



Nerrols' Newsletter

20th December 2024

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Welcome to the final Nerrols' Newsletter of 2024! As the calendar year draws to a close, I wanted to begin by sharing my appreciation to our entire community for the continued support and encouragement that has been on show once again this year. I feel very proud of all of the achievements of our children, who consistently demonstrate what superstars they are and continue to do us all proud. They are helped to do well with their learning and development as young people by very supportive parents and carers and a hardworking and professional staff team! Without us all working closely together our children would not be thriving in the ways that they are, and I'm looking forward to even more success in 2025!

For now, I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and hope it is everything you wish for. Please do take the time to rest, relax and spend time together during this very special time of the year. A reminder that the first day of term is an INSET Day, and so school starts again for children on Tuesday 7th January 2025. I look forward to seeing you all then!

Staff Update

Unfortunately, I share the sad news that Miss Mahoney, who works in our Main Office, will be leaving us at the end of this term to begin an exciting travelling adventure with her partner after Christmas! Sarah's contributions to the children, families and staff of Nerrols have been truly invaluable and I know that she will be sorely missed by us all. I am sure you will join me wishing her the very best of luck for her future! Thank you for everything, Sarah!

I am pleased to be able to let you know that we have appointed Mrs Sarah Leyman as our new Administration Officer as Miss Mahoney's replacement. Mrs Leyman brings with her a wealth of knowledge and experience having previously worked at one of our other Huish primary schools for over 9 years. She will begin her position with us on Monday 13th January 2025, meaning we might be a little understaffed in the front office for the first week of the new term and ask you to bear with us with things. We are confident that our school will go from strength to strength with Mrs Leyman's appointment, and I'm sure you'll all make her feel part of the Nerrols community very quickly.

Christmas at Nerrols

Another huge 'Thank you' to the parents, carers, grandparents, family members and friends who have been able to join us and show their support at our community events as we celebrate Christmas. It has been great to see so many of you braving the cold and dark evenings to attend our Nativities and Christmas Carol Concerts, as well as for your support with our whole school visit to watch the Cinderella Pantomime! We are sure that all of the children have benefited from these experiences and appreciate everybody's support in making them possible. A reminder that if you have not yet made your payment for the pantomime to please do so as soon as possible via MCAS, which has been kindly subsidised by our Friends of Nerrols team to £10.00 per child.





On Thursday, we continued the celebrations with Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day and our Christmas Lunch! The children enjoyed roast turkey, meat-free sausages, pigs in blankets, stuffing, potatoes and much more along with some festive music that made lunchtime very special. We were even joined by Father Christmas himself as an extra treat!

House Treat!

Congratulations to **BARRINGTON HOUSE** who are the winners of this term's House Treat! Earlier this week, we invited the children of Barrington to wear their non-school uniform and take part in some festive activities, including decorating biscuits and watching The Nativity film whilst enjoying a hot chocolate as part of their celebrations! Well done to Barrington House, and to all of our children who have been demonstrating our values of *Be kind, Work hard* and *Try your best* this term!



Curriculum Focus: What is my child learning about at school?

Following feedback from parents and carers through our Parents' Forum, you should have today received the 'Spring Term 1 Overview' document that details what your child will be learning about across the curriculum, which we hope you find useful in supporting your child's education.

On the second page of the document, you should also find some ideas that you may wish to complete at home with your child to support them with their learning. We are aiming to develop a culture in which homework is viewed as an extension of our children's learning, which will also allow them opportunities to demonstrate their knowledge within different subjects and for parents and carers to be involved in promoting discussion around different topics.

To celebrate this extension of learning, we will hold a 'Fair' on the last Wednesday of each half-term. Parents will be invited to attend the Fair to celebrate and explore the range and depth of children's extended learning, which will encourage children's intrinsic motivation to extend their learning beyond the classroom.

Curriculum Fair

A huge 'Thank you' to those of you who were able to join us for our Geography Curriculum Fair to celebrate and explore our children's learning beyond the classroom. We are also really grateful for your support with our children's learning and warmly invite you to our next Curriculum Fair, which will be held on **Wednesday 12th February** with a focus on **History**.



Dad's Tuning into kids

The Mental Health Support Team (MHST) are running a FREE seven-session programme for fathers and adult males of school-aged children to learn more about managing children's feelings such as worry, frustration and anger. The programme can help to understand more about children's emotional intelligence, which in turn will help them to concentrate better at school, have greater success with making and keeping friends, managing conflict with peers and being more able to calm down when upset or angry. Attached to this Newsletter is a flyer advertising the MHST's programme more, including the dates of the sessions and how to book your place!

After School Clubs – from January 2025

We are delighted to be able to let you know about our plans to provide our children with opportunities to be physically active as part of our extra-curricular provision in the New Year!

Day	After School Club (3:30pm-4:30pm)	Further Details
Mondays	Y1-Y4 Gymnastics with Premier Education	Begins Monday 13th January Booking: Nerrols Primary School – Premier Education Nerrols Primary School – Premier Education
Wednesdays	Y3-Y6 Nerrols Girls Football (with Mr Templeton)	Begins Wednesday 8th January Booking details are now live on MCAS!
Thursdays	YR-Y2 Nerrols Multi-Sports (with Mr Templeton)	Begins Thursday 9th January Booking details are now live on MCAS!
Fridays	Y3-Y6 Nerrols Tag Rugby (with Mr Templeton)	Begins Friday 10th January Booking details are now live on MCAS!

If you have any issues with bookings on MCAS, please contact the School Office.

Office Update:

We'd to remind parents that the deadline for lunches for the first week back in January has now passed, if you did not book by Monday 16th December, your child will not be given a school dinner, and you will have to provide a packed lunch.

We are also happy to announce we will be doing a themed menu on Thursday 16th January to welcome all the children back to school in the New Year! This will include Cheeseburger or a veggie burger, curly fries and cucumber sticks. There will also be chocolate Krispie cake and fruit for pudding. If you have already booked a dinner on this day, your options will be changed to this menu and all vegetarian or allergens choices will be adhered to. This is a great opportunity for children who don't usually have school dinner, to try the delicious food made by our wonderful kitchen team.

Dates for the diary

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
Monday 3 rd February	Parents' Evening (3:30pm-6:00pm)
Tuesday 4 th February	Parents' Evening (3:30pm-6:00pm)
Tuesday 11 th February	Safer Internet Day
Wednesday 12 th February	History Curriculum Fair (3:15pm)
Friday 14 th February	Last day of Spring 1

Have a great Christmas break and I look forward to seeing you in 2025!



Matt Kerton
Headteacher