

Nerrols' Newsletter

4th July 2025

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

As the end of the academic year draws closer, it's a great time to begin to reflect on the many achievements, challenges and memorable moments in what has been another great year here at Nerrols! It was great to see so many of you at our Sports Days last week, which were hugely successful as our children competed for their Houses as well as for personal awards in a range of running, throwing and jumping activities. The weather just about held off and we must say a big congratulations to **Barrington House** who won both Sports Days! I'd also like to take the time to thank the children from Oak and Hazel Classes who helped to run our Early Years and Key Stage One Sports Day and to the volunteers from our Friends of Nerrols team who gave up their time to make it an even more special occasion by offering refreshments! As this Newsletter reaches you, we'll be in the middle of what I am sure will be another hugely successful Friends of Nerrols Summer Fayre – which I hope you're able to join us for with you family!



With just a few weeks remaining, we're also still looking forward to many more events such as our Year 6 Leavers' Assembly, House Treat and much, much more! I hope that you also enjoy reading and celebrating your child's successes over the last year when you receive their end of year Report, which will be sent home next Friday (11th July).

Staff Update

We would like to let our community know that Miss Nichols, who works as part of our Administrative Team in our School Office, will be leaving us at the end of the school year. We would like to thank Abi for the support she has given the children, families and staff of Nerrols over the past 18 months, and we are sure you will join us in wishing her the very best of luck for the future!

Holiday Clubs

We are excited to announce that we will once again be running our **Nerrols Holiday Club** and are now taking bookings for the summer holidays! The Holiday Club will be running on the following dates throughout the summer:

Wednesday 30th July, Thursday 31st July and Friday 1st August Wednesday 6th August, Thursday 7th August and Friday 8th August Wednesday 13th August, Thursday 14th August and Friday 15th August Wednesday 20th August, Thursday 21st August and Friday 22nd August

Our Holiday Club 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. 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.

After School Clubs - From September 2025

We are excited to be able to let you know about the After-School Clubs that will be led by our PE and Sport Leader Mr Templeton when we come back to school in September:

| Day | After School Club (3:30pm-4:30pm) | Further Details |
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| Wednesdays | Y3-6 Nerrols Boys and Girls Football | Beings on Book now on MCAS! |
| | Club | |
| Thursdays | Y1-2 Nerrols Multi-Skills Club* | Book now on MCAS! |
| Fridays | Y3-6 Nerrols Boys and Girls T1 Rugby | Book now on MCAS! |
| | Club) | |

Day After School Club (2:20nm 4:20nm)

*Please note that this Club will not be running on Thursday 18th September due to a festival taking place at Nerrols. We will be including our new Reception-aged children in our After School Club offer after the autumn half-term.

Curriculum Update - Reading

With the summer holidays fast approaching, please do be sure to take a look at the website below which features some great recommended reads for different primary-aged children! We hope it gives you some inspiration for a book to buy for your child to enjoy over the holidays: https://www.booksfortopics.com/booklists/summer-reads/

Somerset Libraries will also be running the Summer Reading Challenge, and we're hoping to be able to share some more information about this soon!

Curriculum Update: PE and Sport

We have had many children represent Nerrols at a range of different sporting events organised by SASP recently. Our children from Maple and Rowan Classes took part in a cross-country event at Kings College Prep School, whilst our children from Hazel and Oak Classes took part in a swimming festival at Wiveliscombe pool! The children from Oak Class also ran another sports festival for children from Blossom class as part of their leadership work. A huge well done to everybody involved!



Community Governor Vacancy on our Local Governing Body

Nerrols Primary School and Nursery is looking for a Community Governor to join their Local Governing Body. (Please note: Parents and carers of Nerrols children and staff members are ineligible to apply for the position of Community Governor but if you know anybody who is interested, we would be grateful if you could share this information with them)

Nerrols Primary School and Nursery is a thriving, modern school at the heart of the Taunton community. We are committed to delivering inspiring education in a nurturing and inclusive environment where children are encouraged to discover their interests and grow their love of learning whilst feeling supported, happy and safe. We are seeking a Community Governor to join our Local Governing Body. This is a rewarding opportunity for someone who:

- Is passionate about education and child development
- Brings skills and experience in areas such as finance, HR, safeguarding, SEND or community engagement
- Wants to contribute to a forward-thinking school that values wellbeing, equity and excellence.

As a Community Governor, you'll support school leadership, hold the school to account, and help ensure that every child has the best start in life. There are normally 5 meetings per academic year (September-July) which begin at 3.30pm and last roughly 2 hours, with occasional planned school visits. No previous governor experience is required, and training and support will be provided.

Please note that this is a voluntary role.

If you know someone who is interested, we would love to hear from them. To learn more or express interest, please contact: Hannah Clunie, Clerk to the Local Governing Body via haclunie@huish.education

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Mental Health & Wellbeing Webinars for Parents and Carers

We're pleased to share that the Mental Health Support Team (MHST) 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, with topics including:

- 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. Information about how to sign up to theses webinars can be found in this online brochure: <u>Online Flipbook</u> We encourage you to take advantage of these valuable resources!

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.

Office Update

We want to let our families know that, after careful consideration, we have made the difficult decision to increase the cost of our meals slightly to £2.90 per paid school meal and £2.70 per paid nursery meal, effective 1st September 2025. This change has been necessary due to rising food and supply costs, and we have done our best to keep the increase as minimal as possible. Please note that children who are in receipt of Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM) or Free School Meals (FSM) will continue to receive these meals free of charge.

We also seem to have a large collection of items in our lost property and would like to remind parents and carers to please clearly label all items so that they can be reunited with their owners, including uniform, hats, coats and water bottles. We will soon be displaying the items we have collected in our lost property in the hope that they can be claimed. In some instances, where items are not claimed, we may need to add them to our second-hand unform collection or throw them away.

We truly appreciate your understanding and continued support with these matters.

Dates for the diary

| Friday 11 th July | End of year Reports sent home to parents and carers | |
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| Wednesday 16 th July | Informal opportunity for parents and carers to discuss end of year | |
| | Report with class teachers (from 3:15pm) | |
| Wednesday 23 rd July | Last day of the school year | |
| From Wednesday 30 th July | Nerrols Holiday Club (see above for more details) | |
| and throughout August | | |
| Monday 1 st September | INSET Day – School closed to children | |
| Tuesday 2 nd September | INSET Day – School closed to children | |
| Wednesday 3 rd September | First day of the 2025-2026 school year | |
| | Transition arrangements for new Reception-aged children begin | |

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

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Matt Kerton Headteacher