

Sparsholt C of E Primary School



Weekly Newsletter

4th July 2025



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

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Pond dipping with the
Hampshire and Isle of Wight
Wildlife Trust in our
wonderful pond area



REMINDERS FOR W/C MONDAY 7th July 2025

- ✓ Tuesday 8th July 2025 – Winchester Academy of Modern Music summer concert
 - For children having guitar and ukulele lessons with WAMM
- ✓ Thursday 10th July 2025 – Countryside Trip for Years 4 and 5

Dear Parents and Carers,

Whilst I may sound very 'British' when I say this, thank goodness the temperatures have returned to some sort of semblance of normal!

As you know, Monday was an INSET day with all the staff in school. It is fair to say it was incredibly hot in the building but despite this, an awful lot of hard work went on. Our focus was around developing next year's curriculum and ensuring that the learning experiences for the children continue to be both engaging and motivating for all. It was a really productive day, with lots of exciting things planned.

Whilst we were working on the curriculum, we had people in working on updating the boys' toilets. We have now replaced the old urinal with an additional cubicle which will help improve the boys' toileting facilities.

On Tuesday, despite the heat foiling our original plan of having a whole day of outdoor learning, we were still able to have every class take part in a fantastic pond dipping session led by the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust. The children loved discovering the creatures living in our school pond and the Wildlife Trust said that it was absolutely teeming with life! Staff also received further training through these sessions so they can confidently lead engaging sessions independently in the future. Thank you to the Trust for their expertise and enthusiasm.

Our whole-school end-of-year production, 'Robin Hood - Hoodwinked', is really taking shape! This week, rehearsals have been in full swing, with children practising their acting, singing, and dancing. We are so proud of everyone's hard work and excitement and it promises to be a fantastic show!

Yesterday and today, Year 6 enjoyed an action-packed visit to Sparsholt Agricultural College. They had the chance to try climbing, explore the working farm, and learn about animal care at the on-site zoo. It was a brilliant opportunity for hands-on learning and team building and as always, their behaviours were exemplary.



Looking ahead to next week, it continues to be a busy one! The production rehearsals will of course be continuing for all classes as we get closer to showtime and I will no doubt get the joy of hearing some amazing singing wafting up the corridors. On Tuesday, the Winchester Academy of Modern Music will be holding a concert for the parents of children who have lessons with them which is a wonderful opportunity for our budding musicians to perform.

On Thursday, Years 4 & 5 will be heading out on their Countryside Day at Farleigh Wallop, where they will have all sorts of wonderful experiences including learning more about rural life and the environment.

Earlier today, you should have received an update around staffing for next year. I am sure you will want to wish all of the staff that are moving on good luck in their upcoming endeavours and will be extremely welcoming to our new members when they join the school in September. We are incredibly lucky to attract the talent that we do here.

Thank you again for your ongoing support. We hope you have a restful weekend and look forward to another great week ahead.

Kind regards,

Mrs Hanratty

School Awards

Core Christian Value Awards

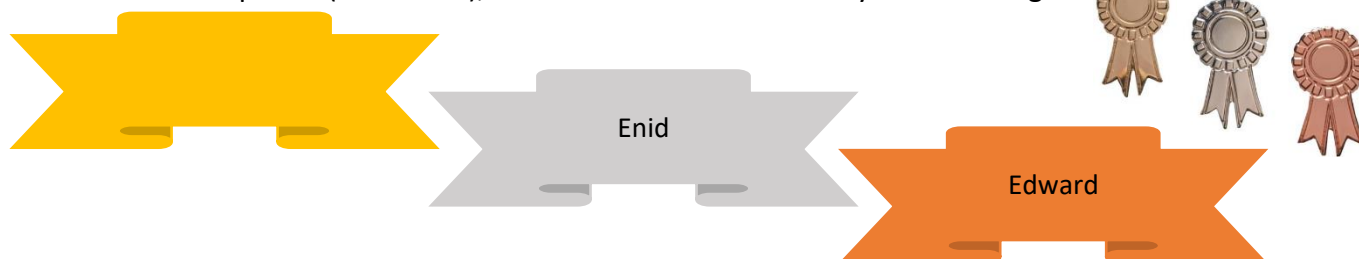
We were very proud to commend our Core Christian Value Award recipients in Celebration Worship today. Children from each class are nominated weekly for each of our Core Values: Courage, Compassion and Creativity.

	Courage	Compassion	Creativity
Willow	Sylvia	James	Monty
Beech	Edward	Finbar	Arthur
Maple	Harry	Reuben	Emilia
Rowan	Clara	Tom	Felix
Oak	Alexia	Seb	Berkeley / Finlay



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:

- * Hemming – completed a 40 mile walk from Meanhead to Combe Martin (first three stages of the southwest coast path) in 3 days!
- * Zevon – won the U12 singles championship at Littleton Tennis Club



Well done to Skyla for completing her first Shooting Stars Challenge booklet and to Cami for completing her second booklet!

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



Date	Event	Location	Time	Parents Invited?	Notes
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 Fri 5th Sept 2025

Important Notices

1. Countryside Day at Farleigh Wallop – Thursday 10th July 2025 – Years 4 and 5

We are delighted to have arranged for Years 4 and 5 to take part in a countryside learning day at Farleigh Wallop Estate. The children will take part in a carousel of activities related to the life and work at the estate. These activities include farming, forestry and woodland, conservation, bees and bee keeping, tractors and trailer rides.

We will be travelling by coach, leaving school promptly at 9am. We will be returning to school around 3pm. Please can all children wear their PE Kits, including Sparsholt PE hoodie / school jumper and trainers. Please ensure your child/ren is/are appropriately dressed and prepared for the weather, including bringing a sun hat and applying sun cream before the children arrive in school.

Please provide your child with a packed lunch, drinks bottle and snacks for the day.

2. The Westgate School Q&A with Year 5 pupils and parents

This event has been postponed. Further information to follow.

3. INSET Days for Academic Year 2025 – 2026

Please note that the first two INSET days for next academic year have been confirmed as **Wednesday 3rd September 2025** and **Thursday 4th September 2025**. This means that the first day back at school after the Summer Holidays for the children will be **Friday 5th September 2025**.

4. Costumes for the Whole School Production of Robin Hood

Over the coming days, children will be told about their costume requirements for the whole school production (some children / parents have already been informed). Please can we ask that all children bring their **named** costumes into school on Monday 14th July 2025, **in a named carrier bag**.

5. 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>



FoSS Update

A huge thank you again to everyone who donated to and helped-out at the Sparsholt summer fete the other week! The toy sale was a great success.

Nearly the end of term and we are just making a plea for **donations for our raffle** which will take place at the whole school summer production. We are looking for bottles, smellies etc anything raffle suitable. If you have anything going spare, please drop off at the office.

Thank you 😊

General Information



Understanding Autism: A Lived Experience Perspective

With guest speaker Ellie - Lived Experience Trainer | Autism & ADHD

Join Us For a **free** online session on: 1st July 12-1pm



What does it really mean to be autistic? In this honest and session we explore the lived experience,

🔍 This session will explore:

- What Autism looks like from the inside
- Misunderstood traits and common myths
- The emotional impact of a late diagnosis
- Practical insights and strategies that helped Ellie thrive
- How you, as a parent carer, can better understand and support your young person

To book onto this session please use our Ticket tailor link : <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/hpcn>





Executive Functioning & the Neurodivergent Brain For Parent Carers | With Guest Speaker Ellie – Lived Experience Trainer

Join Us For a **free** online session on: 18th July - 4pm

In this session, Ellie will:

- Break down what executive functioning really means in everyday life
- Share real-life challenges and strategies from her own journey,
- Offer compassionate insight into why it can be especially tough for neurodivergent young people,
- Provide a safe, non-judgmental space for parent carers to talk, ask questions, and feel understood.



To book onto this session please use our Ticket tailor link : <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/hpcn>





Understanding Self-Harm in Neurodivergent Individuals: A Presentation for Parent carers

With guest speaker Ellie - Lived Experience Trainer | Autism & ADHD

Join For a **free** online session on: 11th July 10am

'A Safe Space for Parents'



Ellie's Journey: Overcoming Mental Health Challenges

Ellie, who received her diagnosis of autism and ADHD in adulthood, will share her personal story of triumph over years of mental health struggles, including self-harm and hospitalization.

What this Session Will Cover:

- The prevalence of self-harm among neurodivergent individuals
- The emotional realities behind this behaviour—approached without judgment
- Emphasizing understanding and support rather than "fixing" or "curing"
- Creating a safe, welcoming space for parent caregivers to engage, listen, and feel a sense of community

To book onto this session please use our Ticket tailor link : <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/hpcn>





Mindfulness & Wellbeing Workshop for Parent Carers and Young People (16+) with Special Needs

Take a moment to pause, breathe, and reconnect in a gentle, inclusive mindfulness session designed especially for parent carers and young people aged 16+ with special educational needs or disabilities.

🌸 Led by a qualified Mental Health & Wellbeing Practitioner, this calming session will include:

- 🌟 Guided Breathwork to ease tension
- 🌱 Grounding Techniques to help you feel steady and supported
- 🌿 Spoken Visualization to relax the mind and encourage inner peace

Online sessions 7-8pm

- 3rd July - Breathwork and grounding tools
- 10th July - Mindfulness and Visualisation



Please book your **free** tickets here
<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/hpcn>

