

Nerrols' Newsletter

13th February 2026

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

I hope this latest edition of our Nerrols' Newsletter finds you all well, and that you and your family are looking forward to the upcoming half-term break.

It has been an absolute pleasure to have spent so much time with our Year 6 children this week during our residential visit to Charterhouse Activity Centre in the Mendip Hills near Cheddar. From the very moment we set off on Monday with such excitement as we waved goodbye to school to the very final moments of the experience, every single one of the children have embraced the invaluable opportunity to develop independence, resilience and teamwork, strengthen friendships and create lasting memories!

After settling in, the children launched straight into team-building challenges designed to develop communication, trust and problem-solving skills. From climbing through a giant spider's web and engineering tennis-ball runs, to working together to cross a 'river' using crates, the children demonstrated resilience, cooperation and encouragement from the outset. Throughout the week, the children rotated between rock climbing, caving, gorge walking in Cheddar Gorge, orienteering, shelter-building and pond-dipping with each activity challenging them in different ways, whether it was pushing past fears while climbing, exploring underground passages, or scrambling and splashing through the gorge! The children's confidence grew visibly as the days progressed, with them supporting one another and taking real pride in their achievements! Our evenings provided valuable opportunities to reflect and unwind together too, including shared meals and a memorable disco, campfire, night walk on the Mendip Hills (made extra special by spotting frogs along the way) and 'Nerrols Has Talent', where magic tricks, dance routines, Rubik's Cube solving and football skills were all showcased in a joyful celebration of creativity and confidence!

It really was a fantastic experience and we are so proud of the ways in which all of our Year 6s conducted themselves throughout the week – they are a real credit!



Staff Update

We are delighted to be able to welcome Melissa Salisbury to Nerrols, who joined us recently as a Nursery Practitioner! We are excited to see how Melissa can improve what we already do even more with our care and education for our youngest children at Nerrols Nursery, and please do make her feel welcome the next time you see her.

Kindness Project Update – Nerrols Film Festival

We are all so proud of all the different ways our children have shown kindness over the last few weeks, and now that we have filled our Whole School Kindness Bucket for the very first time we have begun arranging our first ever Whole School Kindness Treat!

The suggestion box was full of some great ideas for the Treat from our children, with watching a film being the most popular choice. To make this extra special, we are going to host a Nerrols Film Festival on **Tuesday**

24th February 2026, which will involve:

- The children (and staff) being invited to dress up as their favourite film character OR ready for an appearance on the red carpet (think tuxedo!) OR just non-school uniform if they would like to.
- We'll be (literally) laying out the red carpet as the children arrive at school in a premiere-style start to the day.
- Holding an assembly first thing to share our outfits and keep the Kindness Project in mind by sharing our congratulations.
- After lunch, turning our classrooms into different 'Screens' to show a number of different films as voted for by the children.
- The children will be given a ticket for the screen of their choice.
- Providing the children with a snack box to enjoy as they watch the film.



We'll keep developing this special day, and if anyone has any other ideas please do let us know! Thank you to you all for your ongoing support with this initiative as we continue to teach, recognise and reward kindness across our community.

Look Who's Talking!

Last week, Bea and Darcie represented our school as finalists in the 'Look Who's Talking' speaking competition, and they were absolutely outstanding! They confidently learned and recited a poem before delivering a powerful speech entitled "My Hero", all in front of a large audience. Their courage, clarity and passion truly shone through, and they represented our school with such pride. We couldn't be prouder of the girls! A huge well done for stepping onto the stage and doing something so brave!



Parents' Evening

It was lovely to see so many parents, carers and children in attendance last week at our spring term Parents' Evenings and making the most of this important opportunity to discuss the children's learning and development. If there were any parents or carers that have not yet been able to speak with their child's class teacher, please do let us know so that we can schedule an opportunity to do so.

Curriculum Immersive days!

Earlier this week, Birch Class enjoyed a fantastic immersive day as they stepped into the shoes of some incredible local heroes! From Jenny Agutter, Hannah Taunton and Mary Anning to Jane Austen, Mary Berry and more, the classroom was filled with famous faces from both the distant and more recent past. The children wrote biographies about well-known figures from our area, shared fascinating stories and explored the impact these individuals have had on our community and beyond. The quality of discussion and writing was something to be really proud of!



To top it all off, we created our own Local Hero Awards, celebrating inspirational people within our school and the wider community, a wonderful way to recognise those who make a real difference every day. A brilliant day of learning, creativity and inspiration!

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](#)

Nerrols Holiday Club is back!

We are excited to be able to let you all know that we are now taking bookings for our **Nerrols Holiday Club**, which will be running during the Easter holidays from Wednesday 8th-Friday 10th April and Wednesday 15th-Friday 17th April 2026. The Holiday Club will be held at Nerrols Primary School between 9:00am and 3:00pm. The cost will be £25 per day, per child and will be overseen by Mr Templeton, our very own PE and Sport Leader, with other members of school staff in support as required. Activities will include sports and games, as well as arts and crafts!

The club will only be available to children who attend Nerrols Primary School, and parents and carers will be able to book into a single day, or multiple sessions. If families would like to pay by Tax-Free Childcare or Childcare Vouchers, please email the School Office with a screenshot confirming that the payment has been made to our account and we will be able to reserve a space for you. Children will need to bring a water bottle, packed lunch and wear suitable clothing. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the School Office.

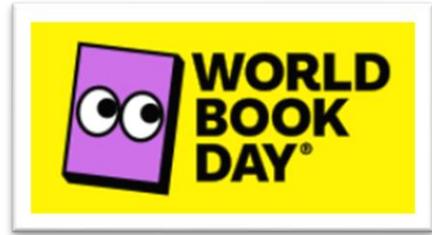
School Uniform and PE Kit reminder

A gentle reminder to all our children, parents and carers about the importance of school uniform. Wearing the correct uniform helps set high expectations, creates a sense of belonging and ensures standards remain consistent across our school. We would also like to remind families that PE Kits

should be in school every Monday and taken home on Fridays for washing. Although each class has set PE days, having kits in school all week gives us the flexibility to adapt timetables when needed, particularly around weather conditions. If anybody is unsure about the expectations of our school uniform, please do take a look on our website: [School Uniform - Nerrols Primary School](#) Thank you, as always, for your continued support in helping us maintain these expectations and routines.

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!

World Thinking Day

Each year on 22nd February, members of the Guide and Scout movements celebrate World Thinking Day. It's a day when they think of each other and give thanks and appreciation for international friendships. 22nd February was chosen as the date for Thinking Day because it was the mutual birthday of Lord Baden-Powell, founder of the Boy Scout Movement, and his wife Olave, who served as World Chief Guide. One of the traditions of Thinking Day is that members of the Guiding and Scouting movements wear their uniforms to school to show others that they are part of the movement.

Therefore, if your child is part of the Guide or Scout movement, they will be welcome to wear their uniform to school on Monday 23rd February instead of the usual school uniform.

After School Clubs

The following After School Clubs for next half-term will be on offer for children across our school:

| Day | After School Club (3:30pm-4:30pm) | Further Details |
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| Mondays | Fizz Pop Science Club | Now fully booked – waiting list open! |
| Tuesdays | Nerrols Board Games Club (Years 1,2&3) | Now fully booked |
| Tuesdays | Nerrols Cooking Club (Years 4,5&6) | Now fully booked |
| Tuesdays | Nerrols Art and Design Club (KS2) | Now fully booked |
| Wednesdays | Nerrols Dance Club (Reception, Y1 and Y2) | Book now on MCAS! |
| Thursdays | Nerrols Girls Football Club (KS2) | Book now on MCAS! |
| Fridays | Nerrols Gymnastics Club (KS2) | Book now 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 – WrapAround Care booking reminder

Please remember to book Wraparound Care for your child via the MCAS app, rather than allowing children to attend without a prior booking. Bookings close three days in advance to enable us to plan staffing levels safely, ensure we remain within required adult-to-child ratios, and organise food for the sessions. If bookings have already closed, families will need to contact the School Office directly to check availability by telephoning 01823 792655. Unfortunately, children who arrive without a booking may be unable to stay and parents or carers may be contacted to collect them. Thank you for your understanding and support in helping our WrapAround provision run smoothly.

Dates for the diary

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| Friday 13 th February | Last day of Spring 1 |
| Monday 23 rd February | Frist day of Spring 2 |
| Tuesday 24 th February | Nerrols Film Festival (see above) |
| Thursday 5 th March | World Book Day and Night (see above) |
| Monday 9 th – Friday 13 th March | British Science Week |
| Friday 20 th March | Red Nose Day |
| Wednesday 1 st April | Last day of Spring Term |
| Thursday 2 nd April | INSET Day – School closed to children |

Have a great half-term break and I look forward to seeing you soon!



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