

# Sparsholt C of E Primary School



## Weekly Newsletter

11<sup>th</sup> July 2025

### Here's what's in the newsletter this week!

- ❖ Key Reminders
- ❖ Headteacher weekly update
- ❖ School Awards
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Year 6 enjoying their activity days at Sparsholt Agricultural College



Years 4 and 5 Countryside Day at Farleigh Wallop



A wonderful Summer Concert performed by pupils having guitar and ukulele lessons with Winchester Academy of Modern Music

### REMINDERS FOR W/C MONDAY 14<sup>th</sup> July 2025

- ✓ Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2025 – Non-uniform day in exchange for raffle prizes for FoSS
- ✓ Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2025 – Bring in costumes for the school production
- ✓ 1:15pm Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2025 – Whole school production afternoon performance
- ✓ 6pm Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2025 – Whole school production evening performance
  - FoSS packed tea (if purchased) from 5pm

Dear Parents and Carers,

I think it is safe to say, it has been another HOT one! Despite this however, the children have continued to show enthusiasm for all their endeavours.

Rehearsals for our whole-school summer production of "Robin Hood" are continuing with great gusto. The children having nearly mastered their lines, songs, and dances and are now honing their characterisation skills!! The children can't wait to perform for you in what I know will be an extravaganza of talent and fun.

On Tuesday, pupils who learn the ukulele and guitar with the Winchester Academy of Modern Music performed in their much-anticipated summer concert. Along with parents, Years 3, 4 and 5 were treated to the most wonderful experience. Our talented pupils from Years 1 to 6 performed a fantastic range of pieces. Their enthusiasm and progress were clear to see as was the courage in performing in front of a proper audience (some for the first time). Well done to all involved and thank you also to parents and carers for supporting our wonderful musicians.

On Thursday, Years 4 and 5 had a brilliant time at the Countryside Day at Farleigh Wallop. The children came back raving about all the wonderful things they had learned and experienced. This included: learning all about deer, pheasants and bees including what they do and what role they play; being taught how to plant trees and bushes and making nests. It is great that they got to enjoy hands-on learning experiences about rural life, wildlife, and farming.

With the current heatwave looking to continue next week, please can you ensure your children bring a water bottle, sun hat, and apply sunscreen before school each day. We are taking extra precautions to keep everyone cool and safe during this hot spell but do ask for your support especially with children bringing hats, **including the older ones!**

Earlier this week, you should have received a link to our Parent survey. We really value your feedback to help us improve our school for everyone, so please take a few minutes to complete it. It should take no more than 5 minutes (I promise!). Your views are vital in shaping our school improvement plans for the year ahead so we do ask for your support with this. The survey link is: [Parent Survey 2025](#)

Next week is a busy one with the performances of Robin Hood taking place on Wednesday afternoon and Thursday evening. As we know that the evening performance for some children can lead to later bedtimes than normal, we are happy for children to arrive later on Friday morning (anytime up to 10:00am) if this would help.

I have to say that as I write this it does seem a little strange that next week will be my final full week at Sparsholt. Whilst there will be sadness, I am determined to enjoy every last minute and take in the joy and enthusiasm that exudes from every one of the children here and celebrate the last 6 years of being able to work with such an amazingly supportive whole school community.

And on that note, I want to wish you all an amazing weekend and hope you have access to cold drinks and maybe even a paddling pool. We may have bought one supposedly for the dog, but secretly it's for me!

Kind regards,

Mrs Hanratty

## School Awards

### Core Christian Value Awards

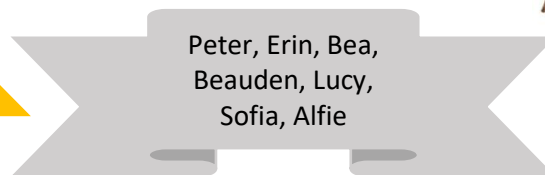
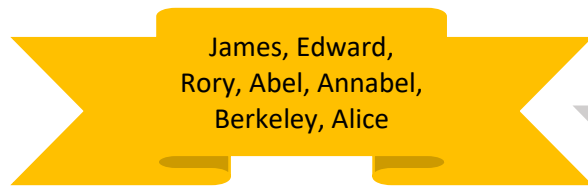
We were very proud to commend our Core Christian Value Award recipients in Celebration Worship today. Children from each class are nominated weekly for each of our Core Values: Courage, Compassion and Creativity.

	Courage	Compassion	Creativity
<b>Willow</b>	Ari	Beatrix	Evan
<b>Beech</b>	Peter	Erin	Max
<b>Maple</b>	Jemima	Skyla	Henri
<b>Rowan</b>	Mia	Scarlett	Pippa R
<b>Oak</b>	Hugh	Abel	Verity



### House Point "Rosette" Awards

Following on from last year's scolosaurus awards, this year the children who achieve the required number of house points (see below), will come home with a lovely rosette badge.



### Sparsholt Shooting Stars Sports Challenge

Some sporting achievements from home to highlight this week:

- \* Zachary – completed Stage 3 in swimming
- \* Harry – was awarded his 15m swimming badge



Well done to Berkeley for completing his third Shooting Stars Challenge booklet!

***Well done everyone! Please do keep sending your achievements into us!***



Date	Event	Location	Time	Parents Invited?	Notes
Wed 16th July 2025	Whole School Outdoor Production	School field	1:15pm	Yes	Weather dependent
Thurs 17th July 2025	Whole School Outdoor Production	School field	6:00pm	Yes	Weather dependent
Tues 22nd July 2025	Year 6 Leavers' Service	St. Stephen's Church	09:30am	Yes	For Year 6 children and parents only
Tues 22nd July 2025	Last day of the school year	School	3:30pm	n/a	Return to school on Fri 5th Sept 2025

## Important Notices

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### 1. After-school clubs – end dates for this term

**All school-run clubs (Rounders and Cricket) have now finished for the year.** Please check with external providers for all other clubs.

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### 2. INSET Days for Academic Year 2025 – 2026

The inset days for the 2025 – 2026 academic year are listed below. Please note that there will be one further inset day, but the date for this has not yet been confirmed:

- **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2025**
  - **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2025**
  - **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026**
  - **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2026**
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### 3. Parent Survey 2025

As you know we are always very keen to improve what we do to ensure that your children get the best education possible. Over the last few years, we have sent out an annual Parent Survey to which many of you have responded. Your responses were incredibly important to us and helped us to understand and celebrate the many successes of the year and also to help develop our School improvement Plan for this academic year.

To help us to understand your experiences in this academic year, we would be incredibly grateful if you could take some time to complete this year's short Parent Survey (please complete a separate form for each child you have attending Sparsholt C of E Primary School). You can access the survey by clicking on the link below.

[Parent Survey 2025](#)

We really would appreciate it if you could complete the survey as soon as possible and by **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July at the latest** – it should only take a few minutes to complete! I want to thank you for the amazing support you continue to show us.

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#### 4. Breakfast Club for 2025-2026

We are delighted to say that we will be continuing to run our extended provision Breakfast Club next academic year. This club will start on **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September**.

- The club operates Monday to Friday from 8:00am to 8:40am and will be available for Year R to Year 6 pupils.
- The cost per session is £4.75 and this includes breakfast which is a choice of cereals and juices.
- Children can be dropped off at any time between 8:00am and 8:40am but need to arrive by 8:20am to receive breakfast. The cost is the same regardless of arrival time.
- The Breakfast Club is operated and staffed by the school.

The bookings for Breakfast Club for next academic year are now on Arbor. Please see the separate e-mail for further information regarding booking your child onto Breakfast Club.

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#### 5. Costumes for the Whole School Production of Robin Hood

Please can we ask that all children bring their costumes into school on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2025, **in a named carrier bag**.

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#### 6. Non-uniform day in exchange for raffle prizes for FoSS – Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July

Children can come into school on Monday in non-uniform, in exchange for a raffle prize for FoSS. Please do just ensure that any footwear is suitable for the classroom and for breaktimes, **with no open-toed shoes**. Raffle prizes will be collected in the children's classrooms. Thank you for your support.

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#### 7. Summer Outdoor Production – Robin Hood

We are delighted to invite you to our Summer Production, Robin Hood – “Hoodwinked”, which is due to take place on **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July at 1:15pm and Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July at 6pm**. This year the performances will once again take place on the school field, weather permitting, and as we have plenty of space outside we do not need to limit numbers and issue tickets.

For both performances, please can we politely remind you to park considerately and not block other users in. If using Woodman Close / Bostock Close, please only use designated parking areas and do not block any private drives / access roads. If parking by the church, please ensure that both the public and school bus are able to get through / turn around. Finally, The Plough have very kindly allowed us to use their **bottom overflow car park only** (please do not use the main top car park) as an additional parking option.

For the afternoon performance, the field will be open at 1pm with the performance starting promptly at 1:15pm. FoSS will be selling refreshments and raffle tickets, so please do support! Please remember to bring your own picnic blankets / camping chairs to allow you to watch the performance in comfort. At the end of the performance, children will return to their classes to get changed, leaving their costumes in school for Thursday's show. We ask that you collect your children as normal at 3:30pm.

For the Thursday evening performance, the field will open at 5pm, and FoSS will be serving packed teas to those children who have pre-ordered them. We ask for all children to come back into school at 5:30pm to get into their costumes ready for the show to start promptly at 6pm. The expected (!!) finish time is around 8pm. Children will come back into school at the end of the performance to collect their belongings and then you can collect them as normal. As above, please bring picnic blankets / camping chairs and FoSS will again be serving refreshments and selling raffle tickets.

We understand that this performance might mean a later night than usual for some children, especially the younger ones, so on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July we will be allowing children to arrive slightly later at school if you wish. School will be open at the usual time and the bus will run as normal, but if you would prefer you can also bring your child into school anytime up until 10am. If children arrive after 10am, they will be registered as late.

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## 8. Uniform – Direct4Logos

The Romsey Shop will be closing on **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> July** and will re-open as usual at **09:30am on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July**. Apologies for any inconvenience.

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## General Information

