

Nerrols' Newsletter

21st November 2025

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

I would like to begin the latest version of our Nerrols' Newsletter by sharing my appreciation to all the parents and carers who joined us for the launch of The Kindness Project last week. It was wonderful to see so many of you engaging with the ideas behind the initiative and supporting the values we are working to embed across our school. Your presence and encouragement send a powerful message to the children that kindness matters, and that our whole community is committed to helping them grow not only as learners but as thoughtful, respectful young people. If you couldn't make it this time, you should find the slides that I shared at the Information Session attached to this Newsletter for your information.



This week, we've already added dozens and dozens Kindness Pom-Poms to our Kindness Bucket, and it has been fantastic to witness our children showing such kindness towards each other, themselves and our school environment. If your child does come home wearing one of our 'Bucket Filling' stickers, please do ask them what they have done to be awarded it, as we hope this will help them to feel good about themselves and promote even more acts of kindness around our Nerrols community! During our Whole School Assembly on Monday, I also introduced our first Kindness Step which focuses on the simple but important act of greeting others. We are hoping to explain to the children that showing kindness can begin with something as small as responding warmly when someone says "good morning," or "have a nice evening" by offering a smile, thumbs-up, fist bump or using polite, friendly words in return. We hope that these everyday interactions will help to build confidence, strengthen relationships and create a positive atmosphere for everyone and will become automatic for our children. Thank you for reinforcing this at home – it makes a real difference as we work together to develop a culture of kindness throughout Nerrols.



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 3rd December 2025

*Wednesday 7th January 2026

Curriculum Focus: PE and Sport

It was a very proud moment last week when our football team played their first competitive match on our 3G Pitch against St George's Catholic Primary School. All of the children played with such enjoyment, positive attitudes and did their schools proud! I'd like to extend my appreciation to all the parents and carers who stayed to support our team, to the community of St George's for being part of the experience and to Mr Templeton for organising things. After a 4-0 victory, our team now progresses to the Area Final being held at Bridgwater and Taunton College (Taunton site) after school on Monday 24th November!

A polite reminder that PE kits need to be in school every day. Regular physical activity is an important part of our children's curriculum, and having the correct kit ensures children can take part safely and comfortably. Keeping PE kit in school throughout the week also avoids disruption if timetables change or additional sporting opportunities arise. Thank you for your support in helping the children be prepared and ready to learn!



Parent and Carer Survey 2025

Your voice matters! We value your thoughts and ideas and encourage you to take the time to complete this short survey. Your views identify things that are working well at our school, gives us feedback on where to improve and helps us plan for the future. To complete the survey, please follow this link: <https://www.qdpsurvey.co.uk/OnlineQuestionnaire?code=6281-69347-36561587>

Staying Safe at Nerrols this Autumn and Winter

As we move into the winter and the cold weather arrives, please do make sure you wrap up warm and that your child always brings a coat to school with them. We like to make sure the children spend time outside and it is important they bring a coat to school every day just in case they need it. Please make sure your child's coat – along with any other items – are clearly named so they can be easily returned if they are misplaced.

Remembrance

Last Friday, our Key Stage 2 children attended the Remembrance Service at Somerset Wood within Maidenbrook Country Park. We were delighted to be invited and to be able to pay our respects at such an important time of year, and very proud of all of the children who set an exemplary standard with paying their respects. We received wonderful feedback on how well our children conducted themselves, with one of the volunteers even taking the time to email our school with the following praise:



It is an honour to have you with us and thank you for bringing Nerrols School children. Your children are all so well mannered, and their responses leading the two prayers were exceptional. We, the congregation, listened in awe at their excellent delivery. Also, thank you for not being put off by the weather (I was a bit worried!).

Thank you also to those of you who helped to support the Royal British Legion by purchasing a poppy or other Remembrance items that were on display in our Main Office.

Nativities!

We are excited and looking forward to our children in Apple and Cherry Blossom, Willow and Birch performing their Nativities on the following dates:

Thursday 11 th December at 10:00am and 5:00pm	Apple and Cherry Blossom Class
Tuesday 9 th December at 10:00am and 5:00pm	Willow and Birch Class

We really hope that you will be able to join us on these dates, but regretfully we will need to limit the number of family members able to attend to 2 per child for each performance in order to comply with health and safety regulations given the capacity of our School Hall and to ensure that members of all of our families are able to watch their children. Tickets should now have made their way home for the morning and evening performances, and we politely ask that any unwanted tickets are returned to us so that we can offer these to families wishing for more tickets. These will be re-allocated based on need, for example to those families with siblings who cannot get childcare. We will check tickets on the door and politely request that all parents and carers adhere to our expectations to make it a fair and enjoyable experience for us all. We will also hold dress rehearsals during the school day so that all siblings have the chance to watch our performances, which promise to be memorable!

Key Stage 2 Christmas Carol Services!

Our children in Key Stage 2 will be performing a selection of Christmas carols and songs in our School Hall on the following dates.

Monday 8 th December at 5:00pm	Maple and Rowan Class Christmas Carol Concert
Wednesday 10 th December at 5:00pm	Hazel and Oak Class Christmas Carol Concert

As with our Nativities, we will need to limit the number of family members to 2 per child who are able to attend. We will send home tickets with the children closer to the time and will also check these on the door. We ask that the children are brought back to school for 4:30pm in order to be best prepared for the Services, whilst family members watching will be allowed into the Hall from 4:45pm. Again, we politely request that all parents and carers adhere to our expectations in order to make it a fair and enjoyable experience for us all.

Christmas Pantomime Visit – Tuesday 16th and Thursday 18th December

We have once again arranged for our whole school to visit The Tacchi Morris Arts Centre to watch a pantomime performance of Jack and the Beanstalk during the school day in the last week of term. Thanks to the generous support of our community at our fundraising events and after agreement at a recent Friends Of Nerrols meeting, we are delighted to be able to again subsidise the cost for each child to attend this visit to just £10.00 per child, which covers the cost of the ticket and transport for every child. Payments will soon be able to be made via MCAS.

Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day – Wednesday 17th December

Although this day is set to be held nationwide on Thursday 11th December, we invite the children and staff to wear a Christmas jumper alongside the rest of their usual uniform on **Wednesday 17th December**. This is the same day as our whole school Christmas Dinner, and we hope will make things feel even more Christmassy! We are also aware that there is a financial implication to this, and so if families are unable to take part or contribute this time please do not worry. If children would like to still wear a Christmas jumper but are unable to contribute to the Save the Children charity, this is of course fine too.

Please do remember that this is optional and that if children do not wish to take part they should wear their school jumper or cardigan as usual. If you would like to find out more about Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day 2025, you can do so here: [Christmas Jumper Day 2025 | Save the Children UK](#)

We're now on Facebook!

We're excited to share that our school now has an official Facebook page! It's a great way to keep up to date with all the latest school news, events and celebrations happening. Please do take a moment to visit and follow our page – we'll be posting updates, photos and reminders so you never miss what's going on in our busy and growing school community.

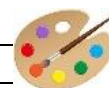
St Giles Animal Welfare – Reverse Advent Calendar

On Monday, we are delighted to welcome visitors from St Giles Animal Welfare to talk to our children about their charitable organisation that provides a safe and loving environment to animals who need our help. From Monday 1st to Friday 19th December, they are asking families to donate any petfood for their reverse advent calendar. If any family were able to donate a little something by bringing it into school between these dates it would make an incredible difference to the animals currently within their care and who are still awaiting their forever home.

After School Clubs

Don't forget to book your child's place at our fantastic after school clubs being run this half-term:

Day	After School Club (3:30pm-4:30pm)	Further Details
Tuesdays	Y1 and Y2 Nerrols Secret Agents Club	Accepting expressions of interest now on MCAS!
Tuesdays	Y5 and Y6 Nerrols Computer Coding Club	Spaces still available - book now on MCAS!
Tuesdays	KS2 Nerrols Art and Design Club	Fully booked!
Wednesdays	Y3 and Y4 Nerrols Multi-Sports Club	Spaces still available - book now on MCAS!
Thursdays	Reception, Y1 and Y2 Nerrols Multi-Skills Club	Spaces still available - book now on MCAS!
Thursdays	KS2 Choir	Spaces still available - book now on MCAS!
Fridays	Y5 and Y6 Nerrols Multi-Sports Club	Spaces still available - book now on MCAS!



A reminder that parents and carers must provide additional written consent if they wish for their child to walk home at the end of a club. Our usual 'going home' arrangements do not apply because these arrangements are implemented at the end of the school day at 3:15pm only, and not at the end of a club at 4:30pm.

Dates for the diary

Friday 28 th November	FON Christmas Fayre
Wednesday 3 rd December	Reception Class 2026 Open Morning (9:30am)
Monday 8 th December	Maple & Rowan Christmas Carol Concert (5:00pm)
Tuesday 9 th December	Willow & Birch Class Nativity performances (10:00am and 5:00pm)
Wednesday 10 th December	Hazel & Oak Christmas Carol Concert (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 and Christmas Jumper Day!
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
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