



# Nerrols' Newsletter

8<sup>th</sup> May 2026

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

I hope you all managed to enjoy the recent bank holiday weekend! It has been lovely to welcome some slightly warmer weather, which hopefully continues to improve over the coming weeks. At Nerrols, we regularly talk to the children about ways to help keep themselves safe and as the weather is becoming (hopefully) warmer, we will be sharing with the children all the ways we can make sure we are *Sun Safe*. As we head into the summer, we ask that all parents and carers please apply sun cream to any areas not covered in clothing before the children come to school in order to best keep them safe (the higher SPF the better). We ask that the children wear a sun hat and always bring with them a bottle so that they can drink plenty of water and refill it throughout the day. Because the children like to run around at playtimes, we also ask that they do not bring sunglasses to school or nursery to avoid any accidents.



I would like to wish all of our Year 6 children in Oak Class the very best of luck for their upcoming end of key stage two tests (more commonly known as SATs), which are taking place next week. They have all worked incredibly hard and we could not be prouder of them! If you have a child in Year 6, please do make sure they are in school next 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. Please also make sure you have seen our communication regarding our free Breakfast Club for the children in Year 6 next week!

## Mental Health Awareness Week

As we approach **Mental Health Awareness Week (11<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> May 2026)**, we would like to let you know about how we will be taking part at Nerrols to promote positive mental health and wellbeing.



On Monday, our Assemblies will be based around building a wellbeing toolbox to support our whole-school approach to wellbeing and we invite our children and staff to take part in **'Wear it green' day on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2026 by wearing a jumper, t-shirt, badge, hair or other accessory or any splash of green alongside their usual school uniform to show support!** For children in Willow and Hazel Classes, who will also be visiting the Brewhouse Theatre as part of the Waterstones' Children's Book Festival on the same day, it is also fine for them to take part! As always, taking part in this event is completely optional and if any child would rather not take part that is, of course, absolutely fine too and they should come to school in their usual school uniform.

If you would like to find out more about Mental Health Awareness Week, you can do so by visiting their website: [Mental Health Awareness Week | Mental Health Foundation](#)

## 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.

## Nerrols Holiday Club is back!

After the continued success of our Nerrols Holiday Club over the recent Easter break, we are excited to be able to let you all know that we are now taking bookings on MCAS for **Nerrols Holiday Club** over the upcoming half-term, where it will be running on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> and Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May and 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, with other members of school staff in support. Activities will include sports and games, as well as arts and crafts. Children will need to bring a water bottle, packed lunch and wear suitable clothing.

The club will only be available to children who attend Nerrols Primary School, and you will be able to book into a single day, or multiple sessions. If you 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. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the School Office or our new Holiday Club email address: [holidayclub@nr.huish.education](mailto:holidayclub@nr.huish.education)

## Usborne Sponsored Read!

After two successful years, we will also soon be launching our next Ready, Steady, Read (or Listen) sponsored reading event! We will share more information soon, so keep an eye out on MCAS and our Facebook page!



## Somerset County Gazette promotion - Help our school win!

Following the success of the County Gazette's *Vouchers for Schools* 2025, they are delighted to launch the competition again for 2026, designed to bring our community together and support local education! This is launching in next week's Somerset County Gazette (issue date 14<sup>th</sup> May) and running until the end of June. This is a fantastic opportunity for schools to engage students, parents, and the wider community in a fun and rewarding challenge.



Collect tokens, spread the word, and help our school win the fantastic prizes! 1st Prize: £1,000 Amazon Voucher. 2nd Prize: £500 Amazon Voucher.

The school that collects the most tokens per pupil will be the winner. For example, 50 pupils collecting 6,000 tokens is equivalent to 100 pupils collecting 12,000 tokens. This ensures that every school, regardless of size, has an equal chance to win!

## Fair Milk for a Fair Start

Did you know that children currently receive free school milk until their fifth birthday through the Government's school milk scheme and that, after this point, the entitlement ends? This means that within the same Reception class some children continue receiving milk while others do not, depending on when their birthday falls. At Nerrols Primary School, we're supporting the Fair Milk for a Fair Start campaign, which calls for a simple change so all children can receive free school milk until the end of their Reception year. To find out more or show your support please visit:

<https://fairmilkfairstart.com/>

## Sports Days!

As part of their learning in Physical Education (PE), the children will soon be busy practising for our upcoming Sports Day! This day will see the children participate in lots of different physical activities, including running, jumping and throwing. This year, we are planning to hold our **Early Years and Key Stage 1 Sports Day on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June** and our **Key Stage Two Sports Day on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June** and are aiming to start around 10:00am. Both Sports Days will last no longer than a couple of hours and we look forward to seeing as many parents, carers, family members and friends in attendance as possible!

On the note of PE, we politely remind parents and carers to make sure their child has their PE Kit with them in school so that they can make the most of such opportunities. We also ask that any stud earrings are taped up before the children come to school on a day when they are doing PE in the interests of health and safety. If you need a further reminder about our uniform expectations, please see the Uniform page on our website: [School Uniform - Nerrols Primary School](#)



## End-of-Year Reports

Towards the end of the Summer term, we will be providing parents and carers with an end-of-year report, as usual. This statutory requirement helps parents and carers to understand more about their child's learning achievements and progress, including their strengths and any areas for development, their attendance record and the outcomes of any national curriculum assessments taken during the academic year by their child, such as the Year 1 Phonics Screening Check, Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check or end of key stage two tests (more commonly known as SATs for children in Year 6). There will also be an informal opportunity for parents and carers to discuss their child's report with their class teacher after they have received it should they wish to.

## 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

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, and to sign up please visit [FizzPopScience.co.uk/afterschoolbooking/](https://fizzpopscience.co.uk/afterschoolbooking/) and search and select our School's name. If you require any assistance, they can be contacted on [Taunton-Exeter@fizzpopscience.co.uk](mailto:Taunton-Exeter@fizzpopscience.co.uk)



## 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

The **Vision Screening Team** will be visiting both Blossom Classes on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June to check the children's sight. If you would prefer that your child is not included in these checks, please ensure you complete an 'opt out' form. The opt out form was recently sent via MCAS but is also available from the School Office. Please be aware that all children will be tested unless the school are in receipt of an opt out form.

Please be aware that the **school meal ordering system** will be locked for orders at midnight **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2026** and **will not** be unlocked again until **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June**. Therefore, we would be grateful if you could please ensure that all meal orders for the week beginning 1<sup>st</sup> June are made before Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May. If you miss the ordering deadline you **will** be required to provide a packed lunch for your child.

And finally, a reminder that the School Office is open from 8:15am until 9:15am in the morning and remains closed until 12:45 pm. If your child has a medical appointment that falls within this time, of course, it will be fine to collect them and advanced notice is appreciated.

If you need to call the school during the morning, please leave a voicemail and somebody will get back to you. The office closes again at 3:45 pm.

## Dates for the diary

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
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Mental Health Awareness 'Wear it green' day (see above)
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Willow and Hazel Classes visiting The Brewhouse Theatre
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	FON School Discos!
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
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May	Nerrols Holiday Club – <b>Book now on MCAS!</b>
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	First day of Summer 2
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Vision Screening Team visits for Blossom Classes
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Early Years and Key Stage 1 Sports Day (10:00am, 3G Pitch)
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Key Stage 2 Sports Day (10:00am, 3G Pitch)

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



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