

Sparsholt C of E Primary School

Active April 5km Challenge 1

Distance 3.26 mi Steps 6,822 Time 57m 48s



Weekly Newsletter

4th April 2025



Well done to Rowan and Oak Class for their first 5km!

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

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A glorious day by the beach at Stubbington for Beech Class



A fantastic and informative visit to the Masjid Mosque



REMINDERS FOR W/C MONDAY 21st April 2025

- ✓ BANK HOLIDAY – Monday 21st April 2025
- ✓ First day back of the Summer Term – Tuesday 22nd April
- ✓ No school-run clubs this week
- ✓ No Mrs Leitzell music lessons this week

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful end to the Spring Term! Thank you to all of you who were able to attend the Easter presentation this afternoon. I am sure you would agree that the children did an amazing job of presenting different aspects of Easter through both drama and song, all of which they did with such enthusiasm and gusto. Oak Class's performance of 'The Stations of the Cross' showed not only what talented actors we have but how the Easter story reminds us to reflect on many aspects of modern day life and make sure we consider how we treat others. The children came away with such pride at being able to showcase all their talents in front of everyone. I also want to say a massive thank you to our amazing FoSS team who have organised the wonderful Easter Eggstravaganza which will be taking place after school. I very much hope that all of you who are able to attend have a lovely time celebrating the end of term as a whole school community.

Whilst you would have thought that preparing for the Easter presentation would have been enough for one week, we still managed to fit in some other wonderful learning experiences. On Wednesday, Years 5 and 6 visited the Masjid Mosque in Southampton as part of their study of Islam. The children had a tour of the Mosque, were given a demonstration of Wudhu (the ritual washing performed by Muslims before prayer) and Morning Prayer. They also took part in a Q & A session in which, according to the staff, they asked some really insightful questions. The children came back with a much better understanding of the Muslim faith and also the many similarities there are between it and Christianity. What was really lovely about the whole trip was that as Mrs Gwilliam was leaving, the Imam commented that our children were one of the best groups he'd had in over 20 years! They really are a credit to you as parents and us as a school.

On Thursday, Beech Class spent the day at Stubbington Study Centre undertaking a variety of activities. In the morning they went on a wonderful seashore walk, which encompassed some rock pooling and making seashore sculptures. They really enjoyed seeing the variety of sea life in the rock pools and contrasting it to the insect life they saw in the bug hotels in our pond area. In the afternoon, they had a fantastic time using their skills to build shelters using a variety of resources. The staff at Stubbington were not only impressed with the children's enthusiasm and knowledge but also their ingenuity.

As you will have read from this week's communication from our Governors, in September Mrs Gwilliam will be taking on the role of Acting Headteacher for the Autumn Term with the Governors then undertaking the recruitment process for the permanent Headteacher position during the Autumn Term for a January start. I have no doubt that Mrs Gwilliam will do a fantastic job and will continue to ensure that the children have access to the array of exciting and enriching opportunities that make the experiences here so special.

Finally, I really do want to thank all of you for your continued support this year and the positivity that you show us as a school. I hope you all have a fantastic Easter break and am looking forward to welcoming the children back into school on Tuesday 22nd April for what I know will be an amazing Summer term.

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	James	Leo	Grayson
Beech	Arthur	Krish	Cora
Maple	Henry	Theo	Allana
Rowan	Scarlett	George	Felix
Oak	Annabel / Henry N	Seb	Edward



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:

- * Camille – swam her longest distance of 965m (41 lengths)!
- * Liv and Olive – took part in a gymnastics competition, displaying their routines in front of an audience for the first time
- * Reuben – achieved his 40m Breaststroke swimming badge and got his next tag in Ju Jitsu
- * Evan – got his next tag in Ju Jitsu
- * George R – awarded Reserve Mini Champion in his first big pony competition in Cornwall
- * Liam – awarded his Swim England Duckling 2 swimming badge



Well done to Jonathan and Ezra for completing their first Shooting Stars Challenge booklet!

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



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Dates for your diary - 2024/25

Term: Summer 1

Date	Event	Location	Time	Parents Invited?	Notes
Tues 22nd April 2025	First day of term	School	08:40am	n/a	
Mon 5th May 2025	Bank Holiday	Home	All day	n/a	School closed
Mon 12th May - Thurs 15th May 2025	KS2 SATs Week	School	n/a	n/a	For Year 6 only
Fri 23rd May 2025	Last day of half-term	School	3:30pm	n/a	

Important Notices

1. Clubs Timetable for Summer Term 2025

Please find the timetable of after-school clubs for the Summer Term below. **Please remember that everyone must re-register for school clubs each term.**

All school-run clubs will start w/c **Monday 28th April 2025**. For other clubs, please check with the relevant provider. **Upbeat, Mad Science, Junior & Senior Football Clubs, Artiology and Integr8 Dance** clubs are run by external companies. To book onto these, please contact the companies directly (information in the table).

For all school-run clubs (**Rounders** and **Cricket**) we will stipulate a maximum number of children. Places will be given on a first come – first served basis upon booking on our Arbor system. Arbor will require that payment for the club is made at the time of booking. **Bookings for clubs are now open on Arbor.**

The cost of school-run clubs will be **£35 per term** for 2024-2025 academic year. For this price, we commit to offering at least 10 sessions per term. If we are unable to meet this commitment (note – in the case of bad weather, we will run an indoor session covering the rules / tactics of the sport), we will reduce the price by £3.50 per session below the 10 sessions per term. In a term where we are able to provide more than 10 sessions, we will **NOT** charge anything additional. If all places are fully booked on Arbor, please contact the school office, where we will place your child on a waiting list.

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 https://upbeat-music-courses.classforkids.io/term/5 . For further information, please contact Upbeat at: upbeatmusiccourses@gmail.com / 07816901936
Tuesday	Rounders (Years 2 – 6)	3:30pm – 4:30pm	Run by the school. Payable termly in advance. £35 per full term.
	Mad Science (Years 1 – 6)	3:30pm – 4:30pm	Run by Mad Science. Please book and pay directly at Wessex.madscience.org
Wednesday	Cricket Club (Years 3 – 6)	3:30pm – 4:30pm	Run by the school. Payable termly in advance. £35 per full term.
	Junior Football Club (Years 1 – 3)	3:30pm – 4:30pm	Run by Southampton FC. Please book and pay directly at SFC Coaching
Thursday	Artiology Club (Years 2 – 6)	3:30pm – 4:30pm	Run by Halli Ormerod. For further info, e-mail hallimarie@googlemail.com
	Senior Football Club (Years 4 – 6)	3:30pm – 4:30pm	Run by Southampton FC. Please book and pay directly at SFC Coaching
Friday	Integr8 Dance – Sparsholt Minis (Year R – 2)	3:30pm – 4:30pm	Please book and pay directly with Integr8Dance – info@integr8dance.com / 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 – info@integr8dance.com / 01962 808398



AFTER-SCHOOL CLUB

Complement Your Child's Learning Experience with a Mad Science After-School Club. Our unique approach gives children a solid scientific foundation that goes beyond the classroom, through hands-on activities and spectacular demonstrations.

Sign Up for your course today
Sparsholt Primary School
Blast off and finale the school year with Summer Science!

Yr.1 – Yr.6
Day and Time: Tuesday 3.30 pm-4.30 pm
Dates: 6th May – 8th July
Programme Duration: 9 x 1hr-Sessions
Cost: £72
Please register by: 29th April

Register ONLINE

Visit Wessex.madscience.org click REGISTER HERE
 This will take you to the booking page run by Class4kids

If you are unable to access the internet, please call us to register by phone 01980 611807

Please ensure you register by this date to secure your child a place. In the interest of fairness places are allocated on a first-come first-served basis.

Please note: successful online registration with full payment secures your child's place on our After-School Club programme unless you are otherwise contacted.
 For further information or if you encounter any problems please don't hesitate to contact us:
schools@madsciencewessex.co.uk

Due to the nature of this After-School Club, all students will be expected to behave in an appropriate manner and adhere to the rules of the school and of Mad Science. Any child who consistently does not behave will be asked to leave the After-School Club and will not be entitled to a refund.



After school art club

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 Thursdays 3.30 - 4.30pm Years 2 - 6

Children engage in fun and sustainable, art-based activities while learning about the natural 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 w/b 22nd April and runs for 5 weeks (5 sessions £40).

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 hallimarie@googlemail.com if you would like more information or drop this slip into the school office.

Name:

Class:

Email:



2. Payment for keyboard, recorder and brass music tuition for Summer Term 2025

As per the school charging policy, music tuition for keyboard, recorder and brass must be paid for termly in advance, and commitment to music tuition is for a whole year. For those who are signed up for music tuition this year, payments for the Summer Term have now been added to your child's Arbor account, under "clubs". Please can I ask that payment is made as soon as possible and in advance of your child's first lesson next term. Thank you.

3. Payment for school meals for KS2

The school requires that school lunches (for KS2) are paid in advance, on a half-termly basis. The current price for a school lunch is £3.20. For administrative purposes, wherever possible, the school would prefer payment to be made online using the Arbor website or app. The school's charging policy is on the school website for reference. If you need support in setting up or using the online system, please ask the office. **To help you calculate the correct payment for next half-term on Arbor, please see below:**

Number meals taken per week	1	2	3	4	5
Cost for Summer 1 half-term	£16.00	£32.00	£48.00	£64.00	£73.60

4. PE Timetable for Summer Term – starting Tuesday 22nd April 2025

PE days for each class are as follows for the Summer Term 2025:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Willow					
Beech					
Maple					
Rowan					
Oak					

Children should wear their PE kits into school on the days they have PE. If children have a club after school on a day that is not their PE day, children should bring their kit in a small bag, and will be able to get changed at the end of the school day before the club.

5. Uniform – Direct4Logos

The Romsey Shop will be closed **from 2:00pm on Friday 11th April until 09:30am on Thursday 24th April.** Orders can still be placed online during this time. Apologies for any inconvenience

FoSS Update

Thank you to Beech parents for providing a great selection of baked goods for the Cake sale last Friday– this made a total of £102.88!

A huge thank you to Stef for running the Total Body Workout class on Wednesday night- this raised £70 for FoSS.

1) SUMMER TERM (SO FAR):

Event	When / Where	Details
<p>Yoga</p> <p>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>School Disco</p> 	<p>Wednesday 21st May</p>	<p>DJ Dean will be returning with his turn tables and party spirit for another night of disco fun!</p> <p>Format will be the same as last time; KS1 first slot followed by KS2.</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>

Governor Update

Having had two children attend Sparsholt Primary School since moving to the village, I thought it time to give something back to the school community that had provided so much to both Madeleine and Sebastian. I have served for 18 months as a Parent Governor and feel that I now fully understand what the role entails.

Being a parent governor is a unique way to make a difference in your child's education and the wider school community. Parent governors play a vital role in shaping the school's strategic direction, ensuring that children receive the best possible education and experience.

As a parent governor, you are part of the school's governing body, which works alongside the headteacher and staff to support and challenge the school's leadership. Your role includes:

- Contributing to decisions on school policies, budgets, and curriculum priorities.
- Representing the views of parents while maintaining an objective, strategic approach.
- Helping ensure the school provides a safe, inclusive, and high-quality learning environment.
- Supporting the school improvement and holding the leadership team accountable.

Coming from a military background I was initially hesitant to apply, thinking that I would lack the right experience. However, you do not need to be an expert in education, although it can help, as the school values a diverse range of skills, and your perspective as a parent is crucial. Full training and support are provided, ensuring you are well equipped to conduct your role effectively.

If you are enthusiastic about our school community and want to play an active role in shaping your child's education, consider becoming a parent governor. It is a commitment, but one that brings great satisfaction and a lasting impact on the school community.

Lee Milburn

General Information



Fri 25th
and Sat 26th
April 2025

Children's Book Events 2025

FREE

Storytime

Andy Hussey and the
Anywhere Book Club

Date: Friday 25th April
Time: 10am-11am
Where: The Library,
Jewry Steet, Winchester

Age: 2+

FREE

Storytime

Margaret Sturton

Date: Friday 25th April
Time: 11am-12pm
Where: The Library,
Jewry Steet, Winchester

Age: 3+

FREE

Storytime

Nicky Smith-Dale

Date: Friday 25th April
Time: 4.30pm-5.30pm
Where: The Library,
Jewry Steet, Winchester

Age: 6+

FREE

Story and Activities

Carrie Sellon

Date: Saturday 26th April
Time: 3.30pm-4pm
Where: The Guildhall,
High Street, Winchester

Age: 8+

Bestselling Author

Maz Evans

Date: Saturday 26th April
Time: 4.30pm-5.30pm
Where: The Guildhall,
High Street, Winchester

Age: 9+

£5 per ticket
(includes ice cream)

Book tickets at: www.winchesterbooksfestival.com

