

Nerrols' Newsletter

2nd May 2025

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Welcome back from what I hope was a restful and enjoyable Easter break. The summer term marks the culmination of much of the children's hard work as their learning comes together and we begin to look ahead. Our oldest children in Oak Class are busy preparing to take, and we wish them the very best of luck with, their end of key stage two national curriculum tests (more commonly known as SATs) and think about transitioning to their new schools. Our younger children have laid vital foundations for their future learning and will also have lots of reasons to look ahead this term, including finding out who their new teacher will be and spending some time with them – and in their new classroom – later on in the term.

There are lots of important moments coming up this term, including Sports Day, end-of-year Reports and plenty of community events which are already being organised by our Friends of Nerrols Team, including our Summer Fayre at the beginning of July. I am also excited to let you know that we are launching a Nerrols Holiday Club for the first time during the May half-term, and you can find out more about this below! I hope you join us in recognising and celebrating the hard work that has gone into the school year, as well as your child's successes, by attending as many of these events as you can with us.

It has been lovely to welcome the warmer weather, which hopefully stays around for at least a little while longer, and has allowed us to spend more time learning outside this week. Next week, we will be sharing with the children all the ways we can make sure we are *Sun Safe*. With this in mind, we ask that all parents and carers please apply sun cream to any areas not covered in clothing before the children come to school in order to best keep them safe (the higher SPF the better). We ask that the children wear a sun hat and always bring with them a bottle so that they can drink plenty of water and refill it throughout the day. Because the children like to run around at break and lunchtimes, we also ask that they do not bring sunglasses to school or nursery to avoid any accidents.



Finally, I would like to extend a warm welcome any new parents and carers to Nerrols, who might be reading our Newsletter for the first time having recently been offered a place in our Reception Class from September 2025. We are excited to meet you and look forward to a long and successful association with you!

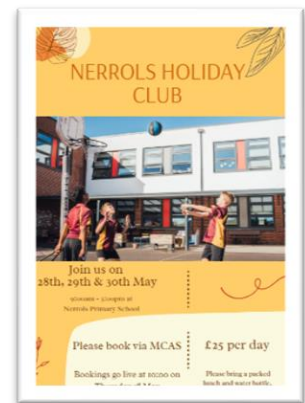
Staff Update

We are pleased to welcome Mrs Alice Atterton to our teaching team here at Nerrols, who joined us this week in Willow Class. We also extend a big Nerrols welcome to Miss Abigail Pitts, who will be working across the school as part of our Learning Support Assistant team. We look forward to working with our new colleagues and seeing how they can improve the support we already provide for our children!

Nerrols Holiday Club is now live!

We are excited to be able to let you all know that we are now taking bookings for our first ever **Nerrols Holiday Club!** The Holiday Club will be running on Wednesday 28th, Thursday 29th and Friday 30th May and will be held at Nerrols Primary School between 9:00am and 3:00pm. The cost will be £25 per day, per child and will be overseen by Mr Templeton, with other members of school staff in support. Activities will include sports and games, as well as arts and crafts. Children will need to bring a water bottle, packed lunch and wear suitable clothing.

Bookings are now live on MCAS and will close at 10:00am on Monday 19th May. The club will only be available to children who attend Nerrols Primary School, and you will be able to book into a single day, or multiple sessions. If you would like to pay by Tax-Free Childcare or Childcare Vouchers, please email the School Office with a screenshot confirming that the payment has been made to our account and we will be able to reserve a space for you. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the School Office.



Playtimes at Nerrols – Blankets needed!

With the summer weather improving, we are exploring different areas that the children can use at lunchtimes. We are looking for some blankets which could be placed on the floor, in the shade, during dry weather to provide a quieter area for games and books which have already been kindly donated to our outdoor play! If you have any blankets that you think would be suitable and you no longer need, please do let Mrs Marriott know. It will be greatly appreciated!

Mental Health & Wellbeing Webinars for Parents and Carers

We're pleased to share that the Mental Health Support Team is offering a series of free online webinars designed to support and improve young people's mental health and wellbeing. These sessions are accessible to all parents and carers of children at Nerrols Primary School.

Topics include:

- Managing Big Emotions
- Coping with Change and Transition
- Surviving and Thriving Over the Summer
- Supporting Your Neurodiverse Child
- Neurodiversity and the Return to School

These webinars offer practical advice and strategies to help you support your child's emotional wellbeing at home and we encourage you to take advantage of these valuable resources! More information about how to sign up to these webinars can be found in this online brochure: [Online Flipbook](#)

Mrs Palmer's Regular Read

Welcome to the May edition of my Regular Read!

We've just received delivery of all the books from Usborne Books which were a result of our recent Ready, Steady, Read (or Listen) Challenge! A huge well done to all those who took part and thank you on behalf of all the children at Nerrols who will benefit from new books.



As Mrs Perry and I were adding all the new books to the library, I began thinking about children's reading preferences. Some children absolutely love a story. Younger children, in particular, enjoy looking at pictures and retelling the story in their own words. The ability to do this is crucial for future comprehension success and creativity for writing.

Alongside fiction, non-fiction books have an important place in the reading diet. Some children simply love facts! I am often astonished by the ability of very young children to regale me with facts about dinosaurs and tractors!

Children at Nerrols bring home a phonics or reading scheme book and, in addition, a library book of their choice. A high percentage of our new books are non-fiction, and they are now available in our Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 libraries. Look out for these new books coming home. They are in pristine condition so please encourage your child to treat them well and keep them in their reading folder.



Adults at Nerrols all aim to be good reading role models. On classroom doors around the school, we are displaying what we are currently reading to inspire the children. If you ever need ideas of books to buy, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Curriculum Update: Writing

Over the past few months, our teachers have been hard at work developing a new Nerrols' Writing Curriculum. They've taken a deep dive into reviewing the strengths and areas for improvement in our current approach, with the shared goal of designing a curriculum that equips our pupils to become confident, capable, and creative writers. This forward-thinking work is laying the foundation for a writing journey that will truly support our children in reaching their full potential! We appreciate parents and carers encouraging their children to make sure they regularly practise their spellings and always use their neatest handwriting, where appropriate!

Year 6 SATs

A reminder that the end of key stage two tests (more commonly known as SATs) for our Year 6 children will take place during the week commencing Monday 12th May 2025. It is vital that all Year 6 children are in school during this week so that they can demonstrate their learning, feel good about completing the tests like all other Year 6 children across the country and do their very best! If you have a child in Year 6, please also make sure you have seen our communication regarding our free Breakfast Club for the children in Year 6 during the week!

Curriculum Update: PE and Sport

Over the last couple of weeks, we have been very busy at school with some children from Maple and Rowan Classes representing Nerrols at the SASP cross country event this week! In school, we have been continuing to work in Houses for the Intra School Cup, with Rowan Class competing recently – we will find out the results soon!

A huge well done to Barrington House, who were the recent Intra School Cup Competition winners in Maple class, as well as to our latest BURSTS award winners! It's fantastic to see Blossom Class joining in the fun!

To find out the latest, give us a follow at @NerrolsPE!



Staying Safe at Nerrols: Road Safety

This week, all of our children took part in a Road Safety assembly where key messages such as walking safely, avoiding distractions when crossing the road and wearing bright clothing were reinforced. It is really important that we all take responsibility for educating and keeping our children safe when it comes to roads and cars, particularly as many of you have expressed to me your concerns about the speed at which some motorists travel along Nerrols Drive. With this in mind, please do not allow, encourage or even accompany your child walking through our vehicular gate.



On Friday 9th May, some small, low-definition cameras will be placed on the lampposts outside of our school to monitor vehicle traffic in and out of the school as well as drop-offs outside. These cameras are specifically designed to minimise facial definition and vehicle registration plates. The purpose of this exercise is to understand when and how many people travel to and from our site by counting the number of vehicles entering and leaving. There will be signs in the vicinity of the cameras notifying people of the survey and stating their rights. The video footage will only be used for the purposes of the survey being undertaken and will not contain any audio content. Once completed, the video files will be securely stored in line with General Data Protection Regulations and will be deleted once the survey data has been fully. If you would like any further information regarding this arrangement, please visit trics.org.

Health and Safety Update

A reminder that parents and carers 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). The School takes no responsibility for an 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, including if they have allowed their children to use our play equipment or 3G Pitch. 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.

After School Clubs – Summer Term 1

We are excited to be able to let you know about our current After-School Clubs!



Day	After School Club (3:30pm-4:30pm)	Further Details
Wednesdays	Y3-6 Nerrols Introduction to Quidditch (with Mr Templeton)	Book now on MCAS!
Thursdays	YR-2 Nerrols Multi-Sports (with Mr Templeton)	Book now on MCAS!
Fridays	Y3-6 Nerrols Archery (with Mr Templeton)	Book now on MCAS!

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

We remind parents and carers to please ensure their children do not bring personal items, including money, into school. Such items can easily get broken or lost, as well as distraction, which can cause upset. Thank you for your support with this matter.

Our Office opening hours are from 8:15am-3:45pm.

Dates for the diary

Monday 5 th May	May Day Bank Holiday – School and Nursery closed
Monday 12 th -Thursday 15 th May	Year 6 SATs (see above)
Friday 16 th May	FON Discos!
Wednesday 21 st May	New Reception Parents' Evening
Friday 23 rd May	Last day of Summer 1
Monday 26 th May	End of May Bank Holiday – Nursery closed
Wednesday 28 th – Friday 30 th May	Nerrols Holiday Club (see above)
Monday 2 nd June	First day of Summer 2
Wednesday 25 th June	Blossom, Willow and Birch Sports Day (09:30-11:30, 3G Pitch)
Thursday 26 th June	Maple, Rowan, Hazel and Oak Sports Day (09:30-11:30, 3G Pitch)
Friday 11 th July	End of year Reports sent home to parents and carers
Wednesday 23 rd July	Last day of the school year

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



Matt Kerton
Headteacher