

# Sparsholt C of E Primary School



## Weekly Newsletter

13<sup>th</sup> June 2025

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

- ❖ Key Reminders
- ❖ Headteacher weekly update
- ❖ School Awards
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Year 6 had an incredible week at Calshot for their residential!



Some striking artwork from our Year 5s this week

### REMINDERS FOR W/C MONDAY 16<sup>th</sup> June 2025

- ✓ Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June – Class photos for all pupils
- ✓ Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June – No keyboard / recorder music lessons with Mrs Leitzell this week
- ✓ Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June – Sports Festival starting at 1:15pm (races at 2:30pm)
- ✓ Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June – Year 6 Leavers' Service at Winchester Cathedral

Dear Parents and Carers,

Whilst this has been a rather quieter week with our Year 6s being away on their residential, it has still been a busy one.

Willow were very excited as their caterpillars arrived this week! They have been learning all about these amazing creatures and are eagerly awaiting their metamorphosis. They have also been busy planting broad beans and will be monitoring their growth over the coming weeks.

Beech have been focused on instructional writing and have used the work of the artist Eric Carl (who they have been studying) as their inspiration. The children have written some fantastic instructions on 'How to draw a flower in the style of Eric Carl' and have included additional images and pictures to add clarity for the reader.

Years 3, 4 and 5 have also been focusing on the work of particular artists. Years 3 & 4 have been recreating art in the style of Georgia O'Keeffe who often produced large (A2 size) abstract paintings of flowers. The children undertook some observational drawings and then turned these into abstract images in the same style. There really are some stunning pieces of art that have been created! The Year 5s have been looking at the work of the artist Wassily Kandinsky this week. They collaborated as a group and produced a really striking piece of art based on his famous drawing - 'Colour study: Squares and Concentric Circles'. We truly have amazing creatives in these year groups!

Whilst all that has been going on, our amazing Year 6s have had a wonderful week on their 5-day residential at Calshot Activity Centre. They have participated in a range of adventurous activities including: kayaking, sailing, skiing and climbing. The children rose to every challenge including the many opportunities to develop teamwork skills through problem solving and initiative challenges. As always, our children were praised by Calshot staff for the support and encouragement they gave each other and for their exemplary behaviour.

Next week is looking incredibly busy with class photos being taken on Monday; our annual Sports Festival taking place on Thursday and our Year 6s going to Winchester Cathedral on Friday for the Winchester Diocese 'Leavers' Service'. It is also the Sparsholt Village Fete on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> so please do come along if you can. Luckily, the weather forecast is looking very favourable for all of these events!

As it is class photos on Monday, please do remember to make sure that the children come into school in full school uniform including footwear.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend and the Year 6 parents enjoy having their adventurers back from residential!

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>	Evan	Gracey	Beatrix
<b>Beech</b>	Jemma	Jack	Phoebe
<b>Maple</b>	Henri	Olive	Camille
<b>Rowan</b>	Daisy R	Emi	Hannah
<b>Oak</b>	Rory	Megan	Bryony



### 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:

- \* Camille – started her first swimming session with Winchester City Young Advanced squad
- \* Abel – had a great swimming meet, achieving personal best times in every race and medals in all of his backstroke races
- \* Olive – performed her first ever solo at a dance competition, coming second



Well done to Joshua, Wilf and Rory 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
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. Safeguarding concern – parents please read

We have received the following information from the Hampshire Safeguarding Team regarding an online YouTube character called Jeffy. Please see below for some key information regarding this character, but also please look at the following link which provides further information for parents regarding the risks of children accessing this content and top tips around how to manage their online safety:

Here's what you need to know...

#### What is Jeffy?

- Jeffy is a puppet character featured in series of YouTube videos. The channel behind Jeffy has over five million subscribers and each video posted gains millions of views.
- The character of Jeffy has been criticised for portraying an offensive stereotype of someone with unspecified learning difficulties or disability. The creator has argued against this characterisation, saying Jeffy is meant to be funny and does not represent someone with a disability.
- Despite the video's child-friendly animation style, our online safety experts found videos portraying sexual content, nudity, violence, gore, profanity and more inappropriate themes.



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### [Our Safe Schools](#)

### 2. Class photos – Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June

Please can all children wear full school uniform including school cardigan / jumper and school shoes on Monday.

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### 3. Sports Festival

## Hooray for Sports Day 2025!

The Year 6 Sports Leaders will be running a fun, fantastic and fabulous **Sports Fest** and **Sports Day** races on **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June**.

We will run a series of inclusive **Sports Fest** challenges for the first half of the afternoon starting at 1:15pm followed by traditional races on our sports track starting at approximately 2:30pm.

Please could all children come into school wearing their PE kits with sun cream applied, and bring a water bottle and sun hat.



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### 4. Year 6 Leavers' Service at Winchester Cathedral – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June

We will be travelling by coach, leaving school at approximately **9:15am** and returning by **2:30pm**. Please provide your child with a packed lunch and a drink in a bag. The children should wear full school uniform including school cardigan / jumper and school shoes. Please provide your child with a waterproof coat if cool weather is forecast and if hot, a sunhat. Please apply sun cream before leaving home if required.

**Please note that Winchester Cathedral have informed us that parents are not able to come along to this service and will unfortunately be turned away if they turn up.**

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### 5. Uniform – Direct4Logos

The Romsey Shop will be closing on **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June** and will re-open as usual at **09:30am on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June**. Apologies for any inconvenience

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## FoSS Update

### Sparsholt Fete

FoSS will be collecting good quality second hand toys / cuddly toys etc for the village fete next Saturday 21<sup>st</sup>. If you have anything you would like to donate, please drop off at the office during the week in the lead up to the event.

We would also be grateful for a few more volunteers who could help with the running of the stall. If you could offer an hour of your time between 1-5PM it would be very much appreciated. Contact Melissa on 07563251490 if you can help. Thank you

#### 1) SUMMER TERM (SO FAR):

Event	When / Where	Details
<b>5 Aside Football</b> 	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).
<b>Sparsholt Summer Fete</b> 	Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> June  1-5pm  Sparsholt Village	FoSS will be running another second-hand toy stall. Please keep hold of any good quality toys which are surplus to requirement.  We will also be asking for willing volunteers to help man the stall over the afternoon.

## General Information

### Get Musical!



Join us for five days of musical theatre fun this summer!

Get Musical returns for its 6th year of musical theatre delight! Join us for a week of learning, rehearsing, and performing a medley of songs, this time celebrating the glitz and glamour of Golden Hollywood. This year promises to be spectacular, with our dedicated team already hard at work selecting incredible songs and crafting an amazing script. Don't miss out on a week of musical theatre fun! This year's event will be held at The Rose Theatre at Barton Peveril College, Eastleigh.

**Location:** The Rose Theatre, Barton Peveril College, Eastleigh

**Dates:** 11 to 15 August 2025

**Times:** 10am – 4.00pm finish each day (additional wraparound care available upon request)

**Suitable for:** Pupils currently in / just finishing their time in year 4 through year 13

**Cost:** £175 for the week (Compulsory to attend all days)

If you would like to come along, please sign up using the following link: [Get Musical! 2025 – Booking Form](#)



# SPARSHOLT VILLAGE FÊTE

**Sat 21st June 2025 1pm until 5pm**

## Featuring

**A special performance by the Sparsholt School Dancers at 2pm**

**Live music from The Lockerley Silverband, Ukulele Band,**

**The Dads of Sparsholt School & Margarita Sleepover...**

**Craft, Plant, Food and Drink stalls.**

**The Human Fruit Machine, Sparsholt College Petting Zoo,**

**The Grand Draw and many other stalls.**

**Closing with a parade of Classic Tractors, cars, bagpipes etc  
from the Centre of the village to The Plough Inn who are providing**

**Live Music accompanied with Street Food.**



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