

Nerrols' Newsletter

30th January 2026

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

I hope this latest edition of our Nerrols' Newsletter finds you all well, and that you have managed to avoid the difficult weather that we seem to be experiencing across our area recently.

You will no doubt have seen the pictures that have been on the news and shared on social media of the significant disruption across our local area that this week's exceptionally heavy rainfall has caused. Unfortunately, this led to the closure of our Year 5 class on Tuesday since several members of school staff were unable to reach school safely because roads were either impassable or closed due to flood water. Decisions like this are never taken lightly, and we always explore every possible option before reaching them. However, the safety of our children and staff will always come first.

I am also incredibly proud that, despite the challenges, we were able to keep the rest of the school open. This is a real credit to the dedication, teamwork and calm professionalism of our staff, who worked together to adapt plans, be flexible in their redeployment and ensure learning and care continued as smoothly as possible. Like me, you'll probably be aware that several other schools in our local area were closed either until later on in the day or altogether due to staffing shortages. I also hope those affected appreciated that we were able to communicate our plans early, with the message to close Year 5 reaching parents and carers by 7:45am. This decision was not taken quickly either, and relied on school staff communicating outside of their normal working hours, very early in the morning and as they also needed to organise their own children and family for the disrupted day, and during a very changeable situation. I am sure you will recognise that we always do our very best to make the right decisions, and to make and share them as soon as is reasonably possible.

Moments like these remind me how resilient and committed our school community is, even when circumstances are beyond our control. I would like to thank those of you who have shown such understanding and flexibility.

Staff Update

We are delighted to be able to welcome Rebecca Pollicott to Nerrols, who joined us recently as part of our Administration Team! Most of you will already have spoken with Rebecca already I am sure, and she brings with her a wealth of educational experience and background in further education. We are excited to see how Rebecca can improve what we already do even more across our school, and please do pop in to say 'Hello' the next time you're passing if you've not already done so.

Kindness Project Update



We did it! Over the past few weeks, our children have been busy showing such kindness and thoughtfulness to themselves, others and our school environment every single day! Each act of kindness has earned them a Kindness Pom-Pom and in our Celebration Assembly this week we filled our Whole School Kindness Bucket for the very first time!

We are incredibly proud of our children for making kindness a daily habit and helping to create such a caring school community. This is a huge achievement and one worth shouting about!

Now that our Kindness Bucket is full, we'll be sharing more information about our first ever Kindness Project treat, so watch this space...



Curriculum Immersive days!

After their school trip to Carymoor Educational Centre earlier this half-term, our Year 5 children travelled back in time again this week for **Viking Day**! The classroom was full of fearsome (and fabulous) Vikings, with children arriving dressed for the part and fully immersed in their history learning! Throughout the day, our children brought their curriculum to life by solving problems using Viking runes, exploring what life might have been like during the Viking era, and showcasing their creativity by designing and creating their own Viking shields.



Our Year 1 children had a fantastic **Great Explorers Day**, arriving at school dressed as adventurous explorers ready for an exciting Antarctica expedition! They built shelters, learned how to keep warm in extreme conditions and explored what it takes to survive in a cold climate. The children also developed their skills by learning about maps and cartography, using these to record their own exploratory journeys!



It was wonderful to see such enthusiasm, teamwork and historical curiosity on display! Two fantastic days of hands-on learning that really helped history come alive. Well done, Hazel Class and Willow Class!

We continue to bring our curriculum and children's experiences to life as we hold another Immersive Day in school next week, where our children will be able to come to school dressed up for the day (if they would like to) and take part in a number of activities that aim to help them even more with their learning! Parents and carers of children who have a Curriculum Immersive Day shortly should already have received more information and below is a reminder of what is coming up!

Wednesday 4th February – Maple Class (Year 3) Stone Age Day

Don't forget that you can find out more about our History Curriculum – as well as lots of other subjects – by visiting our school website: [Curriculum - Nerrols Primary School](#)

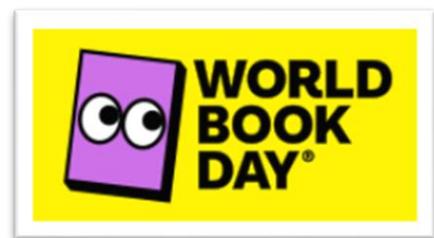
Parents' Evening

We will be holding our Spring Term Parents' Evenings next week, on the evenings of Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd February (timings of both evenings are 3:30pm-6:00pm). This is an important opportunity to discuss your child's learning and development with their class teacher, and we look forward to seeing all of you there. The bookings for an appointment to meet with your child's class teacher have now closed, but if you haven't been able to arrange this yet, please do contact our School Office.

As in previous years, Parents' Evening will take place in the Hall and the children's work will be available for parents and carers to view in our Early Years and Key Stage 1 Library. We will therefore be moving our after school WrapAround Care Club provision on Monday and Tuesday to our classrooms in our downstairs corridor. Parents and Carers needing to collect their child from WrapAround are advised to either head around the back of the school (there will be arrows to direct you) or speak to a member of school staff at Parents' Evening who will be happy to support.

World Book Day (and Night!) – Thursday 5th March

Exciting plans are already well underway for this year's World Book Day, which will be taking place up and down the country on Thursday 5th March. We have already secured our World Book Day vouchers and will be sending these out early (before half-term) so that our children can make the most of visiting the bookshops and deciding what book(s) to use their voucher for. We will be holding a Book Swap event during the day and are asking each child to bring in a book from home that they no longer read to swap for another book. We are hoping that the books brought into school will have been well read, but also in a condition that is suitable to give to someone else to take home.



As well as a full school day of promoting a love of reading, we would also like to invite our children and their parents to a very special bedtime event in the evening here at Nerrols! The children (and adults too) are encouraged to wear their pyjamas and bring a cushion or blanket back to school in the evening so that they can get comfy as we aim to create a calm, cosy and relaxing atmosphere – everything that is needed to really benefit from the wonders of reading and books. Our teachers and staff will be waiting in classrooms to read a story to children and their adults, with some delicious hot chocolate and cookies also being served part way through. We know that lots of you have more

than one child at our school which is why we are encouraging mums and dads, grandparents and family members to join us so that each child has an adult with them in their own class to share in this special evening, which will finish by watching the children perform a poem they will have been learning in the lead up to World Book Day!

We are aiming for the evening to take place from 5:00pm-5:45pm and it promises to be a really special evening to celebrate all that is great about reading. We really hope you are able to join us!

After School Clubs

Our After School Clubs for next half-term are now starting to take shape, with the following opportunities on offer for children across our school:

Day	After School Club (3:30pm-4:30pm)	Further Details
Tuesdays	Nerrols Board Games Club (Years 1,2&3)	Expressions of Interest being taken!
Tuesdays	Nerrols Cooking Club (Years 4,5&6)	Bookings now closed
Tuesdays	Nerrols Art and Design Club (KS2)	Expressions of Interest being taken!
Wednesdays	Nerrols Dance Club (Reception, Y1 and Y2)	Bookings open on MCAS!
Thursdays	Nerrols Girls Football Club (KS2)	Bookings open on MCAS!
Fridays	Nerrols Gymnastics Club (KS2)	Bookings open on MCAS!

Important Information about Attendance

At Nerrols, **we expect our children to be in school every day unless they are really not well enough to be.** There are lots of reasons why being in school **every day** is important, including helping children to improve their self-esteem and to grow in confidence, making and maintaining friendships, helping them to learn better and helping them prepare for regular attendance in the workplace. Ensuring that children get enough sleep, eat a healthy breakfast and are ready to leave the house on time in the morning can all help to be in school each day and on time.

We know that this time of year can often bring an increase in colds and illnesses, which can impact children's attendance. We know it can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school or nursery when they are unwell, and there are government guidelines about managing specific diseases which you can find out more about here: [Health protection in children and young people settings, including education - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk). If your child has a common cold or minor cough, **it is fine to send them to school.** Please help us to encourage good hygiene practice by reminding the children to throw away any used tissues and to wash their hands regularly. If you think that your child is well enough to go to school or nursery but has an infection that could be passed on, such as a cold sore or head lice, please let their teacher know. We do remind parents and carers that if your child has a high temperature, they should be kept off school until it goes away, and that they should be kept off school for at least 48 hours after any last episode of vomiting or diarrhoea. This is so that they can make a full recovery before returning to school and so that such illnesses do not spread and impact more children's attendance and learning or result in avoidable staff absences.



Office Update – 2026-2027 Term and Holiday Dates

Our School Term and Holiday Dates for the next academic year (2026-2027) have been finalised and are now available on our school website: [School Term Dates - Nerrols Primary School](#). We encourage parents and carers to look at these dates closely, and politely remind our whole community that holidays booked in term time will very rarely be authorised. Parents and carers do 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. In law, parents and carers are committing an offence if they fail to ensure the regular and punctual attendance of their children at school.

Dates for the diary

Monday 2 nd February	Parents' Evening (3:30pm-6:00pm)
Tuesday 3 rd February	Birch Class (Year 2) – Local Heroes Day POSTPONED!
Tuesday 3 rd February	Parents' Evening (3:30pm-6:00pm)
Wednesday 4 th February	Maple Class (Year 3) – Stone Age Day
Monday 9 th -Friday 13 th February	Year 6 Residential Visit to Charterhouse, near Cheddar
Monday 9 th -Friday 13 th February	Children's Mental Health Week
Tuesday 10 th February	Safer Internet Day
Wednesday 11 th February	Science Curriculum Fair (3:15pm)
Friday 13 th February	Last day of Spring 1
Monday 23 rd February	Frist day of Spring 2
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day and Night (5:00pm)

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



Matt Kerton
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