



Nerrols' Newsletter

22nd November 2024

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

It has been a busy couple of weeks here at Nerrols and it is hard to believe that it is nearing the end of November already! As we move into the winter and the cold weather arrives, please do make sure you wrap up warm and that your child always brings a coat to school with them. We like to make sure the children spend time outside and it is important they bring a coat to school every day just in case they need it. Please make sure your child's coat – along with any other items – are clearly named so they can be easily returned if they are misplaced.

Last Friday, our Key Stage 2 children attended the Remembrance Service at Somerset Wood within Maidenbrook Country Park. We were delighted to be invited and to be able to pay our respects at such an important time of year, and very proud of all of the children who set an exemplary standard with paying their respects. We received wonderful feedback on how well our children conducted themselves, including being respectful, engaged in the Service, and knowing the words to the Lords' Prayer very well. The Deputy Lieutenant also said that they enjoyed meeting and chatting to our children before the Service!

Starting School

If you have a child due to start primary school in September 2025, we would love to welcome you for a tour of our school and to discuss admission arrangements at our next Open Morning being held on Thursday 28th November (beginning at 9:30am). To book a place please email office@nr.huish.education or call 01823 792655.



Playtimes at Nerrols!

You may have already seen our new Play Store which is now on the playground! We were able to purchase this important resource with the money that has been raised from recent community events and would like to say a massive 'thank you' to you all and the Friends of Nerrols team for the continued support. It is another fantastic step towards our fun and inclusive playtimes, allowing us to store a greater range of resources and enabling our children easier access and so greater independence over what they choose to play with. We hope to continue receiving donations from families which can now be kept in the Store such as tarpaulins, pipes, pots and pans.



Curriculum Focus: Reading

Please ensure that your child has their Reading Record and book at school every day. As you will know from our Class Expectations Meetings at the beginning of the Autumn Term, our expectation is that the children read, with an adult, five times per week (or more). It is vital that we work together to help your child to read. We would really appreciate your support in upholding our expectations of your child reading their phonics or book band book five times a week. We are always here to help if you have any questions about your child's reading!

Nativities!

Our children in Blossom, Willow and Birch will be performing their Nativities on the following dates:

Thursday 5 th December at 10:00am and 5:30pm	Blossom Class
Tuesday 10 th December at 10:00am and 5:30pm	Willow and Birch Class

We really hope that you will be able to join us on these dates, but regretfully we will need to limit the number of family members able to attend to 2 per child for each performance in order to comply with health and safety regulations given the capacity of our School Hall and to ensure that members of all of our families are able to watch their children. We will send home 2 tickets for the morning performance and 2 tickets for the evening performance with each child, and politely ask that any unwanted tickets are returned to us so that we can offer these to families wishing for more tickets. These will be re-allocated based on need, for example to those families with siblings who cannot get childcare.

We will check tickets on the door and politely request that all parents and carers adhere to our expectations to make it a fair and enjoyable experience for us all.

We will also hold dress rehearsals during the school day so that all siblings have the chance to watch our performances, which promise to be memorable!

Key Stage 2 Christmas Carol Services

Our children in Key Stage 2 will be performing a selection of Christmas carols and songs in our School Hall on the following dates.

Thursday 12 th December at 5:30pm	Maple and Rowan Class Christmas Carol Concert
Tuesday 17 th December at 5:30pm	Hazel and Oak Class Christmas Carol Concert

As with our Nativities, we will need to limit the number of family members to 2 per child who are able to attend. We will send home tickets with the children closer to the time and will also check these on the door. We ask that the children are brought back to school for 5pm in order to be best prepared for the Services, whilst family members watching will be allowed into the Hall from 5:15pm. Again, we politely request that all parents and carers adhere to our expectations in order to make it a fair and enjoyable experience for us all.

Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day – Thursday 19th December

Although this day is set to be held nationwide on Thursday 12th December, we invite the children and staff to wear a Christmas jumper alongside the rest of their usual uniform on **Thursday 19th December**. This is the same day as our whole school Christmas Dinner, and we hope will make things feel even more Christmassy! We are also aware that there is a financial implication to this, and so if families are unable to take part or contribute this time please do not worry. If children would like to still wear a Christmas jumper but are unable to contribute to the Save the Children charity, this is of course fine too.

Please do remember that this is optional and that if children do not wish to take part they should wear their school jumper or cardigan as usual. If you would like to find out more about Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day 2023, you can do so here: [Christmas Jumper Day 2024 | Save the Children UK](#)

Christmas Pantomime Visit – Wednesday 18th December

We have once again arranged for our whole school to visit The Tacchi Morris Arts Centre to watch a pantomime performance of Cinderella on Wednesday 18th December during the school day. Thanks to the generous support of our community at our fundraising events and after agreement at a recent Friends Of Nerrols meeting, we are delighted to be able to subsidise the cost for each child to attend this visit to just £10.00 per child, which covers the cost of the ticket and transport. Payments are now able to be made via MCAS.

Staying Safe at Nerrols

We would like to remind everyone that smoking or vaping is not permitted on our school grounds. In accordance with our commitment to maintaining a safe and healthy environment for our children, staff and visitors, we ask that you refrain from using cigarettes or vaping devices while on, or near, the school site.



A polite reminder to also please ensure that your children are always wearing their seat belts when traveling in the car. The safety of our children is always our top priority, and seat belts are the most effective way to protect young passengers in the event of an accident. Whether it's a short trip to or from school, or a longer drive, taking a moment to buckle up can make all the difference!

Office Update: Children's Christmas Dinner – Thursday 19th December

Hopefully you will have already received communication about our Christmas Dinner on Thursday 19th December 2024. Roast turkey or Quorn, meat-free sausages or pigs in blankets, stuffing, potatoes and much more will be served along with some festive music that should make this a very special lunchtime for the children. Attached to this Newsletter is a copy of the full menu should you wish to take a closer look.

Dates for the diary

Thursday 28 th November	Reception Class 2025 Open Morning (9:30am)
Friday 29 th November	FON Christmas Fayre (3:15pm)
Thursday 5 th December	Blossom Class Nativity performances (10:00am and 5:30pm)
Tuesday 10 th December	Willow & Birch Class Nativity performances (10:00am and 5:30pm)
Wednesday 11 th December	Geography Curriculum Fair, 3:15pm
Thursday 12 th December	Maple & Rowan Class Christmas Carol Concert (5:30pm)
Week Commencing Monday 16 th December	Nursery Christmas Craft Open Mornings (9:30am-11:00am)
Tuesday 17 th December	Hazel & Oak Class Christmas Carol Concert (5:30pm)
Wednesday 18 th December	Whole School Pantomime Trip (Tacchi Morris)
Thursday 19 th December	Christmas Dinner Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 20 th December	Last day of Autumn 2
Monday 6 th January 2025	INSET Day – School closed to children
Tuesday 7 th January	First day of Spring 1

Have a great weekend and I look forward to seeing you next week!



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