

## Sparsholt C of E Primary School



Weekly Newsletter

20<sup>th</sup> December 2024



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

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As always, an incredible KS2 Kaleidoscope

REMINDERS FOR W/C MONDAY 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025

- ✓ Back to school on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025!
- ✓ No clubs running this week

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful end to what has been a wonderful term. This week has been packed full of so many amazing events that just show what fantastic children we have here and what a vibrant and inclusive whole school community we are. I want to thank you all for your unwavering support and the positivity you have shown, we really appreciate all you do.

This week has been full of the most phenomenal Christmas Cheer. For those of you lucky enough to see the KS2 Christmas Kaleidoscope on Monday, I am sure you will agree it was spectacular. The weaving together of both modern and traditional elements of Christmas and the Nativity was amazing. And, I am sure you would all agree, that seeing Ebenezer Scrooge reminds us all to try to live life to the full and be kind to others – something our children are excellent at. The children's performances were exceptional and not only put everyone in the Christmas spirit but were also very moving at times and demonstrated what talent and enthusiasm we have here.

On Wednesday, the amazing FoSS team put on two 'school discos': one for KS1 and one for KS2. The feedback from the children was so positive and you could tell they all had a fabulous time. I must admit even Mrs Gwilliam and I considered popping in for a little boogie!

Yesterday, we had our day of Christmas festivities with the children coming in to school in the morning in their Christmas Jumpers in aid of Save the Children. Your generosity has raised over £90 for this very worthwhile charity. At 10:00am the children all donned their Santa suits and took part in our Santa Fun Run in aid of Naomi House and Jacksplace. I have to say that seeing over 100 mini Santas running round the field was a real sight to behold! The children were excellent and supported each other throughout the event ensuring everyone had a wonderful time. I am so proud to



announce that we raised an absolutely staggering **£1249.00**. Please can I thank everyone who sponsored the children and thank you to all of you for the support. At midday the children went up to the hall and had a fabulous Christmas feast. It was so wonderful to see the mixed age tables, chatting and enjoying themselves together. In the afternoon, the children were treated to an amazing entertainer, thank you to FoSS, who dazzled and amazed the children with an array of magic tricks. They really did have a wonderful day as did we as staff and it was so fantastic that not only was it fun for the children but the fundraising elements will make such a difference to others.

Thank you to all of you who so kindly donated items for the Winchester Basics Bank. Mrs Gwilliam took all the donations there this afternoon and they were very gratefully received.

This morning we held our final Celebration Worship of the year and lit our Advent wreath. It was wonderful as our worship team read the Christmas Story told through poetry and the whole school enjoyed singing our favourite school Christmas songs.

I want to wish you all a wonderful Christmas break and hope you have time with family and friends to celebrate and relax with loved ones.



We are really looking forward to welcoming the children back into school on Monday 6th January for what I know will be a highly successful and engaging Spring Term.

Kind regards

Mrs Hanratty

## School Awards

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### 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.



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### Sparsholt Shooting Stars Sports Challenge

Some sporting achievements from home to highlight this week:

- \* Abel – competed in 3 races in a swimming gala on Sunday.
- \* Zachary – completed Stage 1 of his swimming lessons
- \* Livi – completed Stage 2 and a 5m badge in swimming
- \* Max – completed Stage 2 swimming badge and scored his first 2 goals for Winchester City
- \* Evie – moved up to Level 5 in her swimming lessons



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

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**Dates for your diary - 2024/25**

Term: Spring 1

Date	Event	Location	Time	Parents Invited?	Notes
Mon 6th Jan 2025	First day of term	School	08:40am	n/a	
Thurs 13th Feb 2025	Last day of half-term	School	3:30pm	n/a	INSET on Friday
Fri 14th Feb 2025	INSET Day	Home	All day	n/a	

## Important Notices

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### 1. Clubs – Spring Term 2025

Please note that there will be no clubs running w/c Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

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### 2. Clubs Timetable for Spring Term 2025

Please see the clubs timetable for Spring Term 2025 below. Please refer to the separate email sent out on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December for further information about how to book children on to clubs.

Day	After-School Clubs	Timings	Notes
Monday	Upbeat Pop & Rock (Years 1 – 6)	3:30pm – 4:30pm	Run by Upbeat Pop & Rock. Please book and pay directly at <a href="mailto:upbeatmusiccourses@gmail.com">upbeatmusiccourses@gmail.com</a> / 07816901936
Tuesday	Lacrosse (Years 3 – 6)	3:30pm – 4:30pm	Run by the school. Payable termly in advance. <b>£35 per full term.</b>
Wednesday	Fencing Club (Years 3 – 6)	3:30pm – 4:30pm	Please book and pay directly with Jon Mann – <a href="mailto:jdsportscoaching@gmail.com">jdsportscoaching@gmail.com</a> / 07554 442320
	Netball Club (Years 4 – 6)	3:30pm – 4:30pm	Run by the school. Payable termly in advance. <b>£35 per full term.</b>
	Junior Football Club (Years 1 – 3)	3:30pm – 4:30pm	Run by Southampton FC. Please book and pay directly at <a href="#">SFC Coaching</a>
Thursday	Artiology Club (Years 2 – 6)	3:30pm – 4:30pm	Run by Halli Ormerod. For further info, e-mail <a href="mailto:hallimarie@googlemail.com">hallimarie@googlemail.com</a>
	Senior Football Club (Years 4 – 6)	3:30pm – 4:30pm	Run by Southampton FC. Please book and pay directly at <a href="#">SFC coaching</a>
Friday	Integr8 Dance – Sparsholt Minis (Year R – 2)	3:30pm – 4:30pm	Please book and pay directly with Integr8Dance – <a href="mailto:info@integr8dance.com">info@integr8dance.com</a> / 01962 808398
	Integr8 Dance – Sparsholt Squad (Year 3 – 6)	4:30pm – 5:30pm Children cannot stay at school until 4:30pm.	Please book and pay directly with Integr8Dance – <a href="mailto:info@integr8dance.com">info@integr8dance.com</a> / 01962 808398

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### 3. Payment for keyboard, recorder and brass music tuition for Spring Term 2025

As per the school charging policy, music tuition for keyboard, recorder and brass must be paid for termly in advance, and commitment to music tuition is for a whole year. For those who are signed up for music tuition this year, payments for the Spring Term have now been added to your child's Arbor account, under "clubs". Please can I ask that payment is made as soon as possible and in advance of your child's first lesson next term. Thank you.

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#### 4. Payment for school meals for KS2

The school requires that school lunches (for KS2) are paid in advance, on a half-termly basis. The current price for a school lunch is £3.20. For administrative purposes, wherever possible, the school would prefer payment to be made online using the Arbor website or app. The school's charging policy is on the school website for reference. If you need support in setting up or using the online system, please ask the office. To help you calculate the correct payment for next half-term on Arbor, please see below:

Number meals taken per week	1	2	3	4	5
Cost for Spring 1 half-term	£19.20	£38.40	£57.60	£76.80	£92.80

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#### 5. PE Timetable for Spring Term – starting Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025

PE days for each class are as follows for the Spring Term 2025:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Willow					
Beech					
Maple					
Rowan					
Oak					

Children should wear their PE kits into school on the days they have PE. If children have a club after school on a day that is not their PE day, children should bring their kit in a small bag, and will be able to get changed at the end of the school day before the club.

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## FoSS Update

The FoSS School Disco was a huge success on Wednesday night and was well attended with over 70 children coming along to let their hair down. DJ Dean did a great job getting the kiddies (and parents!) dancing. A huge thank you to all the parents who helped out on the night- without you, we wouldn't be able to run these events. Amount raised TBA.

We can update you with the Christmas tree sales. This made a profit of £328.75

We are looking forward to organising more events for next term- if you have any ideas, please let your class reps know. We will be getting our heads together in the first week back in the new year to discuss these.

Have a great Christmas and see you in 2025!

## General Information

### Sparsholt Crib Service: 4pm on Christmas Eve

The annual Crib Service will be held in St. Stephen's Church, Sparsholt at 4 p.m. on Christmas Eve (Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December). Do come and join in with Christmas songs and stories, and the blessing of the Crib. Mums and Dads, Grannies and Grandpas, children of all ages are welcome at this short service to get you in the mood for Christmas!



# MERRY CHRISTMAS