



Nerrols' Newsletter

22nd May 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 bank holiday weekend and half-term break. This week at school, we have been excited to take part in 'Walk to School Week 2026' and encourage our children and whole community to walk, wheel, cycle or scoot to school more often! Throughout the week, we have been talking to the children about the benefits of walking to school regularly such as healthier bodies and minds, time to chat with family and friends, less air pollution and fewer cars at our school gates. We also spoke to the children about the **STOP – LOOK – LISTEN – THINK** rule as they walk to help them stay safe, as well as a few other important reminders:

- ✓ Make sure you walk on pavements and paths.
- ✓ Stay with a trusted adult or walking group.
- ✓ Do not run into roads or between parked cars.
- ✓ If cycling or scooting, wear a helmet and follow road safety rules.
- ✓ Stop, look, listen, and think before crossing any road and using crossing where possible.



Whilst we are thinking about walking to school and ways in which we can try to reduce the number of cars at our growing school, you may have noticed our new signs which we hope will remind any members of our community who drive to school to please ensure that parking around the school site, including on the lane out the back, remains safe and considerate for everyone. 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.

And finally, to help ensure that we do keep everyone in our community as safe as possible, I would like to politely remind those of you who do bring bikes or scooters to school to please dismount and push them throughout the site rather than ride them. We did have a couple of accidents this week and ensuring our children push their bikes and scooters will further ensure everybody's safety.

Staff Update

I share the sad news that Mrs Gavins, our Oak Class teacher, will be leaving Nerrols at the end of the academic year to begin a new role leading teaching and learning at a new school. We are incredibly proud that Mrs Gavins has been able to secure this step up in her career, and extremely grateful for the professionalism, support and care she has shown towards our whole school community. I am sure you will join me in congratulating and thanking Mrs Gavins for everything she has done during the last few years with us!

I would also like to share the news that after a recruitment process earlier this week, we will be welcoming Mrs Alice Atterton and Miss Georgia Smith to our teaching team here at Nerrols from September. Many of you will already know Mrs Atterton from the time she has spent teaching our current Birch Class on a maternity cover contract lately, and we are delighted to be welcoming her back to Nerrols on a permanent basis! We are also excited to welcome Miss Smith to our community, who will be beginning her teaching career with us as our school continues to grow.

Willow and Birch Class visit Bristol Zoo!

On Tuesday, our Year 1 and Year 2 children had a fantastic day out at Bristol Zoo! They were incredibly excited to see such a wide range of animals, including giraffes, lemurs, gorillas, red pandas, zebras, cheetahs, geladas, bears, wolverines, wolves, deer, ostriches and even tortoises! There was plenty of awe and wonder throughout the day as the children explored and learned more about these amazing creatures.

This visit linked brilliantly to our children's recent learning, where they have been writing animal fact files and developing their understanding of endangered species and the important conservation work that zoos do to protect animals and their habitats. It was wonderful to see the children bringing their learning to life and making meaningful connections. The children also enjoyed spotting African mud houses, linking back to their learning from last year, which was a lovely reminder of how knowledge builds over time.

It was a truly memorable day full of curiosity, learning and excitement! Well done Willow and Birch Class, and a big thank you to our wonderful team of volunteers and staff who helped to make the day such a success!



Friends Of Nerrols discos!

Our school was full of energy, excitement and plenty of impressive dance moves as children from across the school came together to celebrate and have fun with their friends at our Friends of Nerrols School Discos last Friday! From start to finish, there were smiles all round! A huge thank you to our incredible Friends of Nerrols team for organising such a brilliant event, and to all the staff and volunteers who gave up their time to make it such a success. Events like this really show the strength of our school community!

Waterstones Children's Book Festival

Willow and Hazel Class had a fantastic time at the Brewhouse Theatre for the Waterstones Children's Book Festival recently, where they were treated to inspiring presentations and talks from the popular children's authors Rachel Bright, Rob Biddulph and Katherine Rundell, who captivated everyone with their stories, creativity and passion for reading and writing! Some of our children were also thrilled to be able to get signed copies of the authors' books – a wonderful keepsake to remember such a special experience! It was a wonderful experience that has certainly inspired a love of reading in our young readers! A special thank you to our parent volunteers for their help in making this experience possible for our children!



Vocabulary Day!

What a fantastic Vocabulary Day we had at Nerrols on Wednesday! The creativity on display was absolutely incredible, with children and staff bringing words to life through imaginative costumes, props and accessories! From ambitious vocabulary choices to brilliantly thought-out outfits, it was wonderful to see everyone embracing language in such a fun and memorable way. A huge thank you to our families for all of your support and to everyone who joined us for the Vocabulary Parade – our playground was filled with colour, excitement and some truly outstanding words! We are so proud of the confidence, enthusiasm and creativity shown by all of our children!



Well done Year 6!

A huge congratulations to our fantastic Year 6 children, who completed their Key Stage 2 SATs last week! We are incredibly proud of the determination, resilience and positive attitude they have shown throughout! Each morning started in the best possible way thanks to our amazing catering manager, Evie, who provided a delicious breakfast for the children. From cereals and fruit to toast, sausages and bacon sandwiches, it gave everyone a great boost to start the day. Thank you to all the adults at school for your care and support, which made a real difference. And once again, well done Year 6 – you've been brilliant!



Parent Carer Forum Coffee Morning

We'd love to invite you to our next Parent Carer Forum Coffee Morning on Wednesday 3rd June at 11:00am. These are friendly, informal sessions run by the Somerset Parent Carer Forum, where parents and carers can come together for a chat, share experiences, and access helpful information and support and aim to support families with information to help meet children's needs, share useful advice and signpost to additional support and give families the chance to connect with one another. It's a relaxed space with a warm welcome for everyone, and we hope to see you there!

Usborne Sponsored Read!

Your child should have brought home a letter and sponsorship form, and we would love for our whole community to get involved and help our children read for as many minutes as they can. In previous years, we read for 10,000 minutes across the week – can we beat it this year? To participate, simply please fill out the sponsorship form and minute tracker and return it to your child's class teacher (along with any sponsorship money in a sealed, named envelope). Are you up for the challenge?

When: Between **Friday 22nd May and Friday 5th June.**

Who: Our **school aged children** will be invited to participate in a **READY, STEADY, READ** and our **nursery aged children** will be invited to participate in a **READY, STEADY, LISTEN.**

What: Over this **two-week period**, we are asking that children are **sponsored** by family and friends to either **read or listen to books being read to them for as many minutes as they can.** This can include the usual reading that the children carry out each week OR they could take this opportunity to challenge themselves to read even more!

Why: Thanks to your generous donations and Usborne donating an extra 60% of the money raised in extra free books, we have been able to buy **£3400** for our classrooms and the KS1 and KS2 libraries. We hope that you have enjoyed reading our new books and as our school continues to grow, we hope that you can support us in continuing to enhance our reading resources in our libraries.



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 24th June** and our **Key Stage Two Sports Day on Thursday 25th 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!

Nerrols Holiday Club!

After the continued success of our Nerrols Holiday Club over the recent holidays, 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 and summer holidays! Our Holiday Club will be running on:

May half-term dates	Summer holiday dates	
Wednesday 27 th May	Wednesday 29 th July	Wednesday 12 th August
Thursday 28 th May	Thursday 30 th July	Thursday 13 th August
Friday 29 th May	Friday 31 st July	Friday 14 th August
	Wednesday 5 th August	Wednesday 19 th August
	Thursday 6 th August	Thursday 20 th August
	Friday 7 th August	Friday 21 st August



The 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, 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

After School Clubs

Our After School Club offer for next half-term is now available to book on MCAS:

Day	After School Club (3:30pm-4:30pm)	Further Details
Mondays	Fizz Pop Science Club	Begins Monday 8 th June FizzPopScience.co.uk/afterschoolbooking/
Wednesdays	Nerrols Ultimate Ball Games Club (Years 3-6), including tennis, rounders, cricket, capture the flag and dodgeball	Begins Wednesday 3 rd June Book now on MCAS!
Thursdays	Nerrols Athletics Club (Years 3-6)	Begins Thursday 4 th June Book now on MCAS!
Fridays	Nerrols Hit, Catch and Run Club (Years R-2), including mini-cricket, tennis and rounders	Begins Friday 24 th April Book now on MCAS!

Office Update

A reminder that the deadline to order a **Year 6 leaver Photo** or a **Class Photo** from Tempest is **Monday 25th May 2026**.

The **Vision Screening Team** will be visiting both Blossom Classes on Wednesday 10th 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** has now closed for orders and **will not** be unlocked again until **Monday 1st June**. If you have not ordered a meal for the first week then it is too late and you will need to provide a packed lunch for your child for the first week.

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

Friday 22 nd May	Ready, Steady, Read Challenge begins
Friday 22 nd May	Last day of Summer 1
Monday 25 th May	End of May Bank Holiday – Nursery closed
Wednesday 27 th – Friday 29 th May	Nerrols Holiday Club – Book now on MCAS!
Monday 1 st June	First day of Summer 2
Wednesday 3 rd June	Parent Carer Forum Coffee Morning (11:00am)
Friday 5 th June	Ready, Steady, Read Challenge finishes
Wednesday 10 th June	Vision Screening Team visits for Blossom Classes
Wednesday 24 th June	Early Years and Key Stage 1 Sports Day (10:00am, 3G Pitch)
Thursday 25 th June	Key Stage 2 Sports Day (10:00am, 3G Pitch)

Have a great half-term and I look forward to seeing you on Monday 1st June!



Matt Kerton
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