

# Sparsholt C of E Primary School



## Weekly Newsletter

16<sup>th</sup> May 2025



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

- ❖ Key Reminders
- ❖ Headteacher weekly update
- ❖ School Awards
- ❖ Dates for your diary
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Annual Integr8  
dance-off!



Post-SATs Year  
6 ice-cream  
factory!

### REMINDERS FOR W/C MONDAY 19<sup>th</sup> May 2025

- ✓ Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May – Rowan Class Trip to Winchester Treasury
- ✓ Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May – Southern Regional Pop Lacrosse Championship, Surrey University
  - Selected Year 6 children
- ✓ Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May – Last day of half-term

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a whirlwind of a week, from KS2 SATS to the most amazing School Pop Lacrosse Tournament in the blink of an eye!

I have to say that the way our Year 6s approached this week's KS2 SATs exams has been truly inspirational. Every single one of them tried their absolute best and showed such determination and focus in every single paper. Their approach was mature, methodical and organised and they remained calm and motivated even when some elements were really tricky. And most importantly they were there for each other!

Whatever the outcomes, I am so proud of every single one of them not only for the effort they have put in this week but also because of what a difference they make to this school and their desire to have a positive effect for the school and wider community.

With the last SATs exam finishing on Thursday morning, and in recognition of all their hard work and effort, Year 6 were treated to the most wonderful luxury DIY ice cream parlour experience. There were multiple flavours of ice creams to choose from, and a large variety of toppings and sauces that could be added. The children were able to 'build' their own luxury cones (many went back for more) and very much enjoyed the whole experience. In the afternoon, the children switched their attention to the Pop Lacrosse Tournament and spent the time practising their cradling, scooping and 'Face Dodging'!

Last weekend, Intergr8 street dance crews took part in the annual 'dance-off' against other local school groups. Our teams' dance skills, coupled with their teamwork and incredible confidence, resulted in the Sparsholt 'minis' being crowned 'most inspiring' performance of the night and our Sparsholt Squad taking home the overall squad trophy! Well done everyone!

Today has been lacrosse, lacrosse, lacrosse for Years 4, 5 and 6. The children had a fabulous time taking part in our school Pop Lacrosse tournament for which we were able to use the amazing sports hall up at Sparsholt Agricultural College. The tournament consisted of a total of thirty six 12 minute long matches. All the teams competed in the initial rounds and, based on the results, were then put into the Medal, Trophy or Plate competition competing for first, second or third place. It was so fantastic for the children to be able to experience an 'elite' style tournament with a professional referee and a control desk whilst still having loads of fun!!

Next week we have some more amazing things going on with Rowan Class off to Winchester College to visit the Treasury and 8 of our Year 6s off to the Southern Regional Pop Lacrosse tournament at Surrey University. We do like to keep things busy!

I do hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards,

Mrs Hanratty

## School Awards

### Core Christian Value Awards

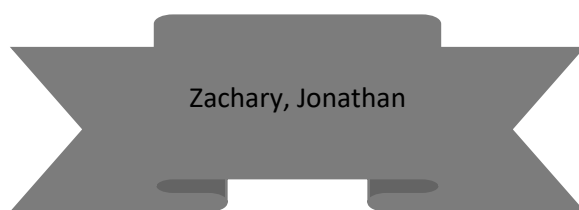
We were very proud to commend our Core Christian Value Award recipients in Celebration Worship today. Children from each class are nominated weekly for each of our Core Values: Courage, Compassion and Creativity.

	Courage	Compassion	Creativity
<b>Willow</b>	James	Evan	Louis
<b>Beech</b>	Ezra	Florrie	Peter
<b>Maple</b>	Olive	Harry	Reuben
<b>Rowan</b>	Lori	Sophia	Tom
<b>Oak</b>	Yr 6	Yr 6	Yr 6



### 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:

- \* Integr8 minis – competed in the annual dance-off at the weekend, many for the first time, showing both skill and courage dancing in front of a big audience, and being awarded the trophy for the "most inspiring".
- \* Integr8 squad – competed in the annual dance-off at the weekend after a tricky few weeks learning a new dance at the last minute, and winning the "overall winners" trophy.
- \* Finlay and Theo – took part in an end of season rugby festival in Brixham



Well done to Reuben, Theo and Henri 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
Fri 23rd May 2025	Last day of half-term	School	3:30pm	n/a	

## Important Notices

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### 1. Rowan Class Trip to Winchester College Treasury – Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May

We are delighted to have arranged a visit for Rowan Class to visit the Winchester College Treasury Museum. The children will take part in a workshop based on 'Life in Ancient Greece'. This will give the children a unique insight into the ancient world! Activities include object handling, a discovery trail, group discussion, and a creative task.

We will be travelling by coach, leaving school around 9am and spending the morning at Winchester College. Please can all children wear their school uniform and **please provide your child with a packed lunch.**

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### 2. New After-School Club Provision

We are so excited to be able to welcome **Toast & Tea** to our school community as our new caring and enriching after-school care provider, who will be running after-school club sessions from Monday through to Friday 3:30pm – 6:00pm.

Please see the e-mail sent out on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May for further information about how to register your child for this provision.

Please do consider supporting this new provider and using their outstanding service for your child!

For further information please either email Toast & Tea at [toastandteasps@gmail.com](mailto:toastandteasps@gmail.com) or take a look at their website at

<https://toastandtea.co.uk/sparsholt-primary-school/>



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### 3. Peripatetic Music Tuition for next academic year

As some of you may already be aware, Mrs Leitzell will be retiring at the end of this academic year. She has worked for the school in various capacities over many years and more recently has been our dedicated peripatetic music teacher providing excellent music tuition to many of our children.

Whilst we will be very sad to see her go, we are delighted to announce that Ben Goddard, Director of Winchester Academy of Modern Music (WAMM), will be providing even more of our music lessons next academic year. We believe WAMM offers excellent value for money, with more lessons delivered across the year. All payments and arrangements will be made directly through WAMM.

Music tuition through WAMM will be available (numbers permitting) for the following instruments:

- Guitar (Yr3+) £100 per term
- Keyboard (Yr2+) £100 per term
- Ukulele (Yr2+) £100 per term
- Violin (Yr2+) £100 per term
- Saxophone, Clarinet, Flute (Yr2+) £100 per term
- Drums (Yr3+) £100 per term
- Recorder (Yr2+) £95 per term (No online portal access at this time)

The tuition fee includes:

- Access to WAMM's online learning portal
- All necessary music books and resources
- Exciting performance opportunities
- Two detailed written progress reports (sent home in December and July)

Students will receive a guaranteed minimum of 36 lessons across the academic year.

Ben Goddard and his team currently teach and inspire over 200 young musicians each week. All WAMM tutors are both passionate educators and highly experienced performers. Ben explains:

"Our lessons are extremely exciting and super productive. Children want to learn and want to practise — they take great pride in playing an instrument. All the teachers at Winchester Academy of Modern Music are incredible musicians — we've played with the best, learnt from the best, and now we are bringing that experience directly to schools across the South of England!"

If you would like your child to start or continue music lessons, please email [admin@wamodernmusic.co.uk](mailto:admin@wamodernmusic.co.uk) to find out more and reserve a place. Lessons are extremely popular and spaces are limited, so we encourage you to get in touch early.





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## FoSS Update

If you are interested in joining the **5-aside football** in Crawley on **Tuesday evenings**, please contact Emmanuel on 07487 625267 who is organising this. See details below.

### 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>School Disco</b> 	Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May  Hall	DJ Dean will be returning with his turn tables and party spirit for another night of disco fun!  <b>Yr1-Yr3</b> 5-6PM  <b>Yr4-Yr6</b> 6:15-7:15PM  Please book tickets via link below <a href="https://www.pta-events.co.uk/sparsholt/index.cfm">https://www.pta-events.co.uk/sparsholt/index.cfm</a>  If you can help with either/both discos please let your class rep know – thank you!
<b>Father's Day Bake Sale</b> 	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> June  After school  Outside the main entrance on The Green	Baked goods will be £1 each.
<b>Sparsholt Summer Fete</b> 	Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> June  Sparsholt Village	FoSS will be running another second-hand toy stall. Please keep hold of any good quality toys which are surplus to requirement.

# General Information



## Fun Marble and Maze activities for May Half Term

Come along and enjoy some exciting marble and maze themed activities.  
 10.00 to 12.30 each  
**weekday 26<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> May.**  
 Fun trail available all week.



**25<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> May**  
**Model Making**

All ages are invited to learn how to make & paint plastic models at one of the free model making sessions with Models for Heroes.  
 10.00 to 15.00



**Dress like a soldier**    **29<sup>th</sup> May ~ 10.00 to 13.00**

How do soldiers blend with the environment in the desert or in the snow or jungle? Come along and have fun dressing up in our collection of camo clothes. It's a great photo opportunity to share with family and friends! ( for children and adults!)





**Em's Friendly Farm**  
**30<sup>th</sup> May**  
 Don't miss the chance to meet a variety of engaging farm animals from Em's friendly farm.  
 10.00 to 14.00



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## Osborne & Shepherds Down School Outreach Services

### Parent Workshop:




**Thursday 5th June 2025**

**10.00am – 2.00pm**

**Venue: Shepherds Down School, Compton, Winchester SO21 2AJ**

This workshop will provide you with an insight into autism and how it affects your child. Our aim is to provide you with a range of practical strategies to support your child in the home environment.

The course will cover:

- ❖ An introduction to autism and the areas of difference
- ❖ Positive behaviour management
- ❖ Communication

**Led By:**  
 Carson Elday  
 (Osborne School Outreach Service)  
 Laura Watts (Shepherds Down Outreach Service)



**Free of charge**

**Refreshments will be provided. Please bring your own packed lunch. To book a place please contact Osborne school office**  
**N.B. Places are limited, so book early to avoid disappointment.**

**Email**    admIn@osborne.hants.sch.uk

**Phone**    01962 854537

Parking – On site. Overflow parking if required at Compton Tennis Club SO21 2AB