

Nonsuch is a fun, safe and creative school that makes hard work fun

We laugh, learn and persevere

We are determined to follow our dreams and be the best we can



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Dates for your Diary

Whilst every effort is made to give as much notice as possible of these dates, they are sometimes subject to change. The school makes every effort to give as much notice as possible.

What do these colours mean?

End/start school incl. INSET days

New to list

Changed date

Autumn Term

11/09 Y1 Meet the Teacher 2.45pm
12/09 Y2 Meet the Teacher 2.45pm
12/09 Y6 PGL Parent Meeting 6pm
13/09 Y3 Meet the Teacher 2.45pm
13-15/09 Y5 Trip to Hooke Court
14/09 Y4 Meet the Teacher 2.45pm
20/09 Y6 Meet the Teacher 2.45pm
25/09 Arts Week
09/10 Anti-Bullying Week
20/10 INSET Day – school closed
23– 27/10 AUTUMN HALF TERM
24/11 INSET Day – school closed
20/12 Christmas Carol Service 9am
20/12 END OF AUTUMN TERM 1.15pm

INSET dates 2017/18

INSET (or In-Service Education and Training) days are a crucial part of the development of our staff and allow us to give your children the best possible learning opportunities. This year, school is closed to children for INSET on the following days:

Friday 20th October

Friday 24th November

Monday 19th February

Monday 23rd July

You can view these alongside the holiday dates on [our website](#).

Welcome Back!

It was delightful watching the children skipping into school this week. Hugs and smiles abounded!

Firstly, I would like to extend our congratulations to Mr Noble and his wife Hannah, who became parents for the first time at the start of the holiday with the arrival of Charles (Charlie) Noble at 8lb 4oz on 26th July. The family are all doing well and Mr Noble is currently enjoying two weeks paternity leave.



Attendance Update

Leave in term time

Last year our overall attendance was 95.6%. We are able to maintain our high standards of education only if we have the children to work with! So, I am appealing to you all to maximise the number of days that your child is able to attend school.

What does the government say?

When can your child miss school?

You can only allow your child to miss school if either:

- They're too ill to go in (NHS choices have helpful advice when to keep them away or send them in.
- You've got advance permission from the school to take your child out of school during term time.

You can only do this if:

- You make an application to the Head teacher in advance(as a parent the child normally lives with)
- There are exceptional circumstances

How can you help the school?

Consider this when deciding whether to request leave if your child is not well.

Children and families have 175 days off school, including weekends and school holidays, to spend time together, so if an event could reasonably be scheduled outside of term time, then it would not be normal to authorise absence

We are aiming for every child to have at least 96% attendance Last year, Year 6 had the greatest attendance at 97.2%. It would be wonderful if, genuine sickness allowing, all classes could improve on their attendance from last year. Flamingos are now our new Reception class, so just do your best!

	15 – 16	16 – 17
Class	% Attendance	% Attendance
Owls	95.2	94.9
Kingfishers	97.2	93.9
Puffins	97	95.5
Humming	96.1	95.6
Swans	96.3	95.9
Peacocks	95.9	96.6
Flamingos	95.7	97.2
Totals		95.6

Remember, 90% attendance = ½ day missed every week. Over a school year this is 4 weeks, possibly up to 100 lessons missed. Over 5 years at 90% this is half a year of education!

Best outcomes for every child

Arts Week

We have an exciting Arts Week planned for the week commencing 25th September! We would really appreciate some volunteers with large vehicles who would be willing to transport trolleys from Sainsbury's in Kiln Lane to school.

Please contact Mrs Wilson or Miss Piccinini if you are able to help!

Charity Appeal

Each September Childhood Cancer Awareness Month helps highlight the impact of cancer on young people and their family.



This, in turn, helps Children With Cancer UK to protect more and more children and improve the lives of young cancer patients through ground-breaking research.

To show our support with this worthy cause we are selling wristbands and golden ribbons for a small donation throughout September. Please come to the office and get yours.

Toy Donations!

Have you cleared out over the summer break? We would love any early years type toys (not 'baby' toys) that are still in good condition that your children have grown out of. We would also like children's plastic garden tables as we hope to use them for playtimes.

Thank you.

Reminders

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE can you ensure all items of clothing and belongings are named. Many of the children have smart new items and it is so much quicker to find their owners when clearly marked with their name. Can they also bring at least a raincoat with them (this could be a kagoule in their bag) as we do still go out at break and lunch times in showery weather.

Please can you remove your child's earrings before school as they can present as a health and safety hazard with children running around. Should your child need to complete their initial 6 week healing time, please provide micro-pore tape to keep studs covered. We are happy to keep spare tape in the office should it come free during the day. Only taped studs may be worn in school.

Friends of Nonsuch

Our first FON event of the year is fast approaching; please join us on Saturday 30th September to celebrate the beginning of a new school year. To purchase tickets please enclose money in an envelope along with your name and child's name/class or see a member of FON. We look forward to seeing you all there!

