



INSET DAY –  
Monday 30<sup>th</sup>  
June

## Weekly Newsletter

27<sup>th</sup> June 2025

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

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Meeting the  
animals with  
ZooLab!



National lacrosse quarter-  
finalists – proudly sponsored  
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### REMINDERS FOR W/C MONDAY 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025

- ✓ Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025 – INSET day – school closed
- ✓ Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2025 – Whole School Outdoor Learning Day
- ✓ Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July & Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 Activity Days at Sparsholt College

Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't quite believe that we only have just over 3 weeks to go before the end of term! Yet again this has been another incredibly busy and exciting week here at Sparsholt with the children fully engaged in all that they have been doing.

The week started in a furore when the children finally found what this year's whole school summer production would be. They were thrilled when it was announced that it is 'Robin Hood – Hoodwinked!' Auditions have taken place, parts have been given and songs are being sung. I have no doubt that it will be, as always, an amazing spectacle of talent, enthusiasm and fun.



Many of our Year 6 pupils, with the exceptions of those going to Henry Beaufort who will be going next week, attended their transition sessions with their secondary schools this week helping them to prepare for this important next step. We're proud of how maturely they are approaching this change, and we know they will represent Sparsholt brilliantly in their new settings. We will of course continue to support them over the coming weeks to make sure they feel confident and ready for September.

We were delighted to welcome our new Reception starters and their parents into Willow Class on Tuesday for their first transition event. The children (and parents) enjoyed a range of activities both inside and outside, helping them to feel at home in their new environment. The enthusiasm of both the parents and the children made it a very special occasion and we are looking forward to welcoming them back again next week for the next session. Also on Tuesday, our Year 5 and 6 took part in a SCARF PSHE session focusing on decision making. The children engaged thoughtfully with the activities and discussions, learning valuable strategies for making positive choices both in and out of school which will stand them in good stead as they move on.

As you already know, we are very excited that 'abm Catering' will be our new school caterer from September. Behind the scenes, myself and Mrs Morey have spent the last 6 months going through a very detailed tendering process to find the right caterers for the school. This week, we met with their team to start the mobilisation process and are looking forward to working together with them to ensure the provision of healthy and delicious meals for the children. More information about menus and meal options will be sent home in due course.

Yesterday, Zoolab visited the school, delivering some amazing interactive sessions to each class. The children loved meeting the animals which included snakes, frogs, scorpions and cockroaches to name but a few. I have to say that there were definitely some very brave volunteers who got to hold some of these creatures! The children learned about all sorts of elements including their habitats and behaviours. Did you know that a cockroach has two brains one at each end of its body and can live without its head for over a week! This experience definitely inspired some curiosity and a love of science in our pupils.

As you know, our lacrosse team qualified for the National Pop Lacrosse finals up in Stoke on Trent which took place yesterday. I have to say a huge congratulations to the team, who reached the quarterfinals! Can you believe that this means they are one of the top 8 teams in the country!! This is a fantastic achievement and testament to their hard work and team spirit. Well done to everyone involved!

I very much hope you enjoyed today's Sports Day races which were a great success. The children showed fantastic sportsmanship and enthusiasm in all the races and I am sure you would agree tried their best in every event. Thank you to staff, parents, and our Sports Leaders for making the afternoon run so smoothly.

In regards to next week, please don't forget that school will be closed to the children on Monday as there is an INSET day for staff training. On Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July, every class will take part in some exciting Outdoor Learning sessions, including pond dipping and other nature-based activities so please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the day! As I have already mentioned, we also have further transition events for our new Year Rs which will no doubt be fantastic.

I very much hope you enjoy the long weekend ahead and thank you to all of you for your ongoing support.

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>	Leo	Beauden	Grayson
<b>Beech</b>	Willow	Tillie	Enid
<b>Maple</b>	Wilf	Allana	Liv
<b>Rowan</b>	Harrison	Emi	Diya
<b>Oak</b>		Yr 6 Sports Leaders	



### 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:

- \* Finbar – won his bike race in his age category
- \* Lori – has persevered with pogo stick bouncing and her record is now 126 bounces!
- \* Max – passed his trial to play for Eastleigh Football Academy and was awarded batter of the week for Sparsholt Cricket Team



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



Date	Event	Location	Time	Parents Invited?	Notes
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

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### 1. Whole School Outdoor Learning Day – Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2025

We are really pleased to be holding our annual whole school “Outdoor Learning Day” on Tuesday next week. We have lots of exciting activities for the children to take part in, including: pond-dipping; making a natural bird-feeder; outdoor yoga; scavenger hunts; art in the natural world.

**Please can all children come into school dressed in their PE kit with sun cream applied and with a sun hat and a water bottle. *All children must either wear or bring in a pair of long trousers (joggers / leggings) to wear whilst pond-dipping.***

As the forecast is for warm weather, for the rest of the day, children can wear PE shorts (non-branded) and their school PE T-shirt. As all the other activities are taking place on the school field, please do ensure that you check your children carefully for ticks when they come home. If you would prefer that they also wear a long-sleeved top, please feel free to send them into school with this too.

Of course, it goes without saying that we will monitor the weather and adapt the activities to suit the temperatures.

**Finally, please can all children bring in an apple or pear to build their own natural bird-feeder.**

We know it's going to be a great day!

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### 2. Year 6 Activity Days at Sparsholt College – Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July and Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2025

We are very pleased to have been given the opportunity by Sparsholt College to take part in two activity days. Activities will include climbing and a visit to their farm and zoo. Each day, the children will be leaving school around 11:00am and returning around 3pm. Sparsholt College are providing transport to and from the trip. **Please provide your child with a packed lunch and a named water bottle on both days.**

Both days, children should come to school in their PE kit and will need to bring with them a full change of clothing in a small, named bag. Please ensure you provide your child with a sunhat and apply sun cream if hot and send in with a light waterproof coat if rain is forecast.

In their named bag, please include;

- School PE hoodie / School jumper
  - School PE top
  - Tracksuit bottoms / leggings (non-branded, as per school PE uniform)
  - Trainers with grip
  - Please ensure hair is tied back
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### 3. Uniform – Direct4Logos

The Romsey Shop will be closing on **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June** and will re-open as usual at **09:30am on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June**. Apologies for any inconvenience

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### 4. Toast and Tea Summer Holiday Club

A message from Toast & Tea:

*Just a reminder that our summer holiday club bookings are now open!  
Spaces are filling up.*

*We are open from 8:30am until 5pm at the log cabin on stockbridge road. Our days are filled with lots of arts, crafts, baking and some special visitors. We also provide snacks and lunch!*

*We take children from age 4+, including those going into year R next year. It is a lovely opportunity for your little ones to get to know some of the grown-ups looking after them in September and help settle them in.*

*To book follow the link to our 'bookwhen' website and use the password- logcabin*

<https://bookwhen.com/toastandtea>

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## Governor Update



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27<sup>th</sup> June 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

On the 5<sup>th</sup> June I sent every parent and carer of a child at Sparsholt School a personal letter inviting you to become a parent Governor of the school.

Sadly, we did not receive any applications by the closing date.

We know you really care about the school. You question us about how the school is run and have conversations with us about how we are doing.

So now is your chance to become involved and see what it means to be on the Governing Body and be part of that formal process.

**Please reconsider our invitation and if you are interested then please request an application form from the school office on [adminoffice@sparsholt.hants.sch.uk](mailto:adminoffice@sparsholt.hants.sch.uk) or 01962 776264. Applications close on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2025.**

If you would like to discuss any aspects of the role before submitting an application please do contact me on either of the numbers below.

Kind regards,  
Caroline Horrill  
Chair of Governors

M: 07710 067620  
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## General Information



**OPEN EVENT**

**THE WESTGATE SCHOOL**  
Hampshire's First 4-18 'All Through' School

Invitation to parents  
Transition to The Westgate Secondary  
Questions & Answer sessions with the Deputy Headteacher.

Date: 10<sup>th</sup> July 2025  
Time: 3pm – Parents can attend from 3:15pm  
At: Sparsholt C of E Primary School

The Westgate School, Cheriton Road, Winchester, Hampshire, SO22 5AZ

WWW.Westgatehants.sch.uk | 01962 854757 | @westalthrough | contact@westgatehants.sch.uk



**Winchester Symphony Orchestra**

Conductor: *Daniel Hogan*  
Composers: Tony Lewis

*Programme:-*  
**John Williams**  
- E.T. - Adventures on Earth  
**Tchaikowsky**  
- Swan Lake – Scene 3  
**Khachaturian**  
- Adagio from Spartacus  
**Mussorgsky**  
- Pictures at an Exhibition  
**Smyth**  
- The Wreckers Overture  
**John Adams**  
- Short Ride in a Fast Machine  
**Marquez**  
- Danzon No.2

*Family Concert*

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2025 at 2.00 pm  
Thornden Hall, Winchester Road, Chandler's Ford SO53 2DW

Tickets: £10, Concessions £5, Student/Child £5, from:  
Thornden Hall or 023 8024 8355  
winchestersymphonyorchestra.org.uk

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**SPARSHOLT  
VILLAGE FÊTE**

**A Big  
Thankyou!**

To all the Children, Staff and Parents of  
Sparsholt C of E Primary School who  
helped or attended last Saturday.

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# Parent road safety newsletter

Transition road safety advice for parents and guardians of Year 5 & 6 pupils June 2025

Your child is either starting Secondary School soon or asking if they can start to travel to school more independently and you may have some concerns about the transition to this stage.

The Road Safety Team want to support you with the next stage where they are starting to make their first regular independent journeys.

Below and overleaf are some ways you can help them stay safer on their journey to and from school.

The graph above shows our child casualty statistics in Hampshire in 2023 when there were 213 casualties aged 0 - 15 years; this highlights the increase in casualties as children get older.

Young people are more at risk as they get older and begin to travel independently. With traffic being the biggest single cause of accidental death for 12-16 year olds, it is essential your child understands the risks on their peak time journeys to and from school - including what responsible choices they need to make to keep themselves and their friends safe.



## Plan & rehearse their route to school

If your child is currently in Year Five...have you considered giving them the opportunity to practice their familiar route to primary school or walking half way independently this term or in September?

If your child is currently in Year Six...your child will be making the transition to Secondary School soon. They may be taking their first independent journey to school - to a new location.

For both scenarios, the questions below are ones you may be considering and hopefully these suggestions will support you and your child with this transition.

- Have they used the route before?
- Have they crossed those roads, at peak time, before?
- Have they crossed any roads, at peak time?
- Do they know the route they will be taking?
- Will they be walking with friends?

All of these questions can be covered by completing the risk assessment activity above with your child. Practice the route with them, considering the risks and how they can be minimised. You could use one of their transition days to practice the route with them - when it is busy and at the time of day they will be making the journey.

If you would like a copy of this activity to do with your child, please email [road.safety@hants.gov.uk](mailto:road.safety@hants.gov.uk).

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ROAD SAFETY TEAM

## Maisie's story....

### Does your child always wear their cycle helmet?

On Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2016, Jane Godden received a call which every parent dreads; her daughter Maisie had been involved in a serious road traffic collision whilst cycling to school.

Do you worry that your child doesn't wear their cycle helmet on every journey? During recent workshops with Years 5 & 6, we have been shocked at how many students admit to not wearing one, and often give the following reasons:

- It doesn't fit
- It is uncomfortable
- It looks stupid
- My friends don't wear theirs
- They are uncool/not very fashionable

To encourage young people to make responsible choices, we need them to consider the consequences of not riding sensibly or not wearing a cycle helmet.

The Road Safety Team would strongly encourage you to watch this video with your child or children, they may have seen it in school but it would give you the opportunity to discuss the importance of making the right choices on their journeys.

Thankfully for her and her family, Maisie made the safer choice of wearing a helmet and is still here to share her story; Maisie wants as many people as possible to hear how wearing a helmet saved her life.



Please visit [Maisie's Story - What do you think - talking about the use of cycle helmets - YouTube](#) to encourage your child to make the responsible choice, like Maisie. It could save their life.

## Just the Journey map

The My Journey and Road Safety Team have worked together to produce a downloadable map and leaflet for secondary pupils in Hampshire.

The maps were developed to assist new Year 7 pupils as they adjust to their new, independent travel to secondary school. They allow pupils and parents to plan a safe route to their new school and destination, with highlighted footpaths, cycle routes, pedestrian crossings and parking available, away from the school. It also displays how long the journey will be from your starting point. Use this map to plan your child's safe route with them as well as discussing why the shortest route isn't always the safest. To view the map and leaflet, visit [Just the Journey Map](#).

### Hints and tips advice leaflet

On the second page, there are hints and tips for young people to help them make safer, more responsible decisions when travelling to school, whether walking, cycling or getting the bus.



**StreetSense**  
ROAD SAFETY TEAM

## don't leave your senses at the roadside

Make sure you are aware of what's going on around you while listening to music outdoors.

For more information, please visit [www.hants.gov.uk/roadsafety](http://www.hants.gov.uk/roadsafety)

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