

Nerrols' Newsletter

7th March 2025

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

It has been a great start to the new half-term here at Nerrols, with lots of exciting opportunities still to come including British Science Week, a Sponsored Read and Red Nose Day!

It was great to celebrate World Book Day with the children yesterday! Thank you so much to parents, carers and family members for supporting them with their 'Book on a Plate' creations. We thought it would be hard to beat the 'Book in a Jar' from last year, but our Nerrols children have wowed us once again with their creativity! During the day, the children also took the time to debate the qualities of their favourite book character against a character chosen by their friends, giving them some valuable experience at developing their oracy skills which our teachers were very impressed by the very persuasive arguments put forward! Nurturing a love of reading is very important within our Nerrols community and it was lovely to see so many smiling faces throughout the day!



Following World Book Day, we have been talking to the children about celebrating and encouraging a lifelong love of reading at home and school. We are now looking ahead to launching our second Usborne's Sponsored Read between Monday 10th and Monday 17th March, aiming to achieve our new target this year of 15,000 minutes!

A reminder that the School and Nursery will be closed to all children on Monday 17th March. We know that we can improve things like staff recruitment and retention, increased commitment and productivity and reduce absenteeism to create a more resilient workforce by adopting a proactive approach to wellbeing, which simultaneously will only benefit our children! Therefore, on Monday 17th March, we have arranged activities for our staff to experience and participate in that will hopefully improve their wellbeing as well as all of the things I've listed above.

Staff Update

From next week, I will be returning to Nerrols more regularly in order to support the strategic planning of our school moving forwards. All other arrangements will remain the same, including who parents and carers should talk to in the first instance if they need to. We are grateful for everybody's support and understanding with these interim arrangements so far and I am really looking forward to seeing everyone more very soon!

Curriculum Update: PE and Sport

We have been taking some big steps forward recently with all things PE and Sport at Nerrols! You might have noticed some new resources on our playground, including new netball posts, and several of our children have represented our school at recent tournaments and events. Huge congratulations to our basketball stars who won all their games at a tournament at Kingsmead School last week, as well as to our children in Years 3 and 4 who did brilliantly at the Rugby Mega Fest before half-term!

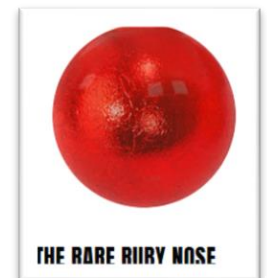


British Science Week

Next week, we will be exploring British Science Week's theme: 'Change and Adapt' where each class will spend time taking part in a carousel of science activities with different staff in school on Monday. Our teachers have been very busy planning a vast range of activities from camouflage caterpillars to dissolving dilemmas, and we are sure our children will benefit greatly from this day. If you would like to find out more about British Science Week, please visit: [Homepage - British Science Week](#)

Red Nose Day – Friday 21st March

Comic Relief are celebrating their 40th anniversary this Red Nose Day, and to help raise money we are inviting children to wear something **red** to school on Friday 21st March in exchange for a £1 donation! To support the celebrations of 'going big, giving big and feeling good together', each class will complete a 40-challenge during the day. This could be anything from a 40m Space Hopper race to 40 minutes reading throughout the day. Keep a look out for some old Red Noses from the 80s, 90s, Noughties and 2010s too as Comic Relief further celebrate this special birthday!



Academic Calendar 2025-2026

A copy of our 2025-2026 Academic Calendar is attached to this week's Newsletter and is also available on our school website: [School Term Dates - Nerrols Primary School](#)

We have taken the decision this year to slightly alter the term dates set by Somerset Council in the best interests of our children. This includes the school year starting on a Monday rather than a Tuesday, as well as arranging most of our INSET days in the longest term (Autumn). The first day of the 2025-2026 school year for our children will be Wednesday 3rd September 2025.

Office Update

I would like to kindly remind parents and carers about the importance of booking and paying for our WrapAround Club, both before and after school. Booking your child into WrapAround as soon as you know that you need it is essential, even if this means calling us on the day. This ensures that we can properly plan and allocate our staff to provide the best possible experiences for our children and allows us to adhere to relevant ratio and health and safety expectations. We politely ask that parents and carers do not send their children to WrapAround Club without booking them in via MCAS or a telephone call first, and that all bookings and payments are completed as soon as possible and by any specified deadlines in order to prevent us regrettably needing to remove this provision from any family.

Please would all parents and carers also ensure that their child's school uniform, coat, hat or any item that is needed in school is clearly labelled with their name so that it can be returned to them if it is misplaced. We seem to be experiencing an increase in our lost property collection, and some of our community are also losing items that are named. With this in mind, we ask parents and carers to routinely check that their children have not brought home any items that do not belong to them by mistake.

We thank you for your understanding and co-operation with both matters and in making things run as smoothly as possible for everyone.

Dates for the diary

Week Commencing 10 th March	British Science Week
Monday 17 th March	Staff Wellbeing Day – School and Nursery closed to children
Friday 21 st March	Red Nose Day!
Thursday 3 rd April	Last day of Spring 2
Friday 4 th April	INSET Day – School and Nursery closed to children
Tuesday 22 nd April	First day of Summer 1

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



Matt Kerton
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