

Nerrols' Newsletter

20th March 2026

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

After a very busy start to the second half of the Spring Term with our Night-Time Story Sharing Event and The Nerrols Film Festival, it has been a slightly quieter couple of weeks in terms of major events but has still been wonderful to see our children continuing to thrive in so many ways. We have been particularly impressed with how the children have continued to show small acts of kindness towards themselves, each other and our school environment as our Whole School Kindness Bucket continues to fill up again and it has been a pleasure to spend time in lessons seeing our children develop confidence, independence and deepen their understanding with their learning.

This week and next, and as part of our approach to teaching and learning, most of the children across our school have been completing some test papers in Reading, Mathematics, and English Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling (GPS), and will be bringing these home to share with you soon. The main aims of the children completing these tests are to help us better understand how well they have understood what they have been taught and to help us best plan future learning to help them keep making progress. On the front of these test papers, you should find a total score that has been achieved which is then roughly used to work out where that child is working in relation to age-related expectations. The table below shows the number of marks needed to be working at age-related expectations in each of these subjects in these tests, which will hopefully help parents and carers to understand more about their child's results:

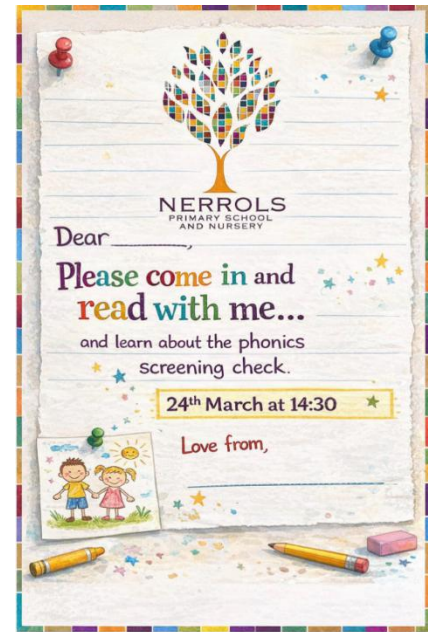
	Reading	Maths	English GPS
Year 1		33 marks	
Year 2	15 marks	38 marks	22 marks
Year 3	12 marks	41 marks	22 marks
Year 4	13 marks	45 marks	22 marks
Year 5	22 marks	41 marks	22 marks
Year 6	28 marks	58 marks	35 marks

You might also notice that some of your child's test has been completed in a different coloured pencil. This just means that they ran out of the recommended time to complete the test and any work completed in a different colour is work they did after the recommended time had elapsed. Because the main aim of these assessments is to see what the children have remembered and can do, as well as what we still need to help them more with, we always think it is worth them completing all of the questions and can work on them speeding up a little bit if we need to as they get a bit older.

Willow Class "Come and Read with Me"

We are delighted to invite parents and carers of children in Willow Class (Year 1) to join us at school for a special "Come and Read with Me" session on Tuesday 24th March at 2:30pm. This is a wonderful opportunity to spend some time in the classroom reading with your child and seeing the fantastic progress they are making in their early reading! During the session, we will also share some information about the Phonics Screening Check, such as what it involves, why it is important, and how it helps support your child's development as a reader.

You'll also have the chance to understand how phonics is taught in school and pick up some helpful tips and strategies to support reading at home. We hope it will be an enjoyable and informative experience for both you and your child. We look forward to welcoming you and sharing this special reading time together!



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.

It's Never You!

On Saturday 28th March, our very own Mrs Atterton from Birch Class will be taking on the Yorkshire three Peaks challenge! This involves climbing three mountains straight after each other, over a distance of around 25 miles and within 12 hours.

Mrs Atterton is raising money for an incredible charity, called It's Never You, which is a cause close to her heart. The charity provides vital support for parents of children battling cancer and who she works alongside campaigning for a law change to provide financial support when your child is diagnosed and work becomes impossible.

We know that times are so hard now but if you are able to spare any pennies at all Mrs Atterton would be so grateful. Here is the link if you are able to donate:

https://www.justgiving.com/page/alice-atterton-3?utm_medium=FA&utm_source=CL

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.

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.



Free and Subsidised School Milk!

Attached to this fortnight's Newsletter is some more information about how to register your child for free (if they are under 5) or subsidised (if they are over 5) milk at our school!



After School Clubs

Our offer of After School Clubs for when we come back after Easter is starting to take shape:

Day	After School Club (3:30pm-4:30pm)	Further Details
Mondays	Nerrols Textiles Club (Years 3&4)	Begins Monday 20 th April Book now on MCAS!
Wednesdays	Nerrols Archery Club (Years 2-5)	Begins Wednesday 22 nd April Book now on MCAS!
Thursdays	Nerrols Drama Club (Years 2&3)	Begins Thursday 23 rd April Book now on MCAS!
Thursdays	Nerrols Cricket Club (Years 3-6)	Begins Thursday 23 rd April Book now on MCAS!
Thursdays	Nerrols Fitness Club (Years 4-6)	Begins Thursday 23 rd April Book now on MCAS!
Fridays	Nerrols Athletics Club (Years R-3)	Begins Friday 24 th April 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 \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/health-protection-in-children-and-young-people-settings-including-education). 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. We have seen an increase in the number of cases of sickness and diarrhoea lately and appreciate your support in minimising the spread of these types of bugs.

Office Update – Medical Appointments

A polite reminder that if your child has a medical appointment during the school day, you must let the School Office know even if you have also told your child's class teacher. This will help the Office Team ensure your child is ready for you when you arrive to collect them. If we are not made aware of appointments beforehand this puts unnecessary pressure on staff who then have to quickly locate a child because they have an appointment to attend. Thank you for your understanding with this matter. A reminder that between 9:15am and 12:45pm, the School Office is closed. If you do need to call the school urgently, please leave a voicemail message and someone will respond as soon as they can.

Dates for the diary

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
Monday 20 th April	First day of Summer Term
Wednesday 22 nd April	YR & Y6 Height and Weight Measurements

Have a great weekend and, if I don't see you later for our FON Bingo Evening, I look forward to seeing you next week!



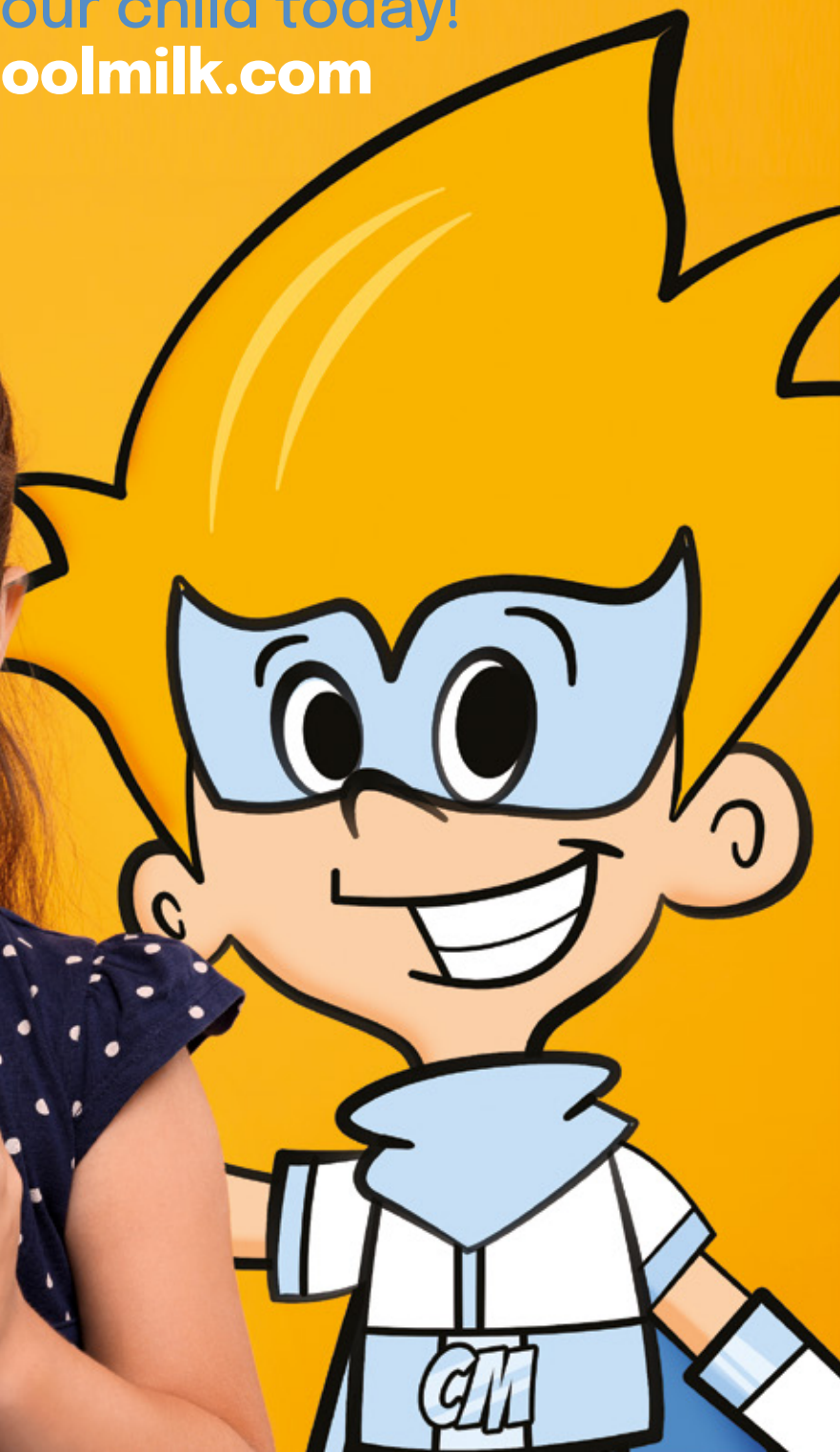
Matt Kerton
Headteacher

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Every child under the age of five is entitled to free school milk. Simply register your child online.



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Every child over the age of five is entitled to milk at a subsidised cost of around £20 per term. Register your child and pay online.

Children in receipt of benefits-based free school meals are eligible for free school milk. Speak to the school for further information.

Free milk for under 5s is funded by the Department of Health and milk for over 5s is subsidised by DEFRA.

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