



Nerrols' Newsletter

26th June 2026

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

I hope this week's extreme temperatures have not caused too much disruption for you and your family and that you have managed to stay safe and keep cool. As you will know, we took the difficult decision earlier this week to close the School and Nursery for two days due to the extreme weather conditions and the rare Met Office Red Weather Warning. Decisions of this nature are never taken lightly, particularly given the impact they can have on children and their families. However, after carefully considering the available information and our ability to maintain a safe environment for all, we firmly believe it was the right decision and one that was made in the best interests of the children and staff in our care.

I would like to sincerely thank our families for the understanding, support and kindness shown throughout the week. As always, our school community has demonstrated its strength, and we are incredibly grateful for the trust and support you continue to show us.

From Monday (29th June) and until the end of the school year, we will be relaxing our uniform expectations slightly given the hotter weather. The children will no longer be expected to wear jumpers, cardigans or ties to school, and these should stay at home to prevent them getting lost. We encourage the children to wear our approved school shorts, summer dress or our school PE kit.

Please help us keep children safe in the heat by ensuring they arrive at school with sun cream already applied, bring a sun hat and a refillable water bottle each day.

All other uniform expectations apply, including our PE uniform expectations, and further details are also available on our website: [School Uniform - Nerrols Primary School](#)

Our Kindness Bucket Overflows Again!

We are absolutely delighted to share that our Whole School Kindness Bucket has overflowed for the second time this year! This incredible achievement is a reflection of the kindness, respect and care our children show every day. Our children continue to make our school a wonderful place to learn and belong, whether through helping a friend, including others in play, showing resilience, using kind words or demonstrating our school values!

We want to say a huge well done to every child who has contributed to filling the bucket! Every act of kindness, no matter how small, has helped us reach this milestone together! Thank you as well to our families for your continued support, and we now can't wait to reveal what our next Kindness Treat will be... watch this space!



School Councillors making Playtimes even better!

A huge well done to our fantastic School Councillors, who have been working incredibly hard to make playtimes even more enjoyable for everyone! Listening carefully to the ideas and interests of their classmates, they have shown great creativity and leadership by organising a range of exciting activities, including percussion sessions and arts and crafts opportunities!

We are so proud of the way our School Council members are helping to create a happy and engaging environment for all children! Thank you for your brilliant ideas!



Class Structure 2026-2027

We are pleased to be able to let parents and carers know our classing structure for next year in the table below.

Following a successful recruitment process last term, we are delighted to 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 earlier this year, 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.

Year Group	Class Name	Class Teacher(s)
Reception	Apple Blossom	Mrs Palmer
	Cherry Blossom	Miss Wood
Year 1	Almond Willow	Mrs Atterton
	White Willow	Miss Hudson
Year 2	Birch	Mrs Perry (Monday-Wednesday), Mrs Marriott (Thursday-Friday)
Year 3	Maple	Miss Smith
Year 4	Rowan	Miss Nelson
Year 5	Hazel	Mrs Mitton
Year 6	Oak	Miss Rapsey

On Wednesday 1st July, all the children will be spending a couple of hours with next year's teacher and Learning Support Assistant(s) to either continue their educational journey or to start to get to know each other before the summer holidays. We also invite parents and carers to join us on the playground after school on Wednesday for an informal opportunity to 'say hello' to your child's teacher ahead of next year.

All classes will also continue to be supported by our wonderful team of Learning Support Assistants. Miss Collins and Mr Templeton will teach classes for PE and Sport and other subjects once a week during teachers' planning, preparation and assessment (PPA) time.

Change of any kind can often bring a mixture of emotions, including excitement and worry, which is perfectly normal. We ask that, if necessary, parents and carers take the time to reassure their children about this upcoming change, which we will also be doing lots of in school.

Curriculum Update: PE and Sport – Sports Days!

Following the recent school closure due to the extreme weather conditions, we are pleased to confirm the rearranged dates for our Sports Days:

Early Years and Key Stage One Sports Day: Thursday 2nd July (9:30am)

Key Stage Two Sports Day: Friday 3rd July (9:30am)

Thank you for your understanding and support following the disruption caused by the unprecedented weather conditions. We know how much the children have been looking forward to these events and are excited to celebrate their participation, teamwork and sporting achievements with you all.

We're aiming to start both days at 9:30am and we anticipate that they'll last around a couple of hours. We look forward to seeing as many parents, carers, family members and friends in attendance as possible and hope for a happy and successful day for all of our children!

Staying Safe at Nerrols: Lockdown

As part of our ongoing commitment to our children's safety, I need to inform you that we will be conducting a lockdown drill at school within the next few weeks. This drill is aimed at trying to ensure that everyone knows what to do in the unlikely event of an emergency, which might include instances where there is a dangerous animal on the premises, in the event of extreme weather or a risk of poisonous fumes, or (unauthorised) personnel become a threat to the wellbeing of others, causing our children to be at risk. Whilst I understand that the idea of even a lockdown drill will be unsettling, please do feel reassured that it will be handled with much care and age-appropriate guidance.

I know that you will understand that I can't go into the specifics of our lockdown arrangements so that they aren't compromised, but they will involve keeping the children indoors for a period of time, rather than using our outdoor areas. The drill will be timed so that it causes as least disruption as possible to the children's learning whilst still providing a test of our procedures so that we can learn from for the future. This will all be explained to the children before the drill takes place, which will again be done in an age-appropriate and sensitive manner.

We hope that the lockdown procedure will never have to be used but need to ensure we are fully prepared for all situations as we aim to empower our staff and the children by giving them the tools to keep themselves as safe as possible.

School Uniform Grants

Did you know that the Taunton Heritage Trust offers small grants to help families who may be struggling with the cost of school uniforms, including jumpers, trousers and PE Kit? If you would like to find out more, please pop in and speak to us, call 01823 335348 or visit the Taunton Heritage Trust Website, which you can find here: [Sheltered Accommodation, Almshouse, Flats, Housing in Taunton Deane](#)

All applications are simple and confidential.



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 summer holidays! Our Holiday Club will be running on:

Summer holiday dates

Wednesday 29 th July	Wednesday 12 th August
Thursday 30 th July	Thursday 13 th August
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

Office Update

Please be aware that the **school meal ordering system** closes every Monday at midnight for orders for the following week. If you have not ordered a meal for your child, you will need 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

Friday 26 th June	School and Nursery closed to children
Wednesday 1 st July	Transition Afternoon for children in Years R-5 (see above)
Wednesday 1 st July	New Reception Teddy Bear's Picnic (2:00pm-3:00pm)
Thursday 2 nd July	New Date: Early Years and Key Stage 1 Sports Day (9:30am, 3G Pitch)
Friday 3 rd July	New Date: Key Stage 2 Sports Day (9:30am, 3G Pitch)
Friday 10 th July	End of Year Reports sent home to parents and carers
Friday 10 th July	FON Summer Fayre (3:15pm onwards)
Tuesday 14 th July	New Reception Stay and Play Session (2:00pm-3:00pm)
Thursday 16 th July	New Reception Stay and Play Session (2:00pm-3:00pm)

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

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Matt Kerton
Headteacher