea School's Design Technology Technician Mr Dennis Leach has been working on the school's 3d printer, creating safety visors for use by those working at the BRI hospital in Bristol.

Mr Leach is able to produce 8 visors a day, and the need is such that he is running the 3d printing equipment overnight to help with demand. Fortunately, he has teamed up with Backwell school's own Head of Design Technology, Mrs Lavelle who is working on producing the bottom part of the visor so the Nailsea team can focus on producing the visor and the headband.

DT Technician Mr Leach said "I am really pleased to be able to help the effort of NHS staff in some way, producing these safety visors is a great way to help where we can"

Headteacher Mrs Elliott said "Nailsea School is proud to help keyworkers, by keeping the school open during the holidays for their children to attend whilst they are working and now with the help in supplying vital PPE. It is at times like this we can see what a brilliant community we live in"

Ex-student and Health Care Assistant Teigan Brumpton from the Respiratory Ward of the BRI came in to collect additional PPE for the team. Mrs Elliott told Teigan she was "so proud of you".

Mr Perry and Mr Morris's wife like many of the community have also been helping NHS workers by creating fabric headbands, shown in the pictures above.

The latest figures show that Nailsea School has donated over 140 face shields to front line workers. A big thank you must go to the Freemasons who have donated towards the project. Thanks to them the school will be able to continue to support Key workers with materials and replace all of the equipment the school has donated, for use when it re-opens.



Mr Graff modelling one of the visors



Teigan collecting PPE for the BRI



Ex-Student Teigan wearing her donated PPE at the BRI

 **TyntesfieldMedicalGp** @GpTyntesfield · Apr 3
Thank you SO much, we are incredibly grateful

1 reply 4 likes

Dear Nailsea School,
I just wanted to say you are all amazing. I can't thank you enough for your support.
The visor is incredible thank you so much it means the world.
And thank you for everything.
Kindest regards,
Lisa Pletts
mum of two senior health carer

 **Leanne Pook** @ASPEndFGM · Apr 17
Fantastic support for my teams from Nailsea School who have been outstanding throughout this difficult time. Thank you all so much

@nailseaschool @FiddlyFi

 **North Somerset Times** @NSomTimes · Apr 16
Gloves and goggles were given to GPs from Tyntesfield Medical Group, visors were handed to Siron Health Care's nursing team and police also received safety goggles.

northsomersettimes.co.uk/news/education...

 **Freeways** @freewayscharity · Apr 29
@nailseaschool thank you from everyone @freewayscharity for your generous donation of face shields to help us keep people in our services safe

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Nailsea Covid19 Help Group Student Photographer

During this challenging time one of our year 12 pupils Ellie J has been spending her spare time helping out with the Nailsea Covid-19 community group based at No.65 High Street.

She has become their unofficial photographer providing photos for the groups Facebook page and for articles in the local paper to publicise the fantastic work the group is doing. These include a hot meal delivery service, a food bank service, shopping for those self isolating, a prescription delivery service to name but a few. She has also set up a book, games and jigsaw puzzle lending library which provides items to adults and children in the community including a delivery service (with the local PCSOs delivering the 1st items). It is fantastic how the community has pulled together at this time and a couple of hundred people are now involved in the group across all the activities. Hopefully Ellie’s collection of photos will also provide a fitting tribute to all those people when many return to their everyday lives.

This is a brilliant use of your time Ellie, this time will go down in history and your photos will be a great resource to document it.

Anyone who needs any type of help can contact the group either via the Nailsea Covid -19 Facebook page or by calling 01275 855277 or emailing - nailseahelpers@yahoo.com.



60@Sixty Orchard

The recently planted anniversary orchard that can be seen at the front of the school grounds is doing well. The blossoms are already attracting bees and other pollinating insects.

The project was inspired by the Year 7 Science Fair - and was in fact one of the winning entries. In the last edition of the Newsletter one of the organisers of the Anniversary Orchard—Hope E was missed out of the mentions for winning at the Science fair alongside her peers Eliza and Erica. Apologies for the error and well done Hope!

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Well Done Dragons



Congratulations to Year 8 Dragon Student Aeneas for winning a photograph competition in Long Ashton with this cheery image. A true Snap-Dragon. Great stuff!

Year 7 Dragon Edwina W has been making headbands for the local NHS, and has now moved on to making these excellent Elephants for unwell children. I am sure they will never forget this kind gesture. Well done Edwina.



Mr Heller Head of Dragon House

MFL - Highs and Lows

The MFL department have put together a list of their highs and lows of lockdown.

Miss Cahill

Highlight: Slower, more mindful pace of life

Lowlight: Not being able to hug my mum/friends

Mrs O'Reilly

Highlight: Lie-ins

Lowlight: So much cooking! (For family of five)

Miss S

Highlight: more family time and

walks with the dog

Lowlight: Not being able to go to Holland for Easter

Mrs Dunn

Highlight - rekindling a family love for board games and jigsaw puzzles

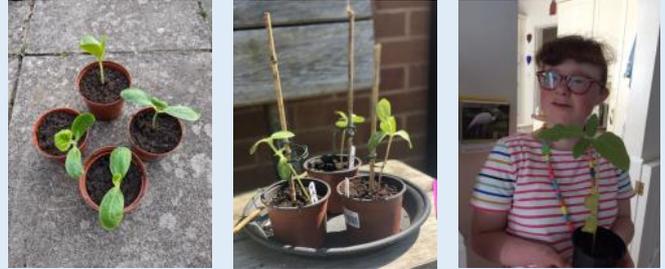
Lowlight - not being able to

socialise with friends & family .



Sunflower Challenge

Students from the Hub were set the challenge of growing sunflowers from seed during the lockdown. Mrs Graham sent out the seeds to see who could grow the tallest plant.



Alice G has been very successful so far with her sunflower plant.

May Fair Success

Congratulations to Chloe for her success in the 2020 Glebe Road May fair. Her home decorated cup cakes won 1st place. Congratulations goes to the Hub student who has done a very sweet job!



Historical Egg Competition!



Over Easter KS3 students were given the challenge to decorate a hard-boiled egg as a character from History. Well done and thank you to all those who entered. We had some really imaginative and creative entries!

Congratulation the following winning entries:

- 1st Prize (50 HPs) - Aaron B
- 2nd Prize (40 HPs)- Lily-Mae R-T
- 3rd Prize (30 HPs)- Scout E
- 4th Prize (20 HPs) - Freya G

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Nailsea School Musical Instrument Quiz



Did you know that lots of staff at Nailsea School play instruments?

Guess the musical instruments these Nailsea School staff play. Some play more than 1!

Send your answers to Mrs Perkins by June 1st: lperkins@nailseaschool.com

1 Mrs Cooper

2 Ms Davies

3 Miss Smith

4 Miss Hancock – Martin (2 instruments)

5 Mrs Shoesmith

6 Mrs Graham

7 Miss Cahill

8 Miss Slijkhuis

9 Mrs Macleod (3 instruments)

10 Mrs Winter (3 instruments)

11 Mr Dempsey (2 instruments)

12 Mrs Perkins (3 Instruments)

Wellspring Counselling - Need Your Help

Wellspring Counselling offer a free counselling service to students at Nailsea School, they also work in the wider community with a wide range of people experiencing mental health issues.

The Wellbeing Practitioners at Wellspring Counselling who offer sessions at Nailsea school are in the process of changing the way they work with children and young people in line with Government guidelines for social distancing.

As it is a time for change and review Wellspring would like to use this opportunity to ask you what kind of wellbeing support you'd like, and which digital platforms you are comfortable using.

Please could you complete this survey to help then make sure that they are offering the kind of support and information that you find helpful.

The survey will take no more than 5 minutes to complete. You can find it here: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/7NN2JTV>

In addition to this Wellspring are in the process on developing a new website and creating more relevant social media content. We would really appreciate it we could stretch our good will and ask you to complete a second survey, which is aimed at anyone in the local community who would like to give us some ideas on what they'd like to see shared by us online.

The survey will take no more than 5 minutes to complete. You can find it here: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/3YS2RQC>

Nailsea School really appreciates the work Wellspring does within our school—it would be really helpful if you could spend a moment to give them the feedback they need.



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