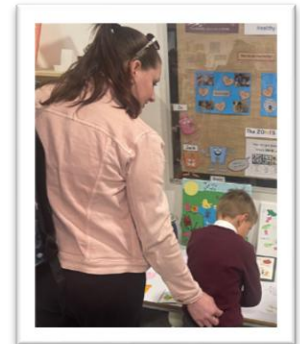


Nerrols' Newsletter

4th April 2025

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

I would like to start the last Newsletter of the spring term by wishing all of our families a peaceful and enjoyable Easter break. It has been a very busy term for all of our children and staff here at Nerrols, in which we have again celebrated *World Book Day* and *Ready, Steady, Read (or Listen)* to continue promoting a love of reading, raised money for our school through fantastic Friends of Nerrols events such as cake sales and last week's Bingo evening and for communities across the UK during Red Nose Day! It was also great to see so many of you at our recent Science Curriculum Fair to celebrate even more of our children's learning. I hope everybody gets a chance to relax and recharge over the upcoming break and returns to school ready for another jam-packed term full of learning and opportunity! A reminder that School resumes after the Easter weekend on Tuesday 22nd April.



As we continue in our attempts to foster a positive and respectful environment at our school, I would like to remind everyone of the importance of setting a good example for our children. It is essential that we all communicate with kindness and respect, especially when interacting with school staff. Our staff work tirelessly to support our children and to create a safe, welcoming atmosphere for learning and it is crucial that appreciation is shown for their efforts. Please remember that we have a zero-tolerance expectation around any form of abusive or disrespectful behaviour towards school staff and each other. We encourage open and honest communication, but this must be done in a constructive and respectful manner. Thank you for your understanding and continued support in making Nerrols a place where everyone can thrive.

Staff Update

This week, we share our appreciation and warm wishes to Mrs Perry, who leaves us temporarily as she begins her maternity leave, and to Ms Granger, who has decided to leave her position as a Learning Support Assistant (LSA) here at Nerrols. When we come back after the Easter break, we will be welcoming Mrs Alice Atterton as Mrs Perry's replacement in Willow Class as well as Miss Abigail Pitts who joins our LSA team.

Quality Improvement Priority – Playtimes at Nerrols

As part of our ongoing work to improve children's play opportunities throughout the school day, we will be making some changes to the activities available. This week, we have spoken to the children about how we will be changing the sports that they can play on the 3G Pitch at lunchtimes in order to expand their exposure, skills and opportunities to games like tennis, netball or cricket. Up until now, the children have been able to play football during lunchtimes, but this is something that will no longer be available to them for the Summer Term as part of this change. Our oldest children are

continuing to develop their leadership skills by setting up games and activities for our younger children as part of our commitment to improving playtimes for everyone.

When we return to school after the Easter break, we kindly request that footballs (or other equipment) are not brought into school to be played with before the school day starts or after it ends. The children will still be able to access the 3G Pitch and use the Jungle Trail and Pick-Up Sticks because we think that play is important, and it gives the children another opportunity to benefit from all that it brings as well as burn off some energy! However, we are seeing an increase in the number of children who are not ready to line up when the bell rings at 8:45am, are beginning their school day either dysregulated because of a disagreement whilst playing or in need of first aid as well as a number of complaints from parents and carers about other children that school staff are being asked to handle.

With that in mind, we would like to remind parents and carers that they are responsible for the safety and supervision of their children in all situations before 8:45am and after 3:15pm (the times of our school day), including if they do allow their children to play. The School takes no responsibility for any injuries, accidents or incidents with other children that happen before or after such times when the children are in the care of their parents and carers. This applies to all children, including those who arrive at, or leave, school unsupervised, since such arrangements are decisions made by parents and carers and their permission has been granted. All children must be ready to enter the School when the bell rings at 8:45am.

Ready, Steady, Read (or Listen)!

We would like to say a huge THANK YOU to all of the children and families who participated in our recent Ready, Steady, Read (or Listen) event. Across our school and nursery, **we read for an amazing 8,336 minutes and raised £1014** thanks to the generous donations from our Nerrols community. This means that we will now have £1,622 to spend on brand new Usborne books for our school! The books will be ordered soon, so after the Easter holidays do keep an eye out for any Usborne books your child may borrow from our Library (by spotting the hot air balloon) and know that these books were brought thanks to your hard work reading for your school!



A special shout out to Birch Class, who read for the most minutes, and to the following children:

Class Name	Most Minutes	Most Raised
Nursery – 763 mins	Gianna (180)	Darcie
Blossom – 809 mins	Aden (184)	Oscar
Willow – 752 mins	Laila (206)	Mikey
Birch – 2,045 mins	Chloe I (613)	Theodora
Maple – 1,001 mins	Amber (210)	Amber
Rowan – 1,212 mins	Brodie (335)	Charlie
Hazel – 754 mins	Tom (275)	Tom
Oak – 1,000 mins	Sirisay (1000)	

Once again, thank you and well done to everyone! All children who participated will receive their certificates after the Easter break.

New Nerrols Art Studio Sign

Over the past few weeks, some of our children who have been attending our after-school Art Club have been working with a local graffiti artist to learn more about street art and have put their skills into practise by spray-painting a new sign which will soon be placed outside our Art Studio! A big well done to all of the children involved, to Aerosol Art for their support and to Miss Nelson and Miss Rapsey for making this all possible!



House Treat

Congratulations to **Dillington House**, who were the winners of this term's House Treat! Earlier this week, the children of Dillington celebrated by taking part in an exciting morning of curling and nerf shooting! We are proud of the children in this House, as well as all our children across the school for their efforts and approaches to learning and continuing to demonstrate our Nerrols values of Being kind, Working hard and Trying their best.



After School Clubs – Summer Term 1

We are excited to be able to let you know about our After-School Clubs for when we come back after the Easter break!



Day	After School Club (3:30pm-4:30pm)	Further Details
Wednesdays	Y3-6 Nerrols Introduction to Quidditch (with Mr Templeton)	Begins Wednesday 23 rd April Book now on MCAS!
Thursdays	YR-2 Nerrols Multi-Sports (with Mr Templeton)	Begins Thursday 24 th April Book now on MCAS!
Fridays	Y3-6 Nerrols Archery (with Mr Templeton)	Begins Friday 25 th April Book now on MCAS!

Nerrols Holiday Clubs are coming!

We are excited to be able to let you all know of an extra provision that we are planning to launch for the first time during the May half-term break, **Nerrols Holiday Clubs**! These will be led by our PE and Sport Leader Mr Templeton and will aim to provide a range of healthy activities and exercise for Nerrols-only children as well as supporting working parents during the time off from school. We will be letting our community know more details about this provision in the coming weeks, including how to book, prices and future dates throughout the summer holidays.

The Pupil Premium Grant

You may be aware that the government currently allocates additional funding to schools in the form of 'The Pupil Premium Grant' in order to help children do their very best. The purpose of Pupil Premium Funding is to raise achievement and improve outcomes for eligible children (those children who are registered as eligible for free school meals and children of service personnel).

At Nerrols Primary School, the additional funding is used to provide children with a wide range of extra educational, social and emotional support. In common with most schools, it is likely that a number of parents and carers whose children attend Nerrols do not claim free school meals, even though they are entitled to them. If you think that you may be eligible to apply for free school meals for your child, you can do so using this link <https://www.somerset.gov.uk/children-families-and-education/school-life/free-school-meals/>, alternatively contact the school office for more information. The process for applying is confidential. Even if you are not sure it would still be worth asking.

If your application to receive free school meals is approved, you could also take advantage of a £100 subsidy that we make available in order to further promote the best educational outcomes and experiences for your children. If you would like to discuss this confidential matter further, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Office Update

A polite reminder that our Main Office opening hours are 8:15am-3:45pm. If parents and carers try to contact or visit the office outside of these times, it will likely not be possible to speak with a member of our Office Team. This is also the case even if members of our Office Team are still in the office since they will be busy performing other important tasks that help to make our school run smoothly and that they can focus fully on. We appreciate your co-operation and understanding with this matter.

Dates for the diary

Friday 4 th April	INSET Day – School and Nursery closed to children
Friday 18 th April	Good Friday Bank Holiday – Nursery closed
Monday 21 st April	Easter Monday Bank Holiday – Nursery closed
Tuesday 22 nd April	First day of Summer 1
Monday 5 th May	May Day Bank Holiday – School and Nursery closed

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



Matt Kerton
Headteacher