

Nerrols' Newsletter

5th December 2025

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

I hope this latest version of our Nerrols' Newsletter finds you well!

Firstly, I would like to take a moment to thank you all for the continued support you show to our children and our whole Nerrols community. I think, and I am sure that you'll agree, that the children of Nerrols are all brilliant and that they have many, many strengths. Not a moment goes by where we aren't impressed with our children's kindness, empathy, hard work and progress that they're making in all areas of their educational journey. I'm sure you'll also agree that they all have areas to work on and sometimes they can get things wrong. This is to be expected since they are children, after all. When things do go wrong, we support and work with the children (and with parents and carers as appropriate) to help put things right and to hopefully avoid them happening again. As parents and carers, it is natural that your own child is your greatest priority and rightly so. You want the best for them, and we want that too. There's a saying, 'It takes a village to raise a child', and I am sure that we all want our children to be part of a community where they are uplifted, accepted, and given the best chance to thrive.



This week, we've once again added so many 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!



Christmas at Nerrols!

We kicked off the Christmas season with our fantastic Friends of Nerrols Christmas Fayre last Friday, and it was great to see this so well attended and supported. A huge thank you to Rachael and the Friends of Nerrols team for organising another successful event for us all to enjoy with our families! Please do make sure you take the time to read below and make a note in your diaries about what is happening between now and the end of the term so that everybody benefits from our upcoming festive schedule!





Christmas at Nerrols!

Nativities!

Tuesday 9th December (10:00am and 5:00pm) – Willow and Birch Class

Thursday 11th December (10:00am and 5:00pm) – Apple and Cherry Blossom 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.

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 politely request that all parents and carers adhere to our expectations to make it a fair and enjoyable experience for us all.

Christmas Cards

Our large Christmas Post Box is once again outside the main School Office area before and after school each day for any children and families wishing to send Christmas cards to other members of our community. Please ensure all cards are named (including class name) so we can identify the correct recipient!

Christmas Menu Competition Winner!

A huge well done to our talented winner Scarlett, whose fantastic design was chosen to feature on our Christmas Menu this year! Don't forget to order your child's Christmas Lunch on Wednesday 17th December via MCAS!



Merry Christmas

Key Stage 2 Christmas Carol Services!

Monday 8th December (5:00pm) – Maple and Rowan Class

Wednesday 10th December (5:00pm) – Hazel and Oak Class

As with our Nativities, we will need to limit the number of family members to 2 per child who are able to attend. 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.



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

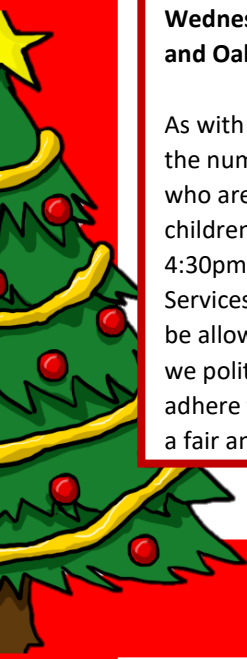


Pantomime Visit

Tuesday 16th December – Maple, Rowan, Hazel and Oak Class

Thursday 18th December – Apple and Cherry Blossom, Willow and Birch Class

Please make your payment of £10 per child via MCAS before our visit to The Tacchi Morris to watch Jack and the Beanstalk during the school day. 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!





Is your child due to start primary school?

It has been great to meet so many new families looking to join our school community in September 2026 at one of our Open Mornings over the past few months. If you have a child due to start primary school in September 2026, **don't forget to make your application to join our school via the Somerset Council website by 15th January 2026.**

We would also love to welcome any prospective parents and carers to our school and to discuss admission arrangements at our next Open Morning, which will be taking place from 9:30am on Wednesday 7th January 2026.

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>

Attendance and Holiday requests

In accordance with guidance from the Department for Education (DfE) regarding attendance, a reminder that parents and carers run the risk of being fined if they choose to take a holiday in term time, as well as any other unauthorised leave for birthdays or other special occasions. We are unable to grant leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances, and holiday requests do not fall into this category and will rarely be approved as an authorised absence. In law, parents and carers are committing an offence if they fail to ensure the regular and punctual attendance of their children at school. Therefore, any unauthorised absence, such as taking holidays in term time, can result in a Fixed Term Penalty Notice. Failure to pay a Fixed Term Penalty Notice may result in a criminal conviction and a fine in the Magistrates Court of up to £1000. If, after carefully considering all of the above, you still wish to request permission for your child to be absent from school, please complete a leave of absence request form (available from the School Office) and submit the application with any supporting documents. Please note that your application must be submitted before your child is absent from school, regardless of whether or not it is likely to be unauthorised. You can find out more about our attendance expectations by reading our Attendance Policy, which is available on our school website: [Policies - Nerrols Primary School](#)

Library book amnesty

Please can we ask all parents, carers and children to check at home for any school library books that may have accidentally not yet been returned. Our children love using our School Library regularly and we always want to promote their enthusiasm for reading by providing them with a wide range of books to read. Any book that belongs to Nerrols should have a small sticker of our school logo on the inside front cover of the book. Please could all books that belong to the School and Nursery be returned by the end of the school year.

Staying Safe at Nerrols – parent and carer supervision

As communicated in previous Newsletters, and again this week via MCAS, 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), including if they allow their children to play on our playground equipment or 3G Pitch. The School takes no responsibility for any 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. This applies to all children, including those who arrive at, or leave, school unsupervised, or who have been brought to school by other parents since such arrangements are decisions made by parents and carers. Thank you for your understanding and support in helping to keep the children safe.

Can you help?

If anybody has any of the items below that they no longer need (and are still in good condition and safe to be used), we would love to add them to our children's classrooms across the Early Years. Please pass them onto Mrs Palmer or Miss Wood if you do!

Tractors, trailers or other farm roleplay toys	Old electrical items, such as phones and typewriters	Puzzles
Artificial plants or flowers	Wooden roleplay food	Roleplay hoover
Roleplay cleaning kit	Children's magazines	Pieces of decking
Hair stylist items - rollers, large hair clips, toy hairdryer		

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.

After School Clubs

Our After School Clubs for Spring 1 are now beginning to take shape, and bookings will be open next week for the following:

Day	After School Club (3:30pm-4:30pm)	Further Details
Wednesdays	KS2 Nerrols Football Club	Bookings open soon on MCAS!
Thursdays	Reception, Y1 and Y2 Nerrols Multi-Skills Club	Bookings open soon on MCAS!
Fridays	KS2 Nerrols Netball Club	Bookings open soon on MCAS!

Office Update

The menu for Spring Term 1 is now live; **please make sure you make any orders before the menu deadline of Monday 15th December 2025 to make sure your child will have a school lunch on their return to school in the new year.** Please be aware that if you have not ordered in time, you will be asked to provide a packed lunch.

The booking system for our Wraparound Care Club is now open for next year too, and you can make bookings right up until the end of summer term! Please remember that if you are paying using tax-free childcare or another voucher provider, you must allow sufficient time for the funds to reach our account, which can take up to 10 days. We are no longer able to make bookings without funds available in the app, so please make sure you keep your child's account topped up.

Dates for the diary

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	KS2 Pantomime Trip (Tacchi Morris)
Wednesday 17 th December	Whole School Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day!
Thursday 18 th December	EY and KS1 Pantomime Trip (Tacchi Morris)
Thursday 18 th December	Last day of Autumn 2
Friday 19 th December	INSET Day – School Closed to children
Monday 5 th January 2026	First day of Spring 1

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



Matt Kerton
Headteacher