



Nerrols' Newsletter

19th September 2025

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

I hope you are all beginning to feel adjusted to the return to school routines as well as continuing to embrace what the academic year ahead might hold. I encourage all parents and carers to join us next week for our 'Class Expectations Meetings', where you will find out more about our learning, attendance and communication expectations and even more ways in which you can support your child's learning journey with us. Please see our **Dates for the Diary** section at the bottom of this Newsletter for the date and time of your child's meeting, which we have tried to stagger as best as possible so that those of you with children in different year groups can hopefully attend all the meetings you need to! We're even running a creche facility for Nerrols school-aged children! I look forward to seeing you all for these important meetings next week.

Is your child due to start primary school?

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OPEN MORNINGS

9:30am Wednesday 22nd October 2025
9:30am Wednesday 12th November 2025
9:30am Wednesday 3rd December 2025
9:30am Wednesday 7th January 2026

Come and join us at one of our Open Mornings to find out more about our wonderful school.

To book your place at one of our Open Mornings, please contact office@nr.huish.education or call us on 01823 792655

www.nerrolsprimary.co.uk

If you have a child due to start primary school in September 2026, we would love to welcome you for a tour of our school and to discuss admission arrangements at one of our Open Mornings, which will be taking place from 9:30am on:

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We look forward to welcoming you to Nerrols!

Curriculum Focus: What is my child learning about at school?

To help parents and carers understand more about what their child will be learning about across the curriculum and to support conversations about the children's school day, you should now have received this half-term's Curriculum Overview document.

On the second page of these documents, you should also find some ideas that you may wish to complete at home with your child to support them with their learning. We aim to foster a culture in which homework is viewed as an extension of our children's learning, which will also



allow them opportunities to demonstrate their knowledge within different subjects and for parents and carers to be involved in promoting discussion around different topics.

To celebrate this extension of learning, we also hold a 'Curriculum Fair'. Parents will be invited to attend the Fair to celebrate and explore the range and depth of children's extended learning, which will encourage children's intrinsic motivation to extend their learning beyond the classroom. Homework will therefore not be rewarded in traditional methods (for example, by receiving house points) and it will not be 'marked' by class teachers. Our intention is to use this subject homework as discussion points, driven by the children's interests within a subject.

Our first Curriculum Fair of the school year will be held on **Wednesday 22nd October** at 3:15pm in our School Hall. Please can your child bring in their homework on the morning of **Wednesday 22nd October** to enable us to set up the fair during the day. We look forward to seeing you and your children there!

Curriculum Focus: PE and Sport

Earlier this week, we were delighted to host a Huish Trust Archery Festival, which saw children from Nerrols, Lyngford Park, North Town, North Curry and West Buckland taking part. It was great to give children who were new to archery this opportunity, and they also played a range of different games to introduce them to the sport.

From Maple Class, we want to say a big well done to Tate, Beauden, Noah, Austin, Oliver and Eddie for taking part, and to Isabel, Jonty, Thomas and Mrs Gavins from Oak Class who gave up their free time to support the event. We hope everyone enjoyed themselves!



Curriculum Focus: Online Safety

During this week's whole school assembly, Miss Rapsey reminded the children about the importance of keeping themselves safe when they are online. We discussed the rewards of being online – such as learning, playing games and connecting with our friends – as well as the importance of being kind and responsible. The assembly was also an opportunity to explore the importance of making an agreement (or rules) to stick to when going online and strongly encourage all parents and carers to regularly discuss these things with their children.

Today, your child should have brought home with them a copy of our Acceptable Use Agreement to sign which sets out ways in which they can keep themselves safe when using our IT systems. Because we ask for signatures (from the children and their parents or carers) these are on paper and will need to be returned to school, and that any children who do not return their Agreement or who do not follow our expectations may not be allowed to use our IT systems.

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ACCEPTABLE USE AGREEMENT FOR (KS1/KS2 PUPILS AND PARENTS / CARERS)

I agree to use the school's IT computers, tablets and go onto the internet in school with:

- Ask a teacher or suitable adult if I want to use the computers/tablets
- Only use websites that a teacher or adult has told me or allowed me to use
- Tell my teacher immediately if:
 - I click on a website for mischief
 - I receive messages from people I don't know
 - I find anything that may offend or harm me or my friends
- Use school computers for schoolwork only
- Be kind to others and not spread or be rude to them
- Look after the school equipment and tell a teacher straight away if something is broken or not working properly
- If issued with a username and password:
 - Only use the username and password I have been given
 - Try my hardest to remember my username and password
 - Never share my password with anyone, including friends
- Never give my personal information (my name, address, or telephone number) to anyone without the permission of my teacher or parent/carer
- Save my work on the school systems
- Check with my teacher before I print anything
- Log off or shut down a computer when I have finished using it

agree that the school will monitor the websites I visit and that I may not be allowed to use the IT systems if I don't follow the rules.

name of pupil: _____

signed (pupil): _____ Date: _____

parent/carer agreement: I agree that my child can use the school's IT systems and internet when appropriately supervised by a member of staff. I agree to the conditions set out above for pupil and the school's IT systems and internet and will make sure my child understands these.

signed (parent/carer): _____ Date: _____

Staying Safe at Nerrols - Parking

Many parents, carers and members of our community continue to rightly raise their concerns about road safety as pedestrians as they and their children arrive and leave our school site. We remind all car users to please park considerately around our school site and not on pavements or the verges as this affects those walking or cycling, sometimes forcing our families and members of the public onto the roads. Please do not also park your car so that it blocks any part of our vehicular gate, which needs to be accessible at all times in case of an emergency.

Free Bike Check for children in Years 5 and 6

Taunton Town Council is funding schools "Safe cycling project" in 2025, delivered by the local bicycle recycling charity, On Your Bike.



This free session will take place during the school day on Tuesday 23rd September for children in Years 5 and 6 and will cover essential bike safety checks, an overview of bike components, a puncture repair race, and an interactive quiz. The initiative promotes safer cycling, and any bikes brought in by our children will receive a safety check, with minor repairs and adjustments made as needed. The goal is to improve bike safety, encourage cycling, and support sustainable travel and healthy lifestyles in our community.

If you have a child in Year 5 or 6, they welcome to bring their bike on Tuesday 23rd September, but it is not required. All children in these year groups will take part in the session, even if they do not have a bike.

Nerrols Holiday Club

Throughout the summer holiday, we were proud to be able to support our community by running our **Nerrols Holiday Club!** Across the four weeks that this provision was available, we were able to fill over 120 Holiday Club places for children from Nerrols, helping to keep them active, healthy and allowing parents and carers to also fulfil other commitments.

We are pleased to announce that our Nerrols Holiday Club will once again be running during the October half-term, and will release bookings via MCAS very soon!

After School Clubs

Don't forget to take advantage of our fantastic after school clubs being run this term by Mr Templeton by booking your child's place on MCAS:

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

Applying for Secondary School

Although the children have only just started in their new year group at school, we want to remind parents and carers of children in Oak Class (Year 6) that they need to apply for their child's secondary school place **by 31st October 2025**. You can find out more about applying for a place at a Somerset Secondary School by reading this guide: [Secondary admissions guide \(somerset.gov.uk\)](https://www.somerset.gov.uk/secondary-admissions-guide/).

Please do remember to let our Office Team know if you and your child do decide to visit a secondary school during the school day so we know where they are and do not need to worry or contact you.

Office Update

A reminder that our new office opening hours are: **8:15am-9:15am and 12:15pm-3:45pm (Monday-Friday)**. We understand that there are times when parents need to drop items into school, such as forgotten PE kits or lunchboxes. From Monday 22nd September, a box will be placed outside the Main School Office for you to leave any late items. These will be collected and delivered to the classrooms when the Office reopens. Please ensure all items are clearly named so that they reach the correct child. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

We are excited to be able to offer a slightly different menu for our children on Thursday 2nd October, where we will be cooking hot dogs with ketchup, curly fries and corn on the cob with a delicious chocolate muffin for dessert! Children who have already ordered their meal will now automatically be transferred to the appropriate menu choice on this day, however if you have not yet ordered your child this meal and would like to, please do so via MCAS as soon as possible!



Dates for the diary

Tuesday 23 rd September	Free bike check for children in Years 5 and 6 (see above)
Tuesday 23 rd September	Willow and Birch Class Expectations Meetings (Birch Classroom, 3:15pm-3:45pm)
Wednesday 24 th September	Maple and Rowan Class Expectations Meetings (Rowan Classroom, 3:15pm-3:45pm)
Thursday 25 th September	Hazel and Oak Class Expectations Meetings (Oak Classroom, 3:15pm-3:45pm)
Thursday 2 nd October	Flu Vaccinations
Monday 13 th October	Parents' Evening (3:30pm-6:00pm) – booking information soon!
Tuesday 14 th October	Parents' Evening (3:30pm-6:00pm) – booking information soon!
Wednesday 15 th October	Tempest Individual and Sibling Photographs
Wednesday 22 nd October	Reception Class 2026 Open Morning (9:30am)
Wednesday 22 nd October	Curriculum Fair (School Hall, 3:15pm)
Friday 24 th October	Last Day of Autumn 1
Wednesday 29 th October – Friday 31 st October	Nerrols Holiday Club (9:00am-3:00pm)
Tuesday 4 th November	INSET Day – School Closed to children
Wednesday 5 th November	First day of Autumn 2

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

Matt Kerton
Headteacher