

# Sparsholt C of E Primary School



## Weekly Newsletter

20<sup>th</sup> June 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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Sparsholt Sports  
Fest in full swing on  
Thursday morning!



### REMINDERS FOR W/C MONDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2025

- ✓ Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2025 – Zoolab visit in school
- ✓ Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2025 – National Pop Lacrosse Finals for selected Yr 6
- ✓ Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2025 – Sports Day races on the field starting at 2pm

Dear Parents and Carers,

Phew – what a scorcher! Whilst we knew it was going to be hot, I don't think we realised it was going to be quite this hot!

Whilst the temperatures have affected some of our plans this week, the children still had a lovely morning yesterday enjoying Sports Fest. The school field was buzzing with energy as all the children took part in the wonderful activities set up by our Year 6 Sports Leaders. The Year 6s did an amazing job of planning and delivering a fantastic event. They were such excellent instructors clearly explaining each event and supporting every child to take part. The leadership, encouragement, and creativity from Year 6 made the event a real highlight of the year and I want to say well done to everyone involved!

Unfortunately, as you know, due to the ongoing heatwave, we had to make the difficult decision to postpone the afternoon races. We know how much the children and you look forward to these events but as I am sure you would understand, the safety and wellbeing of the children always come first. You will be pleased to know however, that having looked at the current forecast for our new date of Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June at 2pm – the temperatures look perfect and are showing a cloudy 22°C.

With temperatures remaining high, we have been taking extra steps to keep everyone safe. Children have been spending more time indoors during the hottest parts of the day, with plenty of water breaks and shaded activities. Whilst next week is looking cooler, please do continue to send your child into school with a sunhat, a water bottle and sun cream applied. There were quite a high proportion of the older children who did not have hats with them including yesterday!

Today, our Year 6 pupils attended a very special Leavers' Service at Winchester Cathedral, celebrating their time at Sparsholt and looking ahead to new adventures. It was a moving and memorable occasion, and we are so proud of the maturity and spirit shown by our Year 6 class.

Next week we have another busy and exciting week planned. On Tuesday our new Year Rs and their families will be visiting for a fun-filled transition morning in Willow Class. They will have the opportunity to explore their new classroom and meet their cohort. We are looking forward to welcoming them all and helping our Reception starters feel at home. Our Year 6 pupils will also be attending their transition days at their new secondary schools and we wish them all the best as they take these important steps!

On Tuesday, our Year 5s and 6s have SCARF coming in the afternoon to deliver an amazing workshop on decision making. This will support them to make sensible choices especially for those moving up into secondary school. Then on Thursday we have Zoolab coming into school for the whole day. All classes will have the chance to meet some amazing creatures and learn about their habitats and adaptations in an interactive workshop.

Finally, I want to mention our incredibly talented Year 6 lacrosse team. On the Friday before half term, they took part in the Southern Regional Pop Lacrosse tournament and did exceptionally well! I am incredibly pleased to announce that they did so well that they qualified to take part in the National Finals which are taking place next Thursday up in Stoke! We are so proud of every single one of them and have no doubt that they will go out and do their absolute best in what will likely be a hard-fought competition.

As you know, tomorrow the Sparsholt Village Fete is taking place on the school field starting at 1pm. I know it will be a wonderful event with things for both you and the children to enjoy, so do go along and support this amazing event if you can.

Finally, I very much hope you all have a restful weekend and are able to find ways to keep cool in what is looking like another very hot few days.

Kind regards,

Mrs Hanratty

## School Awards

### Core Christian Value Awards

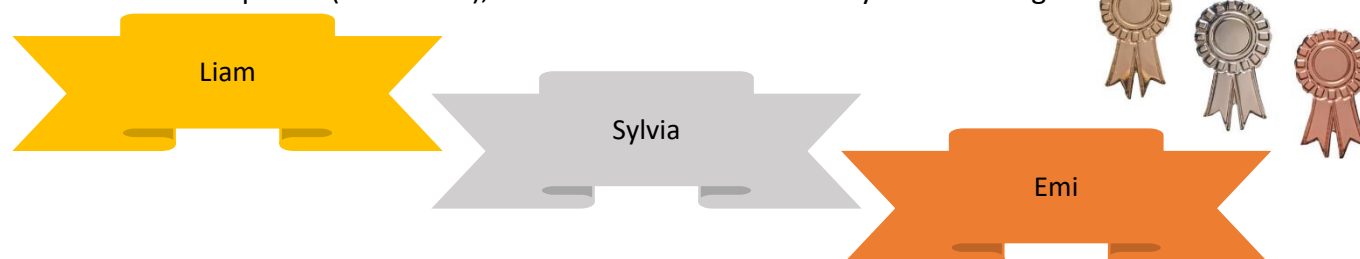
We were very proud to commend our Core Christian Value Award recipients in Celebration Worship today. Children from each class are nominated weekly for each of our Core Values: Courage, Compassion and Creativity.

	Courage	Compassion	Creativity
<b>Willow</b>	Monty	Afisemi	Grace
<b>Beech</b>	Evie	Alexander	Livi
<b>Maple</b>	Reuben	Henry	Jemima
<b>Rowan</b>	Evie	Gus	George
<b>Oak</b>	Berkeley	Elise	Zevon



### 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:

- \* Daisy – completed the Kings’ School Biathlon
- \* Henry R – won a football tournament, playing a year up as an U12
- \* Camille – completed her Stage 6 swimming lessons



Well done to Jemma, Phoebe, Arthur and Allana 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
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. Sports Day – 2pm on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2025

Following the unfortunate postponement of our Sports Day races this week, we will be running a selection of traditional races for parents to come and watch at **2pm on Friday 27th June (weather permitting)**. The amazing FoSS will also be on the field serving refreshments. We are very hopeful that you will be able to join us on the 27th June for what will be a fun event.

### 2. Sickness in School

We just wanted to make you aware that we have had a few cases of diarrhoea and vomiting in school over the last couple of weeks. All the children have been reminded about the importance of proper hand washing. Please can we ask that if your child does have sickness and/or diarrhoea, that you inform the school office and you keep your child off school for 48 hours after their last bout of sickness and/or diarrhoea.

### 3. Request from Hampshire County Council

Have you or your child had contact with a health visitor or school nurse in the last two years? Hampshire County Council want to hear from parents and carers of children aged 0–19 about your experiences with Hampshire's Public Health Nursing Service. Your feedback will help us make sure the service continues to meet the changing needs of families across the county.

The survey takes less than 10 minutes and is open until 1 July. Share your views here:  
<https://www.facebook.com/hantsconnect>. Thank you!

## FoSS Update

### **Sparsholt Fete**

If anyone has any toy donations for the fete tomorrow, please bring them along with you on the day and we will add them to the stall – thank you!

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#### 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.



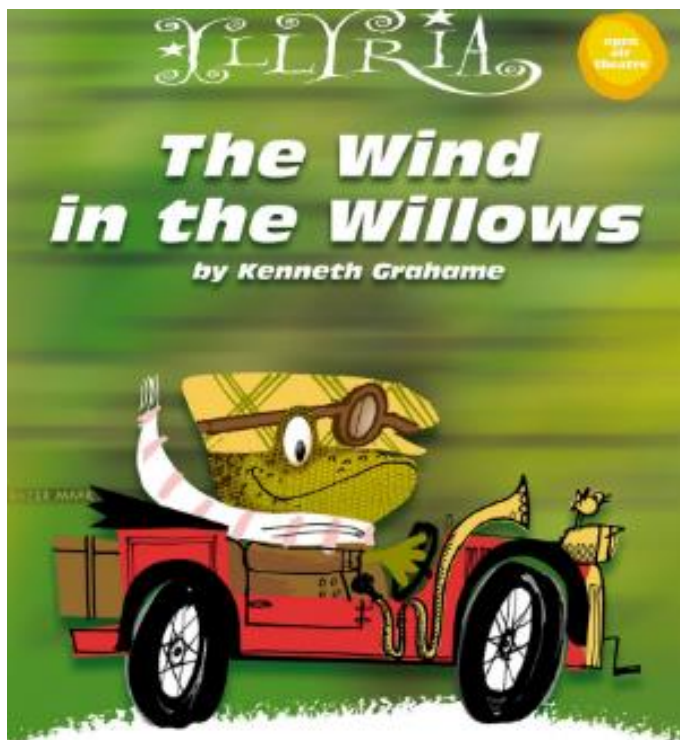
## General Information





**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.


 [sparsholt\\_village\\_fete\\_2025](https://www.instagram.com/sparsholt_village_fete_2025)




**ILLYRIA**  
**The Wind in the Willows**  
*by Kenneth Grahame*




**ST SWITHUN'S PREP SCHOOL, SO21 1HA**  
**Wednesday 2 July 2025 at 6.30pm**  
**Tickets: [illyria.co.uk](https://www.illyria.co.uk) | 0333 666 3366**  
Bring your own seating/rug & picnic.  
Gates open: 5.45pm. Running time approx. 1hr 40mins (inc 20min interval).



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