

# Sparsholt C of E Primary School



## Weekly Newsletter

23<sup>rd</sup> July 2024

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

- ❖ Key Reminders
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I have been at Sparsholt for 9 years and it feels like such a privilege to have been part of this amazing school. I have loved seeing your children grow and feel proud to have been part of their Sparsholt journey. I just wanted to say a huge thank you for all of the kind messages I have received and for the beautiful flowers and the generous gift voucher (which I promise not to spend on bread and milk!!)

Thank you Sparsholt!

Love from Clare Rowe

When I joined Sparsholt five years ago, it was my first teaching position and I could not have wished for a better place to work. The support, friendliness and enthusiasm of the staff, children and parents has made my time here extremely enjoyable and I have felt at home since my first day. I will take away some fantastic memories and will miss the school incredibly.

Mr McGettigan

## WE WILL MISS YOU MRS ROWE AND MR MCGETTIGAN!

### REMINDERS FOR AUTUMN TERM 2024

- ✓ INSET DAYS – school closed – Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept and Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept
- ✓ Back to school – Wed 4<sup>th</sup> Sept









ALADDIN AND HIS MAGIC LAMP - JULY 2024  
WHAT AN INCREDIBLE PRODUCTION!

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fantastic end to a fantastic year! I am sure all of you who were able to attend the end of year performance of 'Aladdin and his magic lamp' will agree that it was sensational. The enthusiasm shown by every single child was just phenomenal with every one of them trying their absolute best in whatever role they had. I also have to say, I was blown away by the talent especially of our Year 6s whose character acting was excellent – I really wasn't joking when I said I was going to rename the school 'Sparsholt School of Performing Arts'!

There have been so many amazing highlights of this year from our KS1 Nativity and KS2 Christmas Kaleidoscope to our amazing OFSTED inspection report; our moving Easter presentation and our exceptional Musical May concert; and most recently our fantastic SATs results which can be found later on in the newsletter. But, the main highlight of the year for me is, as always, the children. Every child wants to be the best version of themselves. Our older children are inspirational role models and our younger children aspire to be like them. The children continue to amaze me with their enthusiasm for school, their desire to make a difference and the joy with which they approach everything.

Our Year 6 pupils have been phenomenal this year and have demonstrated courage, compassion and creativity in everything they have done. Their desire to make a difference from their courageous advocacy to their support of others should be commended. Having just attended the Year 6 Leavers service at St Stephen's, I can honestly say I am immensely proud of every single one of them. They have worked together as a group, helped and encouraged each other and worked as fantastic advocates for all that we as a school community are trying to do. Their next schools are incredibly lucky to be getting such compassionate, kind and proactive pupils and I have no doubt that they will all end up being leading lights in their new school communities.

For families who are leaving us, please remember you will always remain part of our community and thank you for all that you have done. We also need to say a final goodbye to both Mr McGettigan and Mrs Rowe. Mrs Rowe has touched so many lives here over the past 9 years and has supported so many children both in the class setting and in her role as ELSA. Her dedication to the school has been fantastic and her knowledge and skills will be very much missed. Mr McGettigan will also be missed due in part to the laughter and fun he has brought to the school. I still have a burning image of him dressed up as 'Sven – the king of fitness'! Mr McGettigan has done an amazing job teaching the children in his class and leading many a sporting event and also being a supportive and effective team member. We all wish them both the best in their new roles and have no doubt that they will continue to make a real difference in the lives of the children they work with.

I am still so proud to be part of such an amazing school community, where every single member from the children and staff, to parents and Governors, wants what is best for the whole community and is prepared to do what they can to make it happen. You as parents and carers continue to show amazing support for us and your children, which is why they are all exceptional and our school is such a special place

I really hope you all have a fantastic summer holiday and we look forward to welcoming you back on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

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>	Tillie	Maxi	Arthur
<b>Beech</b>	Max	Florrie	Edward
<b>Maple</b>	Aanika	Martha	Gus
<b>Rowan</b>	Renis	Madeleine	Edward
<b>Oak</b>	<i>All of our wonderful, amazing Year 6 children!</i>		



### House Point “Scolosaurus” Awards

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

Bronze “scolosaurus” awards are given out to children who have earned 100 house points.

Silver “scolosaurus” awards are given out to children who have earned 200 house points.

Gold “scolosaurus” awards are given out to children who have earned 300 house points.

This week we were delighted to present the following award:



**GOLD:** Max, Pippa R, Isaac, Abel, Berkeley, Olivia, Scout, Annabel, Jemima C, Inigo, Nancy, Camille, Edward K

**SILVER:** Jemima S, Olive, Phoebe, Niam, Ezra, Peter, Jonathan, Erin, Olivia

**BRONZE:** Jack, Tom, Maxi





## 2024 KS2 SATs Results: Headline figures - Sparsholt Church of England Primary School

75% of Sparsholt pupils reached the new expected standard in reading, writing and mathematics with 25% reaching the High Standard.

59.6% of pupils in Hampshire reached the new expected standard in reading, writing and mathematics with 8.2% reaching the High Standard.

60.9% of pupils nationally reached the new expected standard in reading, writing and mathematics with 8.0% reaching the High Standard.

Key Stage 2 Results	% achieving ARE+ (Age Related Expectation)	% achieving High Standard (Greater Depth)	% Hampshire Average ARE+	% Hampshire High Standard (Greater Depth)	% National Average ARE+	% National High Standard (Greater Depth)
Reading	85%	40%	74.4%	29.1%	74.5%	28.9%
Writing	90%	45%	71.9%	13.7%	72.2%	13.7%
Maths	75%	35%	72.2%	21.9%	73.1%	23.6%
GPS	75%	35%	70.1%	29.2%	71.8%	31.2%

### Progress from KS1 to KS2

Due to the cancellation of KS1 SATs in 2020 due to the Covid pandemic, there are no progress measures for this cohort

### Scaled Scores

Children receive a scaled score for each Key Stage 2 test. The scaled score runs from 80 to 120 with 100 as the expected standard. Sparsholt children achieved higher in all 3 subjects when compared to Hampshire and national figures.

Key Stage 2 Test result	Average Scaled Score		
	Sparsholt	Hampshire	National
Reading	106.5	105.3	105.3
Maths	105.4	104.0	104.3
GPS	107.8	104.7	105.1

## Dates for the Diary - Autumn Term 1 2024

Date	Event	Time	Parents invited	New event?
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept - Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sept	INSET DAYS	N/A	N/A	
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Children return to school	8:50am	N/A	

## Important Notices

### 1. Inset Days for next year

The inset days for the 2024 – 2025 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:

- Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024
- Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024
- Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2024
- Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2025

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## 2. Meal prices for next academic year – a message from Hampshire Education Catering service

The price of school meals will increase on **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024** by 20p to **£3.20** for all pupils and young people across Hampshire who purchase school meals through Hampshire County Council's Education Catering service.

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## 3. Club Timetable for next year (Autumn Term 2024)

Please see the clubs timetable for Autumn Term 2024 below. Please refer to the separate email sent out today (Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July) 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> / <a href="tel:07816901396">07816901396</a>
Tuesday	Lacrosse (Years 3 – 6)	3:30pm – 4:30pm	Run by the school. Payable termly in advance. <b>£35 per full term.</b>
	Mad Science (Years 1 – 6)	3:30pm – 4:30pm	Run by Mad Science. Please book and pay directly at <a href="http://Wessex.madscience.org">Wessex.madscience.org</a>
Wednesday	Fencing Club (Years 3 – 6)	3:30pm – 4:30pm	Please book and pay directly with Jon Mann – <a href="mailto:idsportscoaching@gmail.com">idsportscoaching@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="http://SFC.coaching">SFC coaching</a>
Thursday	Artiology Club (Years 1 – 3)	3:30pm – 4:30pm	Run by Halli Ormerod. <b>See below for more information.</b>
	Senior Football Club (Years 4 – 6)	3:30pm – 4:30pm	Run by Southampton FC. Please book and pay directly at <a href="http://SFC.coaching">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

# ARTiOLOGY club

After school art club on **Thursdays 3.30 - 4.30pm**  
For children in Years 1 - 3



*Children engage in fun and sustainable, art-based activities while learning about natural science and the world around them.*



**Examples of creative projects may include:**

- clay modelling
- collaging
- observational drawing
- charcoal/ pastel art
- craft activities
- printmaking
- recycled art
- sketchbook activities
- outdoor art
- painting using different media

Artiology Club is booked on a half termly basis at £8.00 per session. Payment is made by BACS to Halli Ormerod. This half term the club starts on Thursday 12th September and finishes on Thursday 24th October 2024 (7 sessions £56).

All materials are included. Please send in a small snack with your child if they would like one and advise about any allergies/ medical conditions as necessary.



Please email [hallimaris@googlemail.com](mailto:hallimaris@googlemail.com) if your child would like to join or drop this slip into the school office.

Name: .....

Class: .....

Email: .....



## 4. Breakfast Club for 2024-2025

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 **Wednesday 4<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 £4.50 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. Music Tuition for 2024-2025

For those who registered their child for either keyboard or recorder lessons with Mrs Leitzell next year, or for brass tuition with Hampshire Music Service, you should have received an email today confirming your child's place for music tuition for next academic year. If you have not received this, but believe your child was registered for music tuition, please contact the school office. If you have received this email, but do not want your child to have music tuition, please contact the school office as soon as possible. Payment for the Autumn Term is now on Arbor. Please remember that music lessons must be paid for termly in advance.

Winchester Academy of Modern Music (W.A.M.M.) will contact you directly over the summer if you have registered with them for guitar or ukulele lessons.

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Have a  
great  
summer!

## Other Information

### Information for parents from Hampshire regarding support over the Summer

With the Summer holiday is rapidly approaching, please let your families know about the support available to them.

[ChatHealth](#) - ChatHealth is a confidential text support service for parents, carers, families and young people in Hampshire manned by Southern Health health visitors and school nurses.

There are three ChatHealth services for:

- **Parents and carers of children under 5** - Southern Health health visitors have a wealth of experience working with mums and dads-to-be, babies, toddlers and young children. They are trained to support with a wide range of health and wellbeing issues including crying babies, infant feeding, starting baby on solid foods, sleep and behaviour problems. As well as giving advice, the team can signpost to appropriate services. Text **07520 615720**.
- **ChatHealth 5-19** - The school nurse team supports parents with questions relating to a wide range of health and wellbeing issues including **healthy lifestyles, toileting, behaviour, sleep, emotional wellbeing and health conditions**. As well as giving advice, the team can signpost to appropriate services and other support. Text **07507 332417**
- **Young People aged 11-19** - School nurses support young people with questions relating to a wide range of health and wellbeing issues including **self-harm, relationships, bullying, weight, anxiety, drugs, smoking, stress, body worries, alcohol and sexual health**. As well as giving advice, the team can signpost to appropriate services and other support. Text **07507 332160**.

**Opening times: 8.30am - 4.30pm Monday-Friday** (ChatHealth 0-5 is 9:00am-4:00pm) exc. bank holidays. Any text sent outside opening hours will receive an automated message with advice of where to get help if their question is urgent. Out-of-hours texts will be replied to within one working day. **For urgent medical enquires, please call 999 or 111.**

[Hampshire Healthier Together](#) - clear information on common illnesses, including advice on what serious 'red-flag' signs to look out for, where to seek help if required, what you should do to keep comfortable and how long symptoms are likely to last.

[Kooth](#) is a free online counselling and emotional wellbeing support service offered to young people aged 11 - 25 years (up to their 26<sup>th</sup> birthday) with a safe and secure means of accessing support with their emotional and mental health needs from a professional team of qualified counsellors.

By accessing Kooth young people can benefit from a **free, confidential, anonymous and safe** way to receive support online, **online counselling** from a professional team of BACP qualified counsellors is available via 1-1 chat sessions or messaging on a drop in basis or via booked sessions including **out of hours' availability** - counsellors are available from 12pm to 10pm on weekdays and 6pm to 10pm at weekends, every day of the year on a drop in basis.

No referral is required, young people can access the service directly and in complete confidence at [www.kooth.com](http://www.kooth.com).

[Smokefree Hampshire](#) - do you smoke and would like help to quit? Are you worried about family members who smoke or vape? Smokefree Hampshire is a free and confidential stop smoking service which offers 12 weeks of support with a specialist stop smoking adviser as well as free nicotine replacement products. Smokefree Hampshire is available to anyone over the age of 12 years and can give advice on vaping.

[Catch 22](#) - A specialist treatment service offering targeted, specialist and family support for children and young people in Hampshire who are affected by substance misuse. Referrals can be made on the Catch 22 website and young people can call the 24 hour helpline 24/7 help line **0800 599 9591**.

[Mental Wellbeing Hampshire](#) - is a partnership of organisations working to support good mental health and wellbeing in our communities.

[Hampshire Family Information and Services Hub \(FISH\)](#) - Find information about what is going on in your area, details on how to access services, organisations and activities in Hampshire, and the advice and support that is available.

[Hampshire Safeguarding Children's Partnership](#) provides practical advice and help on supporting your child and keeping your family safe.

[The Royal Life Saving Society \(RLSS UK\)](#) - 46% of drownings occur in the summer months and this rises to 75% amongst 13 – 17-year olds. The RLSS UK offers lots of advice and tips to stay safe in the water during the summer.

[The Solihull Approach](#) - These **free online courses** offer advice and practical tips to boost your confidence as a parent, help you navigate family life and strengthen your relationships. Whether you are a mum, dad, foster parent or grandparent, there is a course for you.

Developed by psychologists and professionals, they have been designed to help you understand your child's feelings, development and behaviour, as well as focus on your own feelings as you grow as a family. Click on the link to find out more information and how you can access these free courses.

### **Hampshire Guidance – Connect with Nature this Summer to Boost Your Mood!**

Did you know that spending time outdoors and connecting with nature is proven to be good for our mental, physical and social wellbeing? This summer why not take advantage of the beautiful outdoor spaces we have in Hampshire and discover the joy of connecting with nature?

Hampshire's new [Nature and Mental Wellbeing webpages](#) are packed with free inspiration to help you to reap the feel-good benefits of being outside.

[Sensory walking trails](#): Keep everyone engaged with a range of accessible sensory walking trails. Experience the magic of nature in different seasons and observe how the landscape transforms throughout the year.

[Nature Bingo](#): add a fun twist to a family walk with nature bingo to keep the little ones entertained!

Unleash your creativity: check out the [Trees for Wellbeing activities by Forestry England](#) to find lots of family-friendly creative ideas. From poems or pictures, to yoga poses and more there are plenty of ideas to engage your inner creative.

**We wish you a summer of happy nature exploration!**