

Sparsholt C of E Primary School



Weekly Newsletter

23rd May 2025

Sparsholt Lacrosse Team heading to the Southern Regional Championships – good luck!

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

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Informative Rowan Class trip to Winchester Treasury, learning all about the Greeks!

REMINDERS FOR W/C MONDAY 2nd June 2025

- ✓ Monday 2nd June – Outdoor learning day for Willow and Rowan

Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't quite believe that we only have half a term left of this academic year. The children continue to be the light that continually reminds us why we as staff chose to be in this wonderful profession and is something I am going to find incredibly hard when I leave here at the end of this academic year.

This week has been another fantastic one full of learning, inspiration and fun. As part of our UNICEF Rights Respecting Schools initiative, we have been thinking about Article 24 which states: *All children have the right to the best healthcare possible, safe water to drink, nutritious food and a safe environment.* With this in mind, Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 have been celebrating biodiversity and through a variety of outdoor activities the children have learnt why biodiversity is essential for human health, wellbeing and food safety and security. The highlights were Mrs Ormerod's fascinating talk about her beekeeping and how keeping bees can support biodiversity. Another highlight was surveying the biodiversity in our school grounds to inspire art activities.

In addition, Rowan Class had the most wonderful experience visiting the Treasury at Winchester College as part of their Ancient Greek topic. They were given the opportunity to see and handle (wearing special white gloves of course) various precious artefacts from that period in history and learnt all about their significance. They handled precious ancient Greek coins and Greek pots and were shown how the images related to the stories of the Greek Gods. They also learnt about democracy!

KS1 have also "bee-n busy" with Willow Class celebrating National Bee Day by learning all about different bees, creating fact files and doing lots of different forms of 'Bee Art'. Beech have focused on all things growing and have been completing their 'Pea Diaries' with measurements of the growth they have seen each week. They have been monitoring their Bean plants which they have been growing in their 'indoor green houses' which have now been sent home to be planted outside!

As I write, Mrs Gwilliam is with our squad of Year 6 lacrosse players competing at the Southern Regional Championships at Surrey University. The squad were invited to compete as English Lacrosse had heard about our dedication and drive to embed this sport into our physical education curriculum. Mrs Gwilliam has reported that our team are playing with finesse, control and incredible teamwork and we will update you with how they did after half term.

Next half term we have lots of exciting experiences planned with outdoor learning sessions planned for both Willow and Rowan Class on the first day back after half term (Monday 2nd June), Sports Day taking place on Thursday 19th June and of course the whole school outdoor production to name but a few.

Finally, please do look out for an important letter from myself and the Chair of Governors about some updates around arrangements for the Autumn Term which will be coming out to you today.

I really hope you all have a wonderful half term break and I am already looking forward to welcoming the children back into school on Monday 2nd June 2025.

Kind regards,

Mrs Hanratty

School Awards

Core Christian Value Awards

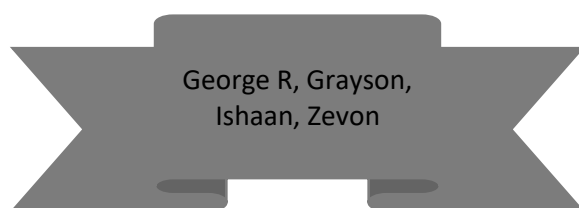
We were very proud to commend our Core Christian Value Award recipients in Celebration Worship today. Children from each class are nominated weekly for each of our Core Values: Courage, Compassion and Creativity.

	Courage	Compassion	Creativity
Willow	Liam	Leo	Sylvia
Beech	Maxi	Zachary	Alexander
Maple	Liv	Wilf	Allana
Rowan	Hemming	Edi	Scarlett
Oak	Zevon	Verity	Ishaan



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:

- * George – voted as “Coach’s Player of the Season” for his football team
- * Abel – beating his personal best time by 10 seconds in the 100m IM at a swimming competition last weekend
- * Jemma – achieved her 5m and Stage 1 swimming badges



Well done to Enid, Cora, Grace, Alice and Krish for completing their first Shooting Stars Challenge booklet!

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



Date	Event	Location	Time	Parents Invited?	Notes
Mon 2nd Jun 2025	First day of half-term	School	08:40am	n/a	
Mon 9th Jun – Fri 13th Jun 2025	Year 6 Residential	Calshot Activities Centre	n/a	n/a	For Year 6 only
Thurs 19th Jun 2025	Sports Day	School field	1:15pm	Yes	Weather dependent
Fri 20th Jun 2025	Diocese Leavers' Service	Winchester Cathedral	TBC	No	
Mon 30th Jun 2025	INSET Day	Home	All day	n/a	
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 Thurs 4th Sept 2025

Important Notices

1. Outdoor learning day for Willow and Rowan Classes – Monday 2nd June

We have the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust coming into school on Monday 2nd June to work with Willow Class and Rowan Class as part of the development of our outdoor learning provision. The children will be outside for lessons for a large part of the day, and so please can we ask that they come into school in suitable clothing for the weather:

- PE kit which MUST include long trousers (joggers or leggings)
 - PE hoodie or school jumper
 - Suitable footwear (trainers, wellies, walking boots) - if bringing wellies / walking boots, please bring into school in a separate bag
 - Waterproof coat
 - Sun hat depending on weather
 - Sun cream applied before school depending on weather
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2. Uniform – Direct4Logos

The Romsey Shop will be closing at **2pm on Friday 23rd May** and will re-open at **09:30am on Tuesday 27th May**. Apologies for any inconvenience

FoSS Update

Another great set by DJ-Dean on Wednesday night! Lots of fun had by all and thanks as always to those who volunteered! We hope to get DJ Dean back at the end of the year for a Christmas disco as he is such a hit! Profit raised from this event TBA in next newsletter.

If you are interested in joining the **5-aside football** in Crawley on **Tuesday evenings**, please contact Emmanuel on 07487 625267 who is organising this. See details below.

1) SUMMER TERM (SO FAR):

Event	When / Where	Details
5 Aside Football 	Every Tuesday of the summer term Crawley	If you're interested, please join the WhatsApp group (see link for this on Friends of Sparsholt School Announcements WhatsApp group).
Father's Day Bake Sale 	Friday 13 th June After school Outside the main entrance on The Green	Baked goods will be £1 each.
Sparsholt Summer Fete 	Saturday 21 st June Sparsholt Village	FoSS will be running another second-hand toy stall. Please keep hold of any good quality toys which are surplus to requirement.

General Information

Winchester City Council £1 football coaching sessions in partnership with ActiveMe360 are making a return this May half term.

We're running sessions for girls and boys in Stanmore, River Park, Colden Common and Whiteley from **27 to 30 May**, for just £1 a day.

The daily timetable:

- 9am – 10.15am: Stanmore, Somers Close
- 11am – 12.15pm: River Park, 3G pitches
- 1.30pm - 2.45pm: Colden Common, Recreation Ground
- 3.20pm – 4.05pm: Girls' session, Whiteley
- 4.15pm - 5pm: Boys' session, Whiteley

To book, head on over to [ActiveMe360's booking page](#).

If you would like further information or have any questions you can email the team at ActiveMe 360 at hello@activeme360.com