



Nerrols' Newsletter

10th July 2026

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Welcome to the latest edition of our Nerrols' Newsletter!

I am absolutely delighted to share that our Whole School Kindness Bucket has overflowed for the second time this year! This is a fantastic achievement and a wonderful reflection of the kindness, respect and care that our children continue to show themselves, one another and our school every single day.

As promised, another overflowing bucket means another Whole School Kindness Treat!

We are excited to announce that **on Monday 20th July we will be holding our very first KindnessFest at Nerrols** – a day full of musical activities and a music festival celebrating the incredible kindness shown by our children.



Throughout the afternoon, our school grounds will be transformed into a festival, where children will have the opportunity to enjoy music, dancing, creative activities, picnic treats and plenty of opportunities to perform should they wish. It will be a relaxed, fun-filled afternoon designed to celebrate our school community and the wonderful values our children demonstrate every day. Children are welcome to come to school wearing festival-inspired clothing for the day. This might include bright colours, colourful accessories, festival hats, flower garlands, sunglasses or anything else that captures the spirit of a summer music festival, but please do not feel as though you need to spend large amounts of money. We simply ask that clothing remains suitable for a day of learning, playing and enjoying activities outdoors. As always, sensible footwear should be worn.

As this event will take place outside, please also ensure your child comes to school with a named water bottle, has sun cream applied before arriving, and brings a named sun hat.

Our Kindness Project has become such an important part of life at Nerrols. Watching our children choose kindness, celebrate one another and work together towards shared goals has been very special. KindnessFest is another opportunity to recognise and reward those collective efforts, while creating memories that we hope our children will treasure for years to come!

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We cannot wait to celebrate another incredible kindness milestone together!

Staff Update

I share the sad news that Rebecca, who works as part of our Administration Team in our School Office, will be leaving us today for a new challenge working with older children. I am sure you will join me in thanking Rebecca for the contributions and support she has given to the staff, children and families of Nerrols over the past few months and in wishing her the very best of luck for the future! Thanks for everything, Rebecca.

Curriculum Update: Sports Days!

A huge congratulations to all our amazing athletes, who showed incredible enthusiasm, determination and speed at our Sports Days last week! We are so proud of every single one of you!

A heartfelt thank you also goes to our wonderful staff for organising such a brilliant event, our fantastic Year 5 & 6 Sports Leaders and parent volunteers for scoring the activities, and to all of our parents and families who rearranged their busy schedules following last week's postponement due to the hot weather. Your flexibility and support are so greatly appreciated.

Finally, a huge thank you to our amazing Friends of Nerrols Team for serving refreshments and making sure every child finished the morning with a well-earned ice pole, which was such a lovely way to end a wonderful event!

Well done, everyone!



Nerrols Sponsored Read 2026!

Well done to all the children in our school and nursery who participated in our Ready, Steady, Read (or Listen) sponsored reading challenge! It was amazing to hear all the children to talk so positively about the additional reading they completed over this two-week period. During this time, the children managed to read for over 10,000 minutes!

- ✓ 10,000 minutes = 166 hours of reading!
- ✓ That's around 1.5 million words read!
- ✓ Nearly 7 whole days spent enjoying books!
- ✓ An amazing achievement by our readers!

We also want to express huge gratitude and thanks to our Nerrols Community for supporting our children. Thanks to your generous donations, we can buy even more books for our libraries to provide a greater variety of reading resources for all our children to enjoy!



Curriculum Update: Reports and test papers

Hopefully, parents and carers should have begun to receive their child's End of Year School report, which details their areas of success and achievement over the last academic year, and I hope you enjoy celebrating these together! This year, we have taken the decision to send the Reports home electronically as we continue to be mindful of the environmental impact of our activities and actively seek more sustainable solutions. I am sure you will appreciate that sending over 220 Reports home, even electronically, still takes time but if you have not received your child's Report by Monday 13th July please do get in touch. There will be an opportunity for parents and carers to discuss their child's Report with their child's class teacher, should they wish to do so, straight after school on Wednesday 15th July.

For children in Year 6 and following our communication to you last week about a delay to this year's Key Stage 2 (KS2) test results which affects all schools nationally, parents and carers should expect to receive their child's End of Year School Report on Friday 17th July. This is so that we can accurately and concisely report your child's assessment outcomes to you as part of their Report.

Schools were due to receive the KS2 test results on Tuesday 7th July 2026. However, Pearson Education Limited, the provider responsible for administering, marking, and returning Key Stage 2 results to schools has informed the Department for Education of a delay affecting the national system used to make results available to schools. Given that the results will now be available on Thursday 16th July 2026, we feel as though sharing these with you as part of your child's Report on Friday 17th July is as soon as practically possible and is the next best thing.

I know this is frustrating, but it won't get in the way of celebrating everything our Year 6 children have achieved at the end of their primary school journey – please make sure you have seen our communication about all of the exciting events we have planned for our Y6 Leavers, including a fun swim and barbecue next week!

Your child should have also brought home some test papers that they completed in class during the summer term and as part of our everyday approach to teaching and learning. The main aims of the children completing these tests are to help us better understand how well they have understood what they have been taught and to help us best plan future learning to help them keep making progress. In the subjects of English reading, Mathematics, and English Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling, the children's scores from these test papers are converted in outcomes which you will find in their end of year Report. The children's outcomes in English writing are based on teacher assessments made from the work they have produced right across the curriculum and across the whole school year.

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.

Taunton Music Services at Nerrols!

There are still some spaces left for children attending Nerrols to learn to play the piano, keyboard Ukulele & guitar lessons, starting in September! The prices for these privately arranged sessions are detailed below:

15mins (individual): £8.50

20mins (individual): £11.50

30mins (individual): £17.00

20mins (shared): £9.00

If any parents or carers are interested in this provision for their child(ren), please contact Sharon Roulstone at Taunton Music Services directly on 07786 677826 to discuss options.

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

Library book amnesty

Please can we ask all parents, carers and children to check at home for any school library books that may have accidentally not yet been returned. Our children love using our School Library regularly and we always want to promote their enthusiasm for reading by providing them with a wide range of books to read. Any book that belongs to Nerrols should have a small sticker of our school logo on the inside front cover of the book. Please could all books that belong to the School and Nursery be returned by the end of the school year.

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 10 th July	End of Year Reports sent home to parents and carers (YR-5)
Friday 10 th July	FON Summer Fayre (3:15pm onwards)
Tuesday 14 th July	New Reception Stay and Play Session (2:00pm-3:00pm)
Wednesday 15 th July	Informal opportunity for parents and carers to discuss end of year Report with class teachers (from 3:15pm)
Thursday 16 th July	New Reception Stay and Play Session (2:00pm-3:00pm)
Friday 17 th July	End of Year Reports sent home to parents and carers (Y6)
Monday 20 th July	KindnessFest at Nerrols (see above for more details)
Wednesday 22 nd July	Last day of the school year
From Wednesday 30 th July and throughout August	Nerrols Holiday Club (see above for more details)
Tuesday 1 st September	INSET Day – School closed to children
Wednesday 2 nd September	INSET Day – School closed to children
Thursday 3 rd September	First day of the 2026-2027 school year Transition arrangements for new Reception-aged children begin

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



Matt Kerton
Headteacher