



Nerrols' Newsletter

6th March 2026

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable half-term break recently. It has been a real pleasure to welcome our families back to school and see our children settle back into their learning so quickly. This second half of the Spring Term has already been a very busy and exciting one at Nerrols, and it's hard to believe that we've been able to fit so much in already over the last fortnight.

As part of our World Book Day celebrations, we were delighted to welcome so many of you for our Night-Time Story Sharing Event last night! It was so special to see children (and adults!) arriving back at school in their pyjamas, bringing their favourite books, and settling down with cushions and blankets to enjoy stories together. We're also incredibly grateful to our brilliant team of Friends of Nerrols and staff who stayed after school to make the event possible and kept everyone warm and happy with hot chocolate. The atmosphere was truly magical – from the shared stories to the poetry performances, and of course the much-loved hot chocolate and cookies!



We also had another unforgettable day recently, celebrating kindness in the most spectacular way at The Nerrols Film Festival! We are so incredibly proud of the many ways our children show kindness and thanks to their thoughtful actions, we filled our Whole School Kindness Bucket for the very first time and celebrated with a special day. From the moment our children stepped onto the red carpet, the excitement, pride and joy were simply incredible. From film characters to red-carpet glamour, the effort everyone made was amazing and it all felt even more special knowing this event was earned through the many acts of kindness shown across our school!

Throughout the afternoon, our classrooms were transformed into cinema 'Screens', tickets were presented, snack boxes enjoyed, and children shared a brilliant experience together.

Events like these remind us just how powerful bringing our school community together can be. Thank you for being part of it and thank you so much to our families for your continued support.

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 Councillors wanted!



We are thrilled to announce the relaunch of our **School Council**, an important part of school life where pupil voice and leadership are celebrated! The School Council gives children the chance to represent their classmates, share views and be involved in making important decisions that help make our school even more brilliant. Members will meet once a month to discuss ideas, bring forward the opinions of their peers and take part in special projects throughout the year, supporting their fellow pupils and helping shape school life.

In our assembly on Monday, we will be talking to the children more about how to apply to become their class representative. We can't wait to hear all the great ideas and to work together with our new School Council!

Some feedback from Charterhouse!

A huge well done again to our fantastic Year 6 children who did themselves and our school so proud with their conduct, resilience and overall character during their residential visit to Charterhouse Activity Centre recently! We received the following feedback about the children from the Centre Manager at Charterhouse, who took the time to write:

"Your year sixes were a delight to host. We all noted how polite the children were, and how they showed their resilience and determination during activities. We've all remarked on what a great week it's been. We've been talking about you guys all this week too! We really did have a great time. Lawrence is adamant Nerrols is going to be our "best school of the year" already! And that's down to you all. The kids were lovely, but you and your team were so easy to work with, and so supportive. It makes our jobs so much easier! We've all remarked on what a lovely vibe it was, and your staff's relationships with the children was lovely to see. It really has been a pleasure, thank you!"



Swimming at Nerrols

At Nerrols, we believe that swimming is an essential life skill for children to learn as we aim for as many children as possible to reach the required expectations by the end of Year 6. Currently, and to the best of our knowledge, secondary schools in the area do not provide swimming support so it is important to us that as many of our children as possible leave Nerrols with the ability to enjoy swimming and be safe in water-based situations.

As swimming is a part of our curriculum (and indeed the national curriculum), this means we **must** provide it but that we can only ask for voluntary contributions. The voluntary contributions requested help to offset the significant costs associated with transport, pool hire and specialist instruction. Where contributions are not made, these costs are absorbed by our school which ultimately only takes money away from other areas that we would like to spend it on in order to provide an even better education for our children.

We would like to say a big thank you to those parents and carers who have contributed towards their child's swimming lessons over the last few years and into this one. Your support is greatly appreciated. However, we are currently making a loss of over £1500 on swimming lessons alone this year and still have over a term to go, and so kindly request that if your child has taken part in swimming lessons with us this year you make a contribution (even if it is not the full amount) as soon as you can via your MCAS account. This will help us to continue to provide swimming lessons for the future children of Nerrols.

Please do rest assured that we always aim to provide parents and carers with as much notice as possible regarding such activities, but our approach this year has been to prioritise swimming places based on the age of the children, the assessments made by the instructors at the pool and the views of parents and carers. This means that we cannot always quickly determine which children we will be taking as we evaluate all of the information we need in order to make the most informed decisions. While we will, of course, ensure that all our children who need it do learn to swim with us regardless of whether a voluntary contribution has been made – as their safety, learning and wellbeing in water remain our priority – it is currently unlikely that we'll be able to continue offering swimming opportunities beyond this year if enough parents and carers do not contribute as it simply would not be financially viable for us to do so under this current model. With this in mind, parents and carers may wish to consider arranging private swimming lessons for their children themselves to ensure they continue to develop swimming competence and water safety skills.

World Thinking Day

We were proud to celebrate World Thinking Day at our school recently, a special opportunity for young people across the world to think of one another and celebrate international friendship, community and service. It was wonderful to see our members of groups such as Scouts, Cubs, Brownies and Rainbows wearing their uniforms with pride. We are incredibly proud of our children who show such kindness, commitment and leadership through their involvement in these organisations, helping others to do the things we champion every day in school.



After School Clubs

There are still spaces at some of our After School Clubs this half-term:

Day	After School Club (3:30pm-4:30pm)	Further Details
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

Friday 20 th March	Red Nose Day
Tuesday 24 th March	Year 1 Parent and Carer Phonics Screening Check Meeting (2:30pm, Willow Class) – more information next week
Monday 30 th March	Spring Term House Treat (selected children only)
Wednesday 1 st April	Last day of Spring Term
Thursday 2 nd April	INSET Day – School closed to children

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



Matt Kerton
Headteacher