

Sparsholt C of E Primary School



FRIDAY 21 MARCH



Weekly Newsletter

21st March 2025

Thanks to your amazing generosity, we have raised an incredible £140 for Comic Relief!

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

- ❖ Key Reminders
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OH NO IT'S THE
BIG 40

Amazing result with our netball team getting 3rd place in a local schools netball tournament run by Kings' School.
Well done team!



REMINDERS FOR W/C MONDAY 24th March 2025

- ✓ Willow and Rowan Trip to Marwell Zoo – Tuesday 25th March
- ✓ Rowan Class climbing at Sparsholt College – Thursday 27th March
- ✓ Years 2 and 3 Egyptian history day – Thursday 27th March
- ✓ National Skipping Day – Friday 28th March – see important notices



COMIC RELIEF
RED NOSE DAY
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Let's go
RETRO



Dear Parents and Carers,

Oh my goodness – what a fantastic array of looks from so many decades in celebration of Comic Relief! It was so wonderful to see such amazing looks which all brought back memories of my younger years. I have to say popping on my bright pink leg warmers and teeny boppers did bring me back to the 80s, with the only thing missing being my 80s perm!

This afternoon, our Year 6 Sports Leaders did the most amazing job of putting on the 'Let's Go, It's The Big 40' Festival celebrating 40 years of Comic relief from 1985 to 2025. The children organised fun events including the '40 brick Jenga and Duplo challenge' and various "Score 40" physical skill activity stations. The 'tunes' that were being blasted out of the speaker whilst the activities took place did produce some interesting dancing styles particularly from some of the staff who were transported back to their 'clubbing' days with myself and Mrs Gwilliam being most inspired when 'What a feeling' from Flash Dance came on. As a school we managed to raise over £140.00 for Comic Relief which I know will go on to support so many fantastic charity organisations which make such a difference in people's lives.

This week has seen more focus in providing opportunities for the children to get outside for outdoor learning sessions and partake in physical activities. On Monday, the students from Sparsholt Agricultural College came back in to finish clearing the pond itself of the aquatic vegetation that had started to overtake it. That work has now been completed and we are so excited that the children will soon be able to undertake pond dipping from the new decking area. The college have asked if they can continue to bring their students down to undertake some more 'works' in the pond area which will continue to enhance what is there.

Yesterday, our amazing netball team were at it again. They played in a 12-school netball tournament run by Kings' School and came home triumphant as third place winners. This is a fantastic achievement and continues to demonstrate the children's competitive drive to succeed, whilst ensuring they do it in a supportive and collaborative manner.

Next week is stacked full of enrichment activities with so much going on. On Tuesday, Willow and Rowan are off to Marwell Zoo to explore the animal species that are there. On Thursday, Rowan are off again, this time to Sparsholt Agricultural College to take advantage of their climbing wall facilities whilst Year 2 and Year 3 will be undertaking a 'Living History Day' linked to their Egyptian topic. Both Beech and Oak are off out the following week with Beech visiting Stubbington Study centre and Oak going to the Southampton Mosque.

Thank you so much for all your support especially with Comic relief today and I very much hope you all have a fantastic weekend.

Kind regards,

Mrs Hanratty

School Awards

Core Christian Value Awards

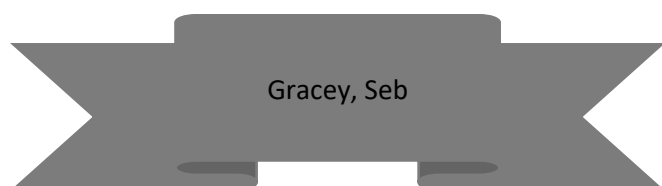
We were very proud to commend our Core Christian Value Award recipients in Celebration Worship today. Children from each class are nominated weekly for each of our Core Values: Courage, Compassion and Creativity.

	Courage	Compassion	Creativity
Willow	Liam	Gracey	Ari
Beech	Alice	Florrie	Maxi
Maple	Camille	Henri	Olive
Rowan	Henry	Hannah	Daisy L
Oak	Madeleine	Rory	Neve



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:

- * Neve and Megan – both achieved their Level 4 in swimming
- * Abel – played 5 games of rugby at a festival in Havant
- * Camille – got back into her lane swimming and practised her breaststroke
- * Theo – took part in a Winchester Rugby Club tournament and scored lots of tries, along with some sterling defending



Well done to Zachary for completing his first Shooting Stars Challenge booklet!

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



Date	Event	Location	Time	Parents Invited?	Notes
Fri 4th April 2025	Whole School Easter Presentation	Playground / Hall	2:15pm	Yes	Weather dependent
Fri 4th April 2025	Last day of Spring Term	School	3:30pm	n/a	

Important Notices

1. Willow and Rowan Trip to Marwell Zoo – Tuesday 25th March

Children will be travelling by coach, leaving school at 9:00am. Please ensure that your child is in school by **8:45am** in order that we can leave promptly. We will return before the end of the school day.

The children should wear trousers (jeans, joggers or leggings are fine) and comfortable shoes, with a long sleeved t-shirt and school sports hoodie or jumper. Please also provide your child with a packed lunch and drink, in a backpack. We will be out in the open all day so a lightweight waterproof coat is also essential.

2. Rowan Class Climbing at Sparsholt College – Thursday 27th March

The children will be leaving school around 9:30am and returning around 1pm - **please provide your child with a packed lunch.**

Please can children come in to school in their PE kit and ensure they are wearing the following;

- School PE hoodie / jumper
 - School PE top
 - Tracksuit bottoms / leggings (non-branded, as per school PE uniform)
 - Trainers with grip
 - Please ensure hair is tied back & earrings removed or covered
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3. Year 2 and 3 Egyptian History Day – Thursday 27th March

Our Year 2s and 3s will be spending the whole day taking part in a fascinating and informative Ancient Egyptian history workshop with Creative History on Thursday 27th March. As part of this day, children may come in to school in an Egyptian themed costume.

4. National Skipping Day – Friday 28th March



As a whole school, we will be using our new selection of super speedy skipping ropes to get all the children skipping with the Nation celebrating National Skipping Day. Please can all children come into school in their school PE kit and trainers on Friday 28th March, ready to get skipping!

FoSS Update

1) UPCOMING EVENTS FOR THIS TERM

Event	When / Where	Details
<p>Bake Sale</p> 	<p>Friday 28th March</p> <p>Outside the front gate on the green</p>	<p>Cakes £1 each</p>
<p>Total Body Workout</p> <p>For Parents and Carers</p> 	<p>Wednesday 2nd April</p> <p>19:30 – 20:15</p> <p>Memorial Hall</p>	<p>Back by popular demand!</p> <p>A fun workout with adaptations for all level of fitness. This workout will have you strengthening your lower and upper body with a little sprinkling of cardio in there to make sure you leave feeling sweaty and energised.</p> <p>Open to all friends and families of Sparsholt School - no exercise experience necessary! Please bring a yoga mat with you and a bottle of water.</p> <p>This session will be 45 minutes long and will be run by Stef (mum of Ezra in Beech)</p> <p>Please use below link to purchase tickets- cost £10</p> <p>https://www.pta-events.co.uk/sparsholt/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=95742</p>
<p>The FoSS Easter Eggstravaganza</p> 	<p>Friday 4th April</p> <p>This will follow straight on from the school's Easter presentation.</p> <p>Memorial Hall / School Field</p>	<p>Donations of chocolate eggs would be much appreciated for the stalls. (Please no mini eggs)</p> <p>Drop off at the school office</p>

2) SUMMER TERM (SO FAR):

Event	When / Where	Details
<p>Yoga - For Parents and Carers</p> 	<p>Thursday 8th May</p> <p>19:30 – 20:30</p> <p>Sparsholt Memorial Hall</p>	<p>Another session run by an experienced and qualified Iyengar Yoga Instructor. Open to all abilities.</p> <p>Cost £10</p> <p>Link to follow...</p>
<p>Sparsholt Summer Fete</p> 	<p>Saturday 21st June</p> <p>Sparsholt Village</p>	<p>FoSS will be running another second-hand toy stall. Please keep hold of any good quality toys which are surplus to requirement.</p>

General Information



Mothering Sunday 30th March
10am

Wherwell, Chilbolton, Crawley, Sparsholt, and Littleton

Bring your Mum, Nan, or Guardian to Church on Mothering Sunday at 10am where you can make them a card and give them a posy of flowers. And then let's thank God for these special people in our lives.



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