



Nerrols' Newsletter

17th October 2025

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

As we reach the end of our first half-term, it's wonderful to reflect on how much has already been achieved at Nerrols this year. All of our children, especially our new Reception children in Apple Blossom and Cherry Blossom Classes, have settled brilliantly into the school year, embracing new routines, friendships and learning with such confidence and enthusiasm. I'd also like to thank all parents and carers who were able to make it to our Parents' Evenings this week – your support and partnership make such a difference to our children's learning, progress and wellbeing.

There is still a little way to go until the half-term break – and lots happening with our FON Fancy Dress Discos tonight and Curriculum Fair on Wednesday – but since this will be the last Newsletter before then I would like to take the opportunity to wish you and your family a wonderful break. I hope it is a chance for you to rest, relax and enjoy some time together! A reminder that the first day back after the break is Wednesday 5th November.

Staff Update

Unfortunately, I must share the sad news that Mrs Perry, who has led our Administration Team for the last three and a half years, will be leaving us next week to begin a new challenge. Holly's contributions to the children, families and staff of Nerrols have been truly invaluable and I know that she will be sorely missed by us all. I am sure you will join me wishing her the very best of luck for her future! Thank you for everything, Holly!

I am pleased to be able to let you know that we have appointed Mrs Sarah Leyman as our new Senior Administration Officer as Mrs Perry's replacement. Since joining us back in January, Sarah has quickly settled into life at Nerrols and formed strong, positive relationships with our staff, children and families. She has added much knowledge and experience to our admin processes, and we are looking forwards to seeing how she can improve what we do even further! As we navigate this period of change within our Administration Team, we will be a little understaffed in the front office and ask you to bear with us with things.

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 22nd October 2025
- *Wednesday 12th November 2025
- *Wednesday 3rd December 2025
- *Wednesday 7th January 2026



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 13th November (9:00am-10:00am and 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!

Curriculum Focus: PE and Sport

Our Blossom children did themselves and our school very proud last week as they took part in the first Sports Festival of the academic year, organised by SASP and held at Monkton Wood Academy. They took part in activities such as skipping, parachute games, balancing, football, basketball, assault courses and much more, showing great athleticism, listening, co-operation and positivity! It was great to see some of our former pupils leading the day so well too!



Staying Safe at Nerrols – Children's "Spy" books

We have received some safeguarding information from a range of sources now, raising awareness of a recent issue affecting some popular children's books by Andrew Cope, including the Spy Dogs, Spy Cats, and Spy Pups series. Some editions of these books include a printed web address at the back, with a link that used to go to the author's website, but the domain is no longer under his control. It has since been taken over by another party and now leads to inappropriate adult content. The publisher, Puffin, has paused sales and distribution of the books and is working with schools, libraries, and retailers to remove copies from circulation. They have stressed that the website has no connection to the author or publisher.

What this means:

- ✓ At school, we have already searched our libraries and classrooms and have not found any copies of these books. That's not to say we don't have any, only that we cannot find any at the moment.
- ✓ If your child has any Spy Dog, Spy Cat or Spy Pups books at home, please check the back for website links and make sure they do not try to visit the site.
- ✓ It is safe for children to continue reading the stories themselves — the concern is only with the outdated link.
- ✓ We recommend talking with your child about the importance of not following web addresses in books without checking with an adult first.

We would also like to take the opportunity to remind parents and carers that when bringing children into school or nursery other children must **not** be left alone in the car whilst you are doing so. Children can become anxious and distressed when left alone, and with no one with them this could quickly turn into an unsafe situation. Please either make alternative arrangements for them to be looked after or bring them in with you whilst doing the school or nursery drop off.

Remembrance

From next week, we will have poppies and a number of other Remembrance resources for sale in the Foyer of our Main Entrance and our House Captains will also be visiting classes to help us raise money for the Royal British Legion.



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 book your child's place at our fantastic after school clubs being run this term by Mr Templeton:

Day	After School Club (3:30pm-4:30pm)	Further Details
Wednesdays	Y3 and Y4 Nerrols Multi-Sports Club	Book now on MCAS!
Thursdays	Reception, Y1 and Y2 Nerrols Multi-Skills Club	Book now on MCAS!
Fridays	Y5 and Y6 Nerrols Multi-Sports Club	Book now on MCAS!

We are excited to now be able to offer an after-school club to our children in Blossom Classes after settling into school life so well with us. We will, however, now only be taking bookings for the whole of the half-term rather than individual sessions. This helps us to plan progression within the clubs for our children's development, as well as understand better how many children to cater for rather than it changing week after week. Finally, since some of you have been asking, our 'Multi-Sports Clubs' typically offer our children a taste of several different sports throughout the half-term, for example two weeks of football, two weeks of tag-rugby and two weeks of hockey!

Office Update

Tempest Photography and Orders

As you will be aware Tempest Photography visited us on Wednesday to take individual portrait and sibling group photos and your child/children should have brought their proof home with them. Please could we request that all online orders are made before Friday 24th October.

School Lunch Orders

Please be aware that the deadline for the receipt of school lunch orders for the week following the half term is this **Monday 20th October 2025 at midnight**, all orders received after this time will not be included and you will need to provide a packed lunch for your child.

Parent Governor Vacancy on Local Governing Body

Nerrols Primary School and Nursery is looking for a Parent Governor to join their Local Governing Body. **All parents, carers and formal guardians of school pupils are eligible.**

This is an exciting and valuable opportunity for parents to become more actively involved in the strategic direction of our school and contribute to its ongoing success. Parent governors bring a parental perspective to decision-making, helping ensure that the needs and views of children and families are represented. No specific qualifications are required, just enthusiasm, commitment and a willingness to learn. Support and training will be provided.

What is the role of a School Governor?

To contribute to the work of the governing board in ensuring high standards of achievement for all children in the school by:

- ✓ Setting the school's vision, ethos and strategic direction
- ✓ Monitoring and evaluating school performance and progress and holding the Headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils.
- ✓ Ensuring the school's financial performance is well managed and money is well spent.

Time commitment

- ✓ Attendance at a minimum of five meetings per academic year and some preparation/reading of papers ahead of the meeting.
- ✓ Responding to emails between meetings as matters arise and completing actions agreed in meetings.
- ✓ Attendance on training courses when required.
- ✓ Occasional visits to school within the day to learn about the school and meet with senior leaders.

Additional information

- ✓ This is a voluntary role
- ✓ Nerrols Primary School is proud to be an Academy School as part of the Richard Huish Trust
- ✓ The Richard Huish Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and will follow safer recruitment practice for recruiting new Governors. References will need to be provided and followed up prior to appointment. All appointments are subject to an Enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) and a Section 128 check
- ✓ We actively promote equal opportunities and welcome applications from all sections of the community.

If you are interested in this vacancy, would like further information or an informal chat, please contact Hannah Clunie as Clerk to the Local Governing Body at haclunie@huish.education by 31st October 2025. We hope you will consider applying and joining us in shaping the future of our school.

Dates for the diary

Friday 17 th October	FON Fancy Dress Discos
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) – book now on MCAS!
Tuesday 4 th November	INSET Day – School Closed to children
Wednesday 5 th November	First day of Autumn 2
Wednesday 12 th November	Reception Class 2026 Open Morning (9:30am)
Thursday 13th November	The Kindness Project Launch (9:00am and 3:30pm) – see above
Friday 28 th November	FON Christmas Fayre
Wednesday 3 rd December	Reception Class 2026 Open Morning (9:30am)
Tuesday 9 th December	Willow & Birch Class Nativity performances (10:00am and 5:00pm)
Thursday 11 th December	Apple & Cherry Blossom Class Nativity performances (10:00am and 5:00pm)
Monday 15 th December	Autumn Term House Treat (school hours)
Tuesday 16 th December	Pantomime Trip (Tacchi Morris)
Wednesday 17 th December	Whole School Christmas Lunch
Thursday 18 th December	Pantomime Trip (Tacchi Morris)
Thursday 18 th December	Last day of Autumn 2
Friday 19 th December	INSET Day – School Closed to children

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



Matt Kerton
Headteacher