

SUTHERLAND HOUSE SCHOOL

School Newsletter

Summer Term 2 2026

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Sutherland House School

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School Notices:

Pupils break up for summer holidays on 24th July 2026 and return 3rd September.

Thank you for a wonderful year!

Local community Notices:

What's on this summer and places to visit!

- Macadamia holiday clubs
- Nottingham Beach
- Woodland Festival
- 40th Robin Hood Festival
- Festival of Archaeology
- Prehistoric Lives in the Trent Valley
- Nottingham Contemporary
- Mansfield Museum
- New Art Exchange
- Sherwood Forest
- Green's Windmill and Science Centre
- Stonebridge City Farm
- Wollaton Deer Park

Key stage 3- Indoor athletics

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Shuttle run: timed shuttle run between two cones. Timing how long it took to run 10 sprints.

Hoop challenge: 30 seconds and how many times you can complete a rotation through a hula-hoop.

Bean bag challenge: 30 seconds and how many times you can aim six bean bags in a hula hoop.

Team Relays: four in a team running from the cone to a kick board and navigating different obstacles such as: hurdle, hoops, tunnels.

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Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award at Lea Green in Derbyshire

From 6–7 July, four Sutherland House School students successfully completed their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award expedition and residential at Lea Green Outdoor Activity Centre in the beautiful Peak District.

Supported by three familiar members of staff and staying in the fully accessible Meadow Lodge, the students took part in a range of exciting challenges. Highlights included map reading and navigation walks through Lea Woods, along the High Peak Trail and Cromford Canal, as well as tackling the Low Ropes Assault Course, where they demonstrated impressive determination, teamwork and resilience.

The group also enjoyed visits to Matlock and Matlock Bath, celebrating their achievements with fish and chips and a final meal at McDonald's before returning to school.

For three of the students, this was their first overnight school trip away from home, making their achievement even more significant. All four students successfully completed their Bronze Award, creating lasting memories and building confidence along the way. Congratulations to everyone involved, and a heartfelt thank you to the staff whose support helped make the experience such a success. We look forward to seeing many of the students continue their Duke of Edinburgh journey with the Silver Award in September.



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Duke of Edinburgh Silver Expedition Success

From 13–15 July, four students from Sutherland House School successfully completed their Duke of Edinburgh Silver Expedition and residential at Lea Green Outdoor Activity Centre in the beautiful Peak District.

Over three action-packed days, students demonstrated outstanding resilience, teamwork and independence while taking part in a range of challenging outdoor activities. They navigated an orienteering course, tackled the thrilling Skyline high ropes and zip line, completed a self-led countryside walk using maps, and took on the exciting challenge of a stream walk. The residential also included go-karts and buggies, visits to Matlock, and well-earned celebratory meals together.

Throughout the expedition, students embraced every challenge with determination and a positive attitude, developing confidence, problem-solving skills and lasting friendships. They were supported by dedicated Sutherland House School staff and stayed in fully inclusive accommodation at Meadow Lodge.

Congratulations to all four students on successfully completing this stage of their Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award. We are incredibly proud of their achievements and look forward to supporting them as they continue their Silver Award journey next year. A heartfelt thank you also goes to the staff whose encouragement and support helped make the experience such a memorable success.



Inclusive running event

On the 2nd July 2026 three students represented Sutherland House School in an inclusive running event at Harvey Haddon Stadium in Bilborough, Nottingham. We arrived at the Harvey Haddon for 10:30am so that we could register our students, warm up and become familiar with the athletic running track.

The students ran independently and occasionally with a familiar member of staff. Each student ran around the 400-metre track twice and collected a sticker after each successful two laps. Two laps were a bronze, four silver and six gold stickers. Two of the students successfully ran the six laps and therefore collected a gold sticker! One of the students ran four laps and therefore gained a silver sticker. A brilliant effort was displayed by all the students, and they should be very proud of their efforts, especially in the sun and heat we have been experiencing! The running track was very busy with over 100 students representing over ten schools.

The event was a great success, and this is the seventh occasion we have entered a team. We look forward already to next year's inclusive running event.

Well done to all those involved, all the staff are proud of your efforts.

Students who ran on the day were from classes 15 and 8.



Softball cricket

On the 19th of June 2026 a group of students were invited to participate in a County wide Softball/Cricket tournament at the West Park Cricket Club, West Bridgford. This event was organised by Nottinghamshire County Cricket Club and the Lord Taverners.

We played two games against Beechwood Academy and Bennerdale School. Despite losing both games the team of students from class 7, 9, 13 and 16 played exceptionally well with sixes and fours being scored. In the field we took wickets and caught balls. This is a fantastic achievement considering it is the first Softball/Cricket tournament we have entered. All students will receive certificates of the day, and we have been asked back by Nottinghamshire Cricket Club and Lord Taveners to attend more tournaments, which demonstrates how successful the event was and how the students involved conducted themselves.

A massive well done to all involved.



Active Living/PE – Inclusive Kurling Tournament

On 11 June, five students from Classes 7 and 8 proudly represented Sutherland House School at an inclusive indoor Kurling tournament held at Harvey Haddon Leisure Centre in Nottingham and organised by Sports Nottingham.

Competing against schools from across Nottingham and Nottinghamshire, our team played seven exciting matches, demonstrating excellent accuracy, teamwork and sportsmanship throughout the day. Students embraced the friendly competition with enthusiasm, showing determination and resilience in every game while enjoying the opportunity to meet and compete with other schools.

The team achieved an impressive set of results, securing four wins from their seven matches, including a fantastic 5–0 victory over Nethergate. More importantly, every student represented the school with pride, respect and positivity, making the event a thoroughly enjoyable and rewarding experience for all involved.

Well done to everyone who took part—we are incredibly proud of your effort, attitude and achievements.

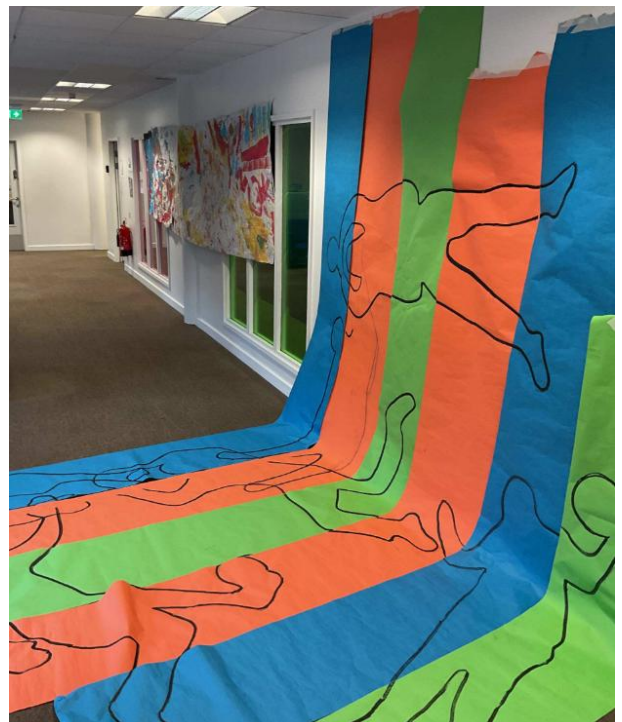


Royal Shakespear Company

Students at Sutherland House School recently took part in a performance of the famous Shakespeare Play, *A Midsummer's Night's Dream*, for the Royal Shakespeare's playmaking festival. Full of frolicking fairies and hijinks, students amazed in their fairy costumes, devoting many hours to rehearsals and performed on stage alongside several other schools from Nottingham. For some students, it was their first time on stage and for others it was the second-year running.



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