

# Nerrols' Newsletter

24<sup>th</sup> April 2026

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Welcome back from what I hope was a restful and enjoyable Easter break for you and your family. I wanted to take a moment to begin this first Newsletter of the new term by reflecting on the Spring Term, and to share how incredibly proud of all that our children have achieved both in their learning and in the way they continue to live out our school values every day. In addition to the hustle and bustle of everyday life at any school, last term was full of memorable highlights including filling our whole school Kindness Bucket for the very first time and as a result hosting The Nerrols Film Festival, our Night-Time Story Sharing Event on World Book Day, school trips for Rowan Class to the Roman Baths, Maple Class to Magdalen Farm, Apple and Cherry Blossom's Spring Walk, Hazel Class's Viking Experience Day at Carymoor and, of course, Oak Class's week-long residential visit to Charterhouse Outdoor Activity Centre. We were able to enrich our curriculum for Willow Class with a Great Explorers Day, Maple Class with their Stone Age Day, Hazel Class and their Viking Day, Birch Class with a Local Heroes Day, see some fantastic progress made by our Year 4 and 5 swimmers and support Bea and Darcie who reached the Look Who's Talking public speaking competition final! We held community events by inviting the parents and carers of children in Willow Class to our 'Come and Read with Me' session, supported and visited St Giles Animal Centre to learn more about the invaluable work they do, enjoyed much fun at our FON Bingo Evening as the term came to an end and much, much more! All of this would, of course, not be possible without the support of you all, which I am truly grateful for as we continue to make Nerrols a great place for our children to learn.



This coming term marks the culmination of much of the children's hard work as their learning comes together and we begin to look ahead. Our oldest children in Oak Class are busy preparing to take, and we wish them the very best of luck with, their end of key stage two national curriculum tests (more commonly known as SATs) and think about transitioning to their new schools. Our younger children have laid vital foundations for their future learning and will also have lots of reasons to look ahead this term, including finding out who their new teacher will be and spending some time with them – and in their new classroom – later on in the term.

There are lots of important moments coming up this term, including Sports Day, end-of-year Reports and plenty of community events which are already being organised by our Friends of Nerrols Team, including our Summer Fayre. I hope you join us in recognising and celebrating the hard work that has gone into the school year, as well as your child's successes, by attending as many of these events as you can with us.

Finally, I would like to extend a warm welcome any new parents and carers to Nerrols, who might be reading our Newsletter for the first time having recently been offered a place in one of our Reception Classes from September 2026. We are excited to meet you and look forward to a long and successful association with you!

## *Staff Update*

We are pleased to welcome Mrs Kaiya Perry back to our teaching team in Birch Class following her recent maternity leave, whilst at the same time thanking Mrs Atterton again for the fantastic contributions and commitment she has shown over the past year whilst covering for Mrs Perry; your work has been hugely valued and appreciated.

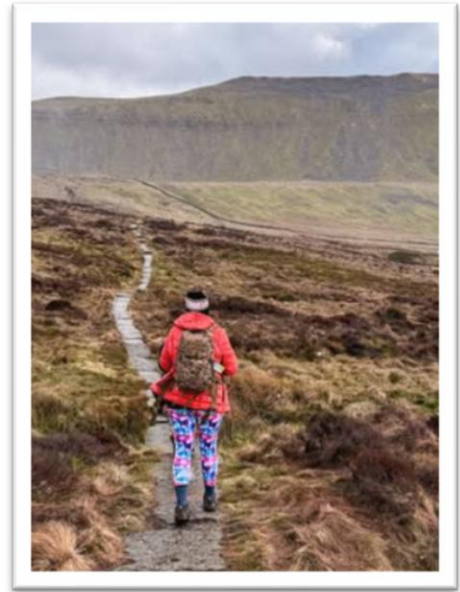
## *Playtimes at Nerrols – Our New Play Leaders!*

We have been so impressed with our new Play Leaders, who have made an excellent start in their new roles, demonstrating real commitment and creativity at lunchtimes. They have been busy developing new games, introducing additional resources and helping children know where to go for ideas and inspiration! In their meetings with Mrs Marriott, they have also continued to share brilliant suggestions on how to make lunchtimes even more enjoyable and inclusive for everyone. We look forward to keeping you updated on their progress throughout the term!



## Mrs Atterton completes the Yorkshire Three Peaks Challenge!

We are delighted to share that before the Easter break, our very own Mrs Atterton took on the Yorkshire Three Peaks Challenge where she faced some truly brutal conditions along the way - driving snow, wild winds and even painful hail! She says it was definitely one of the toughest challenges she's done, but she pushed through and completed it comfortably within the 12-hour target! "I'm so proud to have undertaken this challenge, and even prouder to have raised over £500 for the charity It's Never You. I'd like to say a huge thank you to all the staff and parents who donated, your support really kept me going when the weather got tough!" There is still time to donate, if you're able to: [Alice Atterton is fundraising for It's Never You](#) We are all so proud of you, Alice!



## Year 6 SATs

A reminder that the end of key stage two tests (more commonly known as SATs) for our Year 6 children will take place during the week commencing Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2026. It is important that all Year 6 children are in school during this week so that they can demonstrate their learning, feel good about completing the tests like all other Year 6 children across the country and do their very best!

## Vocabulary Day!

We are excited to be holding another 'Vocabulary Day' this year, which will take place on **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2026**. On this day, the children and adults are invited to come to school dressed as a particular word with their outfit reflecting the definition of the word they have chosen, as well as having the word displayed somewhere on their costume. However, this does not need to be an extravagant costume and a hat, tabard or a little bit of creativity can really bring a visual representation of a word alive!

The word your child chooses may be one that they have come across in a favourite book, and we do encourage parents and carers to support the children in being adventurous in their choice, hopefully choosing a word that no-one else has chosen! We are upping the challenge this year and banning some words, which are: sleepy, tired, dozy, exhausted, sporty, athletic, active, energetic, colourful and camouflage. There is only one other rule, which is that nouns (naming words) are also banned! If you are struggling for an idea, there are many costume ideas available online and remember that taking part is optional. If any children do not wish to take part, that is, of course, absolutely fine and they should come to school in their school uniform as usual. We also invite parents and carers to please join us on our playground to watch our Vocabulary Parade at 8.45am.

## Staying Safe at Nerrols – Parking

A polite reminder to any member of our community who drives to school to please ensure that parking around the site, including on the lane out the back of our school, remains safe and considerate for everyone. We do continue to receive concerns from parents and carers regarding cars being parked across dropped kerbs, that take up more space than is sometimes necessary which makes it harder for others to park and in positions that prevent other vehicles from leaving safely. Dropped kerbs are essential for allowing children, families with pushchairs, and those with mobility needs to cross the road safely. When these are blocked, it creates unnecessary risk for our children and others. We fully appreciate that pick-up and drop-off times can be busy, and that parking can sometimes be challenging. However, we do ask that all drivers take a moment to park responsibly, even if it means parking slightly further away and walking the remainder of the journey. Our shared priority is the safety and wellbeing of every child and family in our community and your cooperation with this really does make a difference.

## After School Clubs

Day	After School Club (3:30pm-4:30pm)	Further Details
Mondays	Nerrols Textiles Club (Years 3&4)	Begins Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April <b>Book now on MCAS!</b>
Wednesdays	Nerrols Archery Club (Years 2-5)	Begins Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April <b>NOW FULLY BOOKED!</b>
Thursdays	Nerrols Drama Club (Years 2&3)	Begins Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April <b>Book now on MCAS!</b>
Thursdays	Nerrols Cricket Club (Years 3-6)	Begins Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April <b>Book now on MCAS!</b>
Thursdays	Nerrols Fitness Club (Years 4-6)	Begins Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April <b>Book now on MCAS!</b>
Fridays	Nerrols Athletics Club (Years R-3)	Begins Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> April <b>NOW FULLY BOOKED!</b>



Fizz Pop Science will soon be back too! After such interest last term, we have arranged for Fizz Pop to return to Nerrols for another set of 5 after-school club sessions after half-term. These will be on Mondays (3:30pm-4:30pm), starting on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June. Attached to this week's Newsletter is a poster that shares more information about this club, and to sign up please visit [FizzPopScience.co.uk/afterschoolbooking/](http://FizzPopScience.co.uk/afterschoolbooking/) and search and select our School's name. If you require any assistance, they can be contacted on [Taunton-Exeter@fizzpopsience.co.uk](mailto:Taunton-Exeter@fizzpopsience.co.uk)



## FREE Tennis Taster Sessions

We are excited to be able to share with our community an opportunity for some FREE tennis taster sessions for primary school-aged children at the indoor Taunton Tennis Centre, which is located at Blackbrook Leisure Centre and Spa. These sessions will be taking place on the dates and times listed below, and if you would like to find out more and book a place for your child please visit:

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/TauntonTennisClub/EventsV2>

Monday 18th May (4:00pm-5:00pm)

Tuesday 19th May (5:00pm-6:00pm)

Saturday 23rd May (10:00am-11:00am)

## The Pupil Premium and Service Pupil Premium Grant

You may be aware that the government currently allocates additional funding to schools in the form of 'The Pupil Premium Grant' and 'The Service Pupil Premium Grant' in order to help children do their very best. The purpose of these grants is to support the educational, social and pastoral needs and improve the outcomes for eligible children (those children who are registered as eligible for free school meals and children of service personnel).

At Nerrols Primary School, this additional funding is used to provide children with a wide range of extra educational, social and emotional support. In common with most schools, it is likely that a number of parents and carers whose children attend Nerrols do not claim free school meals or the service premium, even though they are entitled to it. If you think that you may be eligible to apply for free school meals for your child, you can do so using this link <https://www.somerset.gov.uk/children-families-and-education/school-life/free-school-meals/>, alternatively contact the school office for more information. The process for applying is confidential and even if you are not sure, it would still be worth asking.

**If your application to receive free school meals is approved or you have a child of service personnel, you could also take advantage of a £100 subsidy that we make available in order to further promote the best educational outcomes and experiences for these children. If you would like to discuss this confidential matter further, please do not hesitate to get in touch.**

## Office Update

Tempest Photography will be visiting us here at Nerrols next Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> May, to take class photographs as well as Year 6 Leavers' photographs!

## Dates for the diary

Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Tempest Whole Class and Y6 Leavers' Photos
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	May Day Bank Holiday – School and Nursery closed
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> – Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6 SATs Week – it is important that all Y6 children are in school during this week please (see above)
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Vocabulary Day – parade at 8:45am (see above)
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	New Reception Parents' Evening
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Last day of Summer 1
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	End of May Bank Holiday – Nursery closed
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	First day of Summer 2

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



Matt Kerton  
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