



Nerrols' Newsletter

20th June 2025

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

I hope this finds you well and that you have been able to make the most of the warm weather that has come our way as the week draws to a close. 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.



From Monday (23rd June) until the end of the school year, we will be relaxing our uniform expectations slightly given the (hopefully) warmer weather. The children will no longer be expected to wear jumpers, cardigans or ties to school, and these should stay at home to prevent them getting lost. All other uniform expectations apply, including our PE uniform expectations, and further details are also available on our website: [School Uniform - Nerrols Primary School](#)

Curriculum Update – Reading

It was lovely to see such excitement from our children in Blossom Class last week as they invited their parents and carers in to read their Phonics book to them. Our parents and carers then accompanied the children to our Library to help them select a library book! It was such a special event, which the children really enjoyed, and we'd like to extend our warm appreciation to those of you who were able to come in and support their child's reading journey (and agree to having their photo taken)!



It also certainly felt a bit different to walk around the school last Friday as we celebrated Vocabulary Day by challenging our children and staff to come to school dressed as a word! All our classes played vocabulary themed games, and the children had the opportunity to share and talk more about the word they had chosen. Once again, we were so impressed with the wonderful word choices and creative costumes, and it was very difficult to choose two children from each class to enjoy hot chocolate and biscuits with Mrs Palmer in the afternoon! Thank you to our parents, carers, staff and children for supporting our Vocabulary Day and for coming along to see the parade! We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did!



Curriculum Update: PE and Sport – Sports Days!

As part of their learning in Physical Education (PE), the children have been busy practising for our upcoming Sports Days! This year, we are planning to hold our **Early Years and Key Stage 1 Sports Day** on Wednesday 25th June and our **Key Stage 2 Sports Day** on Thursday 26th June.

We're aiming to start both days at 9:30am, and we anticipate that they'll last around a couple of hours. The children are allowed to come to school in their Nerrols PE Uniform in preparation for their Sports Day and do not need to bring their school uniform in to change into. We will be sending home PE Kits today (Friday), which should then remain at home until Sports Day. We look forward to seeing as many parents, carers, family members and friends in attendance as possible and hope for a happy and successful day for all of our children!

At our Key Stage 2 Sports Day on Thursday, we are expecting a television crew from ITV to film parts of the day to document the inspiring story of one of our children. Some of you may already know that Matthew, in Maple Class, has a rare condition called Duchenne muscular dystrophy ([Home | Duchenne UK](#)) causing muscle weakness that worsens over time. The purpose of the filming is to highlight Matthew's journey and to, hopefully, promote greater awareness and medical support for people with such conditions. We are proud of Matthew's story, his bravery and to celebrate inclusion and believe this is a great opportunity to show our support. If you would like to find out more about Matthew's Might Mission, you can do so here: [Matthew's Mighty Mission - to End Duchenne | Facebook](#) Please be assured that all filming will be undertaken respectfully and our usual image permissions will remain in place.

Curriculum Update – Writing

This term, we're reviewing our writing programme and planning for next year to make sure every child enjoys the best writing opportunities through a rich variety of exciting texts. Here are some clues for what is ahead: in Year 3, pupils will follow a bold adventurer armed only with a red crayon, who draws a door into magical realms and rescues a mysterious feathered friend. In Year 4, children will experience the tale of a robot learning to survive and feel what it is like to be in the wild. In Year 5, writers will unravel a mystery around a water tower and an intrepid rabbit on an unexpected journey. Finally, in Year 6, students will encounter the plight of the last Arctic giant, and another story about a young hero striving to restore a broken, post-apocalyptic world. We're excited about the creativity, empathy and exploration these books will inspire!

Staying Safe at Nerrols - Bikeability

Over the past couple of weeks, some of our older children in Hazel and Oak Classes have been taking part in the Bikeability programme, which aims to inform them about road safety and teach them how to cycle safely on the road. As part of their work with the Somerset Road Safety team, the children took part in a road safety talk and cycling activities (such as how to perform a bike check and signalling) on our playground before practising some on-road cycling and learning how to carry out manoeuvres safely, such as turning into a minor and major roads and passing parked cars. All of the children had a great time and we are grateful to our colleagues from the Somerset Road Safety team for their support!



Class Structure 2025-2026

We are pleased to be able to let parents and carers know our classing structure for next year in the table below.

Following a successful recruitment process last term, we are delighted to be welcoming Mrs Amber Mitton to our teaching team as well as to be having two classes in Reception for the first time as part of our continued school growth. For a few of our classes and children, you will see that we have taken the decision to move them up a year group with their existing teacher. We have taken this decision in the best interests of the children and aim to ensure that this consistency will help our children to continue to feel confident in their academic, social and emotional development with somebody they already know and who also already knows their strengths, needs and how they learn best.

On Tuesday 1st July, all the children will be spending a couple of hours with next year's teacher and Learning Support Assistant(s) to either continue their educational journey or to start to get to know each other before the summer holidays. We also invite parents and carers to join us on the playground after school on Tuesday 1st July for an informal opportunity to 'say hello' to your child's teacher ahead of next year.

| Year Group | Class Name | Class Teacher(s) |
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| Reception | Apple Blossom | Mrs Palmer |
| | Cherry Blossom | Miss Wood |
| Year 1 | Willow | Miss Hudson |
| Year 2 | Birch | Mrs Atterton (Monday-Wednesday), Mrs Marriott (Thursday-Friday) |
| Year 3 | Maple | Mrs Mitton |
| Year 4 | Rowan | Miss Nelson |
| Year 5 | Hazel | Miss Rapsey |
| Year 6 | Oak | Mrs Gavins |

All classes will also continue to be supported by our wonderful team of Learning Support Assistants. Miss Collins and Mr Templeton will teach classes for PE and Sport and other subjects once a week during teachers' planning, preparation and assessment (PPA) time.

Change of any kind can often bring a mixture of emotions, including excitement and worry, which is perfectly normal. We ask that, if necessary, parents and carers take the time to reassure their children about this upcoming change, which we will also be doing lots of in school.

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.

A New Home for Wraparound!

You may be aware that in September, we will be opening up our second Reception Class which marks an exciting milestone for Nerrols! The room we are currently using for Wraparound will shortly be undergoing its transformation into the new classroom for our Reception Year unit. We have thought carefully about a new home for Wraparound – a place where the provision can thrive and one which would best suit the needs of all of the families who attend. We are pleased to let you know that from Monday 30th June, Breakfast Club and After-School Club will be moving into the School Hall. The Hall provides a much bigger space for the children to enjoy and will allow us to increase the number of places we are able to offer.

From Monday 30th June, when dropping off or collecting at Wraparound, please enter the school premises through the usual main pedestrian gate, and make your way around to the right-hand side of the School Building towards the School Hall. A member of staff will be ready to greet you as usual from the side door into the Hall.

Bookings and Payments: As the School continues to grow, we have also revisited our processes around the payment of Breakfast Club and After-School Club. From September, we will no longer be able to make bookings on behalf of families who pay using Tax Free Childcare or Childcare Vouchers. You will still be able to pay using these methods, however you will now be required to ensure your account is pre-paid with sufficient credit for you to place the required bookings yourself. Please ensure that all funds are transferred in good time as payments can take up to 10 days to clear into our bank account and we then need to manually assign funds to your child's account balance on MCAS. Paper booking forms will no longer be used and the Office Team will only be able to place bookings in an emergency.

Please also note that bookings for September 2025 will be set up under a new Club for the new academic year. This will clearly be marked on MCAS as 2025/26 so please ensure that you select the correct listing when making bookings.

Should you have any concerns, please contact the School Office which is open between 8:15am and 3:45pm Monday to Friday.

Dates for the diary

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| 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) |
| Tuesday 1 st July | Transition Day, including Teddy Bears' Picnic for new Reception |
| Friday 4 th July | FON Summer Fayre (after school) |
| 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 weekend and I look forward to seeing you next week!



Matt Kerton
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