

# Nerrols' Newsletter

3rd October 2025

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Welcome to the latest edition of our Nerrols' Newsletter! I would like to begin by thanking those of you who took the time to join us at our Class Expectations Meetings last week after school, in which we shared some important information about our children's learning, attendance and ways in which parents and carers can support their children's learning journey with us. For those of you who weren't able to make it this time, you can access the presentation slides from the meetings via our website: About the School - Nerrols Primary School

## New House Captains!

We are delighted to let everybody know our new House Captains for the school year have been chosen! Our new Captains will be expected to lead House Assemblies, collect and announce House Points as well as act as overall role models throughout all aspects of school life. The children were awarded their House Badges during a recent Celebration Assembly, and we are grateful to the parents and carers who were able to join us to celebrate with them.



#### Our 2025-2026 House Captains are:

Hestercombe House: Margo and Harvey
Barrington House: Adriana and Jonty

Montacute House: Indigo and Gloria Dillington House: Hugo and Natasha

### Is your child due to start primary school?



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:

- \*Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2025
- \*Wednesday 12th November 2025
- \*Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2025
- \*Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2026

To book your place at one of our Open Mornings and to find out more about our wonderful school, please email <a href="mailto:office@nr.huish.education">office@nr.huish.education</a> or call 01823 792655.

We look forward to welcoming you to Nerrols!

### Supporting our children's behaviour

At Nerrols, we are very proud of the ways in which our children continue to learn and conduct themselves as well as the ways in which we support them. We want all our children to be happy, kind, thoughtful, resilient and successful individuals who can relate to others, make responsible decisions and build healthy, positive relationships with those around them and treat others with kindness, patience and understanding in order to be the best learners and people they can be.

From time to time, of course, things can go wrong and we will always aim to support our children in an empathetic and nurturing way. We encourage our children to make positive choices using feedback and constructive language, and gradually by repeating our expectations through positive reminders. If things still do not improve, a supportive conversation will take place with the child when they are regulated, which might need to happen at the start of break or lunchtime. It may be appropriate at this stage for teachers to discuss these events with parents or carers at the end of the school day. If a child continues to disrupt the learning or welfare of other children after this support from an adult, or exhibits behaviour that is unsafe, the next step might include going to another class to complete their work or to spend some time with an adult to re-regulate. Our approach is supportive, as we work alongside our children as they reflect on their choices and what they are finding difficult. It is rooted in guidance and care, never in punishment or threat. This approach to supporting our children's behaviour is not new, and can be found in our Behaviour Support Policy available on our website (BEHAVIOUR-SUPPORT-POLICY-2025.pdf). As you would expect, these approaches are also regularly discussed with our children and are shared in a child-friendly way using posters in our classrooms, like the one below:

Keep focused and settled		I ne adults in class will remind you about positive classroom behaviours.      We will notice when you are doing the right thing.	· •
1	Check In	If you are struggling today, this would be good time to talk to an adult.  We will give you the time to have a talk.  We will help you to find a way to feel better and be ready to learn.	Q
2	Reminder	If you are still finding it tricky to follow the class expectations or adult instructions:  • an adult will remind you of what is expected  • You will be reminded about what will happen next if you cannot follow instructions	E E
3	Reflection	If you are still not able to follow instructions:  You'll stay in at break or lunch for a short conversation.  We'll talk about what happened and how to do better next time.  Your teacher may let your parent/carer know.	δ. 
4	Problem Solving & Time to Think	If you are still unable to follow the classroom rules or your behaviour disrupts the learning of others:  You may go to a partner class to work quietly You will have a talk with an available adult Your parents/carers will be informed We will plan together how to help you next time	

We believe that all children need to feel safe and emotionally supported in school for any chance of academic success, and our approaches to building such relationships are based on the teachings of Trauma Informed Schools UK (TISUK).

If you would like to find out more about the ways in which we support our children's behaviour and the work we are doing to support them to become happy, kind, thoughtful, resilient and successful individuals, please come to the launch of our new initiative called The Kindness Project, which you can read more about below!

## The Kindness Project – coming soon!

We are excited to invite all parents, carers and members of our community to the launch of 'The Kindness Project', and will be holding two information sessions in the hope that as many people as possible can attend:

- Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November (9:00am-10:00am)
- Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November (3:30pm-4:30pm)



At these sessions, you will find out more about:

- Our approaches to supporting our children's behaviour
- The ways we are planning to support all our children to be kind, thoughtful and caring to themselves, each other and our environment
- The ways in which we will recognise, reward and celebrate kindness

We will also have a creche facility available for Nerrols school-aged children only during the afternoon session to help allow more adults to hopefully attend!

### Parents' Evenings

On Monday 13<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October (both 3:30pm-6:00pm), parents and carers will have the opportunity to talk with their child's class teacher at our autumn term Parents' Evenings. This important opportunity will allow parents and carers the chance to find out more about how their child has settled into their new class, how they are getting on with their learning and to ask any questions they might have about their child's learning and the year ahead. Bookings for these Parents' Evening sessions are available through MCAS, and we kindly request that parents and carers book one meeting per child, with each meeting lasting 10 minutes. If you have any difficulties booking a Parents' Evening appointment, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

### Curriculum Focus: PE and Sport

Over the last couple of Mondays, we were delighted to be able to attend a cross-country event organised by SASP at Kings College Prep School, which saw children from Maple and Rowan Classes run a challenging 1200m!

Each runner has had a results slip stating their time and position with the aim of improving upon this in future events. A huge 'well done' to everyone that took part and a big thank you to Miss Haynes for supporting our children at this event!



# Staying Safe at Nerrols – Earrings

To help keep our children as safe as possible, we ask that children who have their ears pierced only wear small, plain ear studs whilst they are at school. Hoops and dangling earrings can easily catch on clothing, hair or playground equipment, and significantly increase the risk of injury during playtimes, PE and Sport lessons and the whole school day in general. If a child does have their ears pierced, simple studs are much safer and help to ensure that all children can go about their school day without avoidable accidents and potential injury being caused to them. This is part of our School Uniform Policy and expectations, which can also be found here: School Uniform - Nerrols Primary School

### Nerrols Holiday Club - Book Now!

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 places are now available to be booked via MCAS!

#### 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 31**<sup>st</sup> **October 2025**. You can find out more about applying for a place at a Somerset Secondary School by reading this guide: <u>Secondary admissions guide (somerset.gov.uk)</u>.

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. Please do make use of our 'Drop Box', which is 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.

On Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October, Tempest will be visiting our school to take individual and sibling photos of our children. The individual phots of our children will be taken throughout the school day, but as we continue to grow with more and more siblings at our school trying to ensure every child has their photo taken with their brother(s) and/or sister(s) can be logistically challenging. We will be communicating the timings for our sibling photographs a little bit closer to the time and once we have confirmation from Tempest, with it being likely that sibling photographs will be taken before school.

# Dates for the diary

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Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents' Evening (3:30pm-6:00pm) – book now on MCAS!		
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents' Evening (3:30pm-6:00pm) – book now on MCAS!		
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	Tempest Individual and Sibling Photographs		
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	FON Fancy Dress Discos		
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Reception Class 2026 Open Morning (9:30am)		
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Curriculum Fair (School Hall, 3:15pm)		
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	Last Day of Autumn 1		
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> October –	Nerrols Holiday Club (9:00am-3:00pm) – book now on MCAS!		
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> October			
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	INSET Day – School Closed to children		
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	First day of Autumn 2		
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	Reception Class 2026 Open Morning (9:30am)		
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	The Kindness Project Launch (9:00am and 3:30pm) – see above		
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need 2025		
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	FON Christmas Fayre		
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Reception Class 2026 Open Morning (9:30am)		
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Willow & Birch Class Nativity performances (10:00am and 5:00pm)		
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Apple & Cherry Blossom Class Nativity performances (10:00am and		
	5:00pm)		

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

Matt Kerton Headteacher