



Nerrols' Newsletter

31st January 2025

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

It has been another busy couple of weeks here at Nerrols with many exciting opportunities happening throughout the school. Our History learning has seen an array of learning experiences for our children from Captain Cook's voyage around the world in Year 1 to a Greek day in Year 6 and an upcoming Bronze/Iron age day in Year 3!

We are also looking forward to seeing parents and carers on Monday and Tuesday next week for parents' evening. If you haven't already, please do sign up to a ten minute slot using the MCAS app. This is a great opportunity to meet with your child's class teacher and discuss how they are getting on in all aspects of school life.

Quality Improvement Priority: Writing

Encouraging Spelling Success with Spelling Shed

Spelling is a vital skill for helping with success in writing and communication. At Nerrols, we are committed to supporting every child to become confident and accurate in their spelling, and we're excited to remind you about one fantastic tool we use: Spelling Shed.

Spelling Shed is an engaging and interactive platform designed to help children learn and practise their spellings in a fun and motivating way. It uses games, challenges and rewards to encourage regular practice, making spelling something your child looks forward to.



Here's how Spelling Shed can help your child:

- **Builds confidence:** The games are tailored to your child's current spelling level, allowing them to progress at their own pace. Children are tested on their spellings weekly, and using Spelling Shed regularly at home is a great way to help them feel confident and prepared.
- **Reinforces learning:** The spellings practised at home are the focus of the week's learning in class. In class the children will learn about the meanings of the words and how to use them correctly.
- **Flexible Access:** Spelling Shed can be accessed at home or on the go, making it easy to fit into your family's routine.

How You Can Help

- Set aside 10 – 15 minutes several times a week for your child to use Spelling Shed. Children in Years 5 & 6 should be able to use this independently. The children's login details can be found in their Reading Logs.
- Celebrate your child's progress and effort to help keep them motivated.

- Encourage friendly competitions within your family – see who can earn the most points!

By using Spelling Shed regularly, your child will not only master their weekly spellings, but also develop long-term spelling skills that will benefit them across the curriculum.

Thank you for your support in helping us make spellings success a priority for all children. If you have any questions or need help accessing Spelling Shed, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher.

Let's work together to make spelling practice fun and effective!

Best wishes,
Sian Rapsey (Writing Lead)

World Book Day – Thursday 6th March

We will once again be joining in with World Book Day celebrations, which will be held on Thursday 6th March. We are holding our Reading Challenge again and a letter will be sent regarding this. During the day the children will take part in reading related activities designed to support a love of reading.

We are also challenging all the children to create a 'Book on a Plate', at home. The children will be given a paper plate although you are welcome to use one of your own. The plate should be decorated, used or have objects added to represent a book of their choice.

Please make sure your child's 'Book on a Plate' is clearly labelled with the name of the book and their first name and is carefully brought into class on Thursday 6th March. A winner will then be chosen from each class. **Parents are warmly invited to view the display in the Library and Hall at 3.15pm.**

We have included a few ideas below for inspiration, and you can find plenty more by searching online. Thank you for your support.



Staying Safe at Nerrols

We kindly remind all parents and carers to please park considerately around the school grounds to ensure the safety and convenience of our community. Please avoid blocking pedestrian pathways, dropped curbs, or access points, as this can create dangerous situations for our children and families walking to and from school. Additionally, we ask that you do not stop or park on the zig-zag lines at the front of the school, as these are in place to keep the area clear. Being mindful of where you park also helps to maintain a smooth flow of traffic and allows for safe and easy access for everyone, including those with mobility needs. Your co-operation is greatly appreciated in making our school community a safer and more welcoming place for all!

PE & Sports

Please could we remind parents to ensure that children bring their PE kit to school every Monday and take home each Friday. This ensures that children can fully and safely participate in their PE lessons with Mr Templeton and their class teacher. As we move into the Spring Term, there will also be further opportunities for PE and Sports throughout the week for which children may need their PE Kit on a different day. We do understand that some children wear their PE kits to after school clubs but ask that it is back in school the next day.

The following clubs run by Mr Templeton are now set up on the MCAS app ready to sign up for after half-term:

Wednesdays – boys and girls netball years 3/4/5/6

Thursdays – KS1 multi sports

Fridays – boys and girls football year 3 and 4

Office Update:

School Lunches – You can now order school dinners for your child for after half term. To ensure your child has school dinners for the first week back you **must** order no later than Tuesday 11th February otherwise they will not be included in the kitchen numbers. If you need any help with ordering meals, please let the office team know and we will be pleased to help you.

Head Bumps – a reminder that the office team will use MCAS texts to notify you if your child has experienced a minor bump to the head during the school day. If the bump is more serious, a phone call will be made to inform you.

Bronze and Iron Age day – A reminder that Maple class have a Bronze and Iron Age Day next Wednesday 5th February and the children are invited to come to school wearing Bronze or Iron Age inspired clothing.

Attendance – the number of children arriving late to school has increased significantly and this has quite an impact on their learning and can be disruptive to the rest of the class. Please do try to ensure you arrive to school on time, so your child is ready to start their learning at 8:45 am

Dates for the diary

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
Thursday 6 th March	World Book Day (see above)

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

Mrs Marriott