



# Nerrols' Newsletter

12<sup>th</sup> June 2026

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

As we begin another new half-term, the next stage of our Kindness Project will be focusing on an important message to our children and wider community: **"Fill Your Own Bucket Too."** Over the past year, our children have shown incredible kindness towards others and our school environment, helping us to fill our Whole School Kindness Bucket for the very first time just after Christmas. Through thoughtful words, caring actions and a commitment to supporting one another, they have demonstrated what it means to be part of a kind and caring community. However, kindness is also about how we treat ourselves.

During our Assembly last week, we encouraged the children to think about the importance of self-kindness. This includes recognising their strengths, speaking to themselves positively, understanding that mistakes are part of learning, and taking care of their physical and emotional wellbeing. In a world where children can sometimes place high expectations on themselves, we want them to know that it is okay to find things difficult, to ask for help, and to celebrate progress rather than perfection. Just as we encourage children to fill the buckets of others through acts of kindness, we also want them to remember that their own bucket matters too!



This important message was also reflected in our Assembly this week on Sun Safety. As we discussed the importance of wearing sun cream, drinking plenty of water, seeking shade when we can and wearing a sun hat, we explored how these simple things are, in fact, important acts of self-kindness!

## Year 1 Multi-Skills Festival

Willow Class had a fantastic time last week at the Multi-Skills Festival at Blackbrook Sports Pavilion! Throughout the morning, the children took part in a variety of exciting activities designed to develop their agility, balance, coordination and teamwork.

They showed incredible enthusiasm, determination and resilience, giving every challenge their very best effort. We are so proud of the way they represented Nerrols Primary School, demonstrating excellent behaviour, encouraging one another and embracing every opportunity to learn new skills. A huge well done to all of our Year 1 children for their fantastic attitude and energy!



## Curriculum Update: PSHE

Throughout the year the children have been taking part in weekly 'Jigsaw PSHE' lessons (Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education). The lessons have developed children's emotional literacy, self-esteem and knowledge of who they are and how they relate to each other and the world in a positive and healthy way.

The 'Changing Me' theme is currently being taught and includes lessons to help children understand the changes puberty brings and how human reproduction happens. There is a serious safeguarding aspect to this work and our younger year groups are not looking at these issues directly and explicitly, but rather learning correct terminology for body parts and doing the foundation work for later year groups. In Years 5 and 6 the lessons look more fully at puberty and reproduction.

We hope you will be in agreement that this work is vitally important for children, that it needs to be done age-appropriately and that the Jigsaw Programme gives us a secure framework in which to do this. Parents and carers have the right to withdraw their children from the Sex and Relationships Education (SRE) provided at school except for those parts included in statutory National Curriculum for Science. Those parents and carers wishing to exercise this right are invited in to speak with their child's class teacher, who will explore any concerns and discuss any impact that withdrawal may have on the child.

Our PSHE and RSE curriculum, which sets out our plans and more information about what will be taught as part of this area of the children's learning, can be found on our website at [Nerrols-PSHE-and-RSE-Curriculum.pdf \(nerrolsprimary.co.uk\)](https://nerrolsprimary.co.uk/Nerrols-PSHE-and-RSE-Curriculum.pdf)

## Curriculum Update: PE and Sport – Sports Days!

As part of their learning in Physical Education (PE), the children have been busy practising for our upcoming Sports Days! 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 2 Sports Day on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June**.

Nerrols' Sports Days aim to provide a balance between whole school inclusive participation and competition. We want these events to give all the children at Nerrols the opportunity to participate to earn points for their House and develop their physical literacy skills in a range of running, jumping and throwing activities.

The children will be grouped in Houses (with their siblings where possible) and will rotate around eight activity stations. Our children in the Early Years and Key Stage 1 will be led around the stations by our Year 5 and 6 Leaders. The children will score points for their Houses which will lead to an overall winner to be announced in a future Celebration Assembly. We will be praising and celebrating our children for their effort, participation and engaging in team competition. Each child will receive a sticker for their efforts during this part of the Sports Day.

After the rotation of activities, the children will take part in sprint races and relays across each year group. The children will be ability-streamed for the individual races to allow the correct level of competition to take place, and we will be awarding 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place stickers for the children who finish in these places. Whilst we won't force children to participate in these races, we will strongly encourage them to do so. We believe it is important for the children to learn that, in competition, not everyone can win all the time, but they can still enjoy close competition and achieve their best!

We're aiming to start both days at 10:00am, 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.

## Staying Safe at Nerrols: Parking

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.



To help best ensure that we do keep everyone in our community as safe as possible, I would also 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.

## 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	<a href="http://FizzPopScience.co.uk/afterschoolbooking/">FizzPopScience.co.uk/afterschoolbooking/</a>
Wednesdays	Nerrols Ultimate Ball Games Club (Years 3-6), including tennis, rounders, cricket, capture the flag and dodgeball	Book now on MCAS!
Thursdays	Nerrols Athletics Club (Years 3-6)	Book now on MCAS!
Fridays	Nerrols Hit, Catch and Run Club (Years R-2), including mini-cricket, tennis and rounders	Book now on MCAS!

## 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

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May

### Summer holiday dates

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> July

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> July

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> August

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> August

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> August

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> August

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> August

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> August

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> August

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> August

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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

Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	New Reception Stay and Play Session (2:00pm-3:00pm)
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	New Reception Stay and Play Session (2:00pm-3:00pm)
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	New Reception Stay and Play Session (2:00pm-3:00pm)
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!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Kerton'.

Matt Kerton  
Headteacher



**Could you help one of our primary schools thrive? Become a community governor.**

We're looking for volunteers to join our Local Governing Bodies and help shape the future of our primary schools. Governors work as a team with the Headteacher to set the vision, provide both support and constructive challenge, and help ensure every child gets the best possible start in life.

What does it involve?

- Around 4-6 meetings a year, plus time to read papers and occasional school visits
- A strategic role (not day-to-day management)
- Full training and induction provided – no prior experience needed

Who are we looking for?

- People who care about our community and children's education
- Good listeners who can ask thoughtful questions
- We welcome volunteers from all backgrounds, including younger adults and those new to governance

Interested? Please email Clerk to Governors, Hannah Clunie via [haclunie@huish.education](mailto:haclunie@huish.education) for more information. If you're unsure, come along to a meeting as an observer first and see what it's like.

We look forward to hearing from people who are enthusiastic about supporting our schools and helping all pupils achieve their full potential.

Primary School's with governor vacancies:

North Town Primary School  
West Buckland Primary School  
North Curry Primary School  
Nerrols Primary School









# ...RESPECT THE WATERS

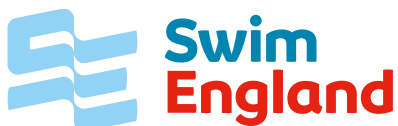
If you got into trouble in the water, would you know what to do?

What about if it was someone you care about in danger?

Find out how to keep you and your loved ones safe with advice from the RLSS and Everyone Active.

## STAYING SAFE AT THE BEACH

-  **RED AND YELLOW FLAGS** will show the safe places to swim, body board and use inflatables on the beach. You will often see a lifeguard positioned between the red and yellow flags.
-  **RED FLAG** is the sign for danger and means **NO SWIMMING**. Never go in the water when the red flag is flying, under any circumstances. Possible reasons may be fog, large waves or pollution.
-  **BLACK/WHITE FLAG** for hard surf craft including surfboards, kayaks, canoes and other craft without engines. Never swim or body board in this area.
-  **ORANGE WINDSOCKS** indicate offshore winds blowing out to sea or strong wind conditions – never use an inflatable when the sock is flying.



# LISTEN TO YOUR HELPFUL LIFEGUARD

Lifeguards are there to help you to stay safe by seeing the dangers, preventing accidents before they happen and responding instantly. They wear a red and yellow uniform, sometimes in black wetsuits, with Lifeguard clearly marked on the back.

## Where to find your helpful lifeguard

- At the Beach Lifeguard Unit – a white hut at the beach with an RNLI flag
- They patrol along the shoreline and between the red and yellow flags
- On larger beaches they may be on the sand in a white or red truck
- Wardens operate, patrol and rescue services at large inland lakes



# ALWAYS FOLLOW THE WATER SAFETY CODE

Whenever you are in, on and around water:



## LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR SWIMMING LESSONS.



# FLOAT TO LIVE

**If You Get into Trouble in the Water — Float to Live.**  
No matter how you entered the water, if you feel yourself struggling, Float to Live.



## 1 Tilt your head back

Let your ears submerge and allow your face to stay clear of the water.



## 2 Relax

Slow, steady breathing will help your body float more naturally.



## 3 Gently move your arms and legs

Use small movements only if needed to help you stay afloat.



## 4 Don't worry if your legs sink

Everyone floats differently — this is normal.



## 5 Find your float

Practise floating in a safe, supervised environment so it feels familiar when you need it.



## HELP US PROMOTE WATER SAFETY

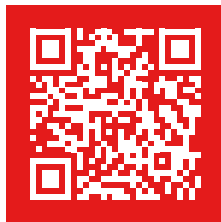
Help us spread the word about the importance of staying safe in the water by creating an engaging poster.

Share your finished post with us on Facebook by using the hashtag **#EASafeSwimming**.

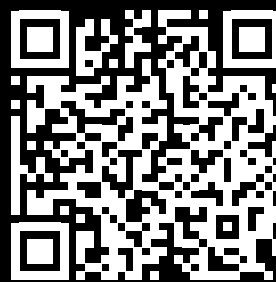
Make your poster really stand out by using bold colours, punchy words and different materials.

Keep an eye on our Facebook page as we'll reshare as many as we can!

Scan the code to find our page.



**LEARN TO SWIM**  
WITH  
everyone ACTIVE



**SCAN ME FOR AVAILABILITY**



or visit [joinonline.everyoneactive.com/lessons](https://joinonline.everyoneactive.com/lessons)

# HELPING TO KEEP **EVERYONE** SAFE IN THE WATER



## LEARN TO SWIM WITH AWARD-WINNING LESSONS FROM THE UK'S LEADING PROVIDER

We all love to swim! Not only does being able to swim allow you to enjoy your time a little bit more on holiday, but the most important reason is that swimming is the only sport which can save you or your child's life.

### Why learn to swim with us?

- All Lessons are lifeguarded
- Free public swimming all year round
- Learn from four months old
- Adult lessons available
- Available up to seven days a week
- All teachers are Swim England or equivalent qualified
- Pay monthly by Direct Debit
- Follow your child's progress on our interactive Sport Passport

**DROWNING IS STILL  
ONE OF THE MOST  
COMMON CAUSES  
OF ACCIDENTAL DEATH  
IN CHILDREN, SO  
BEING ABLE TO SWIM  
IS AN ESSENTIAL  
LIFE-SAVING SKILL.**

For details of your nearest centre, visit  
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