

Sparsholt C of E Primary School



Weekly Newsletter

28th February 2025

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

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REMINDERS FOR W/C MONDAY 3rd March 2025

- ✓ Monday 3rd March – Cricket Engagement Day with “Chance to Shine” – see notices
- ✓ Monday 3rd March – “Marvellous Monday” – 3:35pm – 4:15pm
- ✓ Thursday 6th March – World Book Day

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all enjoyed half term and were able to get outside and do some fun and exciting things together, despite the rather inclement weather! The children came back refreshed and raring to go and ready for the coming half term. They are all currently engaged in finishing off 'Fitness Feb' and are looking forward to 'marching into March'. I always feel so blessed when I witness the joy and enthusiasm the children show not only towards their learning but to all school initiatives. They really have embraced our Sparsholt Shooting Stars physical activity programme and love to undertake all the physical challenges they are presented with.

This week our Worship theme has been linked to the 'Parable of the Talents'. On Monday we discussed how every single one of us have talents, be they kindness, being caring or being a really good sportsperson. We talked about the need to practise using our amazing talents if we want to improve them and the importance of using those talents to help others. On Friday, our amazing Worship Team enacted the 'Parable of the Talents' for the children which ensured all the children understood the really important messages from this story and how they can make a difference.

Please don't forget that next week we have '**Marvellous Monday**' (**3rd March**). This is a wonderful opportunity for the children to be able to share their work with you and for you to be able to discuss their learning with them. Parents/carers will be able to come in with their children between 3.35pm and 4.15pm. Please pick your children up as normal and then you will be able to come back into school together at 3.35pm.

Thank you so much to all of you who have already booked your Parent Evening appointments using the Arbor App for our in-person Parent Evenings on **Tuesday 11th and Thursday 13th March 2025**. If you are having any issues booking on please do not hesitate to contact the office who will be happy to help.

Not only do we have '**Marvellous Monday**' after school next week but we are also incredibly excited as we have '**Chance to Shine**' Cricket in all day on Monday working with the children on their cricket skills. I have no doubt that the children will embrace all that they are taught and will be fully engaged with learning the necessary skills. Please can **ALL** children wear their PE kits into school on Monday so that they are dressed appropriately for these sessions.

Finally you should have all received an email about our upcoming **World Book Day Celebrations** taking place on **Thursday 6th March 2025**. A love of reading is such an important thing to develop in children and we are very much looking forward to what will be a wonderful day.

I hope you all have a fabulous weekend and we look forward to welcoming you into school for '**Marvellous Monday**' next week and please do remember to send your children into school in their PE kits on Monday.

Kind regards,

Mrs Hanratty

School Awards

Core Christian Value Awards

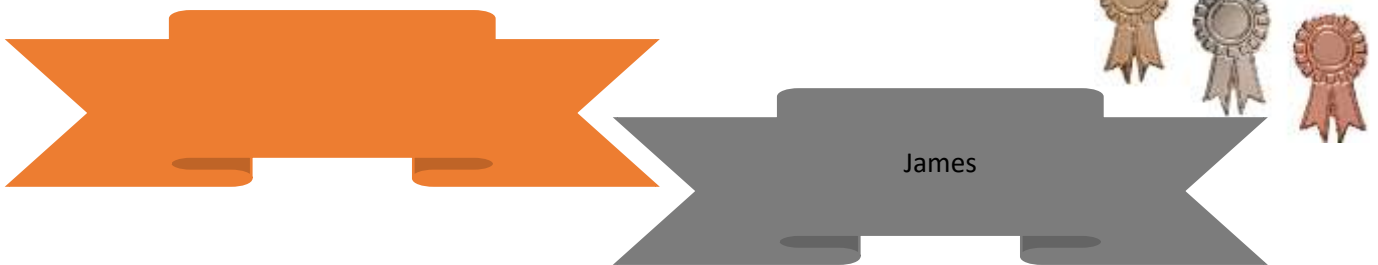
We were very proud to commend our Core Christian Value Award recipients in Celebration Worship today. Children from each class are nominated weekly for each of our Core Values: Courage, Compassion and Creativity.

	Courage	Compassion	Creativity
Willow	Chloe	Sylvia	James
Beech	Livi	Enid	Peter
Maple	Allana	Olive	Cami
Rowan	Emily	Emi	Lori
Oak	Henry	Elise	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:

- * Fallon – graduated to green belt in the martial arts discipline Choi Kwang-Do
- * Annabel – graduated to green belt in the martial arts discipline Choi Kwang-Do
- * Bryony – achieved Level 2 and 1 star skiing in France
- * Zachary – won player of the day at his football club



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



Date	Event	Location	Time	Parents invited?	Notes
Mon 3rd Mar 2025	Marvellous Monday	Child's classroom	3:35pm - 4:15pm	Yes	For all classes. An invitation to come in with your child and view their work.
Thurs 6th Mar 2025	World Book Day celebration	School	All day	No	Dress up as your favourite book character
Tues 11th Mar 2025	In-person parents' evening	School	3:45pm - 7:00pm	Yes	Booking will open 2 weeks before
Thurs 13th Mar 2025	In-person parents' evening	School	3:45pm - 7:00pm	Yes	Booking will open 2 weeks before
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. Cricket Engagement Day – “Chance to Shine” – Monday 3rd March

We are really lucky to have “Chance to Shine” in school all day on Monday 3rd March to give each class a taster cricket lesson. Please can all children come into school in their school PE kit and trainers.

2. Marvellous Monday – Monday 3rd March – 3:35pm – 4:15pm

You are all invited to come into school with your child / children on Monday 3rd March and view their work in their classroom(s). Please collect your children as normal, and then once all children have been collected, you will be able to come back into school with your child to look at their books.

3. World Book Day

In celebration of World Book day, we are planning some fun activities for the children on **Thursday 6th March 2025** aimed at increasing their love for reading. If children want to, they can come into school dressed as their **favourite book character, bring in a copy of their favourite book or something linked to the story.**

In our drive for sustainability, we would really like it if children do want to come into school dressed up, that you use / reuse outfits or items that you already have at home to create your costumes rather than buying new ones. If you are struggling for ideas, there are a few really easy ones on this website: <https://www.madeformums.com/toddler-and-preschool/last-minute-easy-world-book-day-costumes/>. We have also included below, a link to the World Book Day website to help with further ideas and it also includes templates for book character masks etc – please see the section entitled “low cost dressing-up pack”.

In addition, all the children will receive a £1.00 book token which can be used at book shops and exchanged for one of the World Book Day titles (<https://www.worldbookday.com/books/>) or put towards other books.

We are really looking forward to celebrating reading and sharing stories with the children. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

4. Parents' Evening (in-Person) – Tues 11th March and Thurs 13th March – 4:00pm – 7:00pm

We are pleased to let you know that our upcoming Parent's Evenings will be **in person** and you are now able to book your 10-minute time slot via your Arbor app or Arbor parent portal.

Please see the booking instructions below and an online link to a more detailed help guide from Arbor:

Booking instructions for parent portal users

- You'll see on your Arbor homepage that there is an upcoming Guardian Consultation
- Your guardian consultations should be showing as 'Parent's evening – 11th March to 13th March'
- Within the Guardian consultation you will be able to see that bookings ('self-scheduling') will be open from **5pm Wednesday 26th February** and will close at **2pm on Friday 7th March**
- Bookable slots will be available on Tuesday 11th March and Thursday 13th March
- Click on the **time slot** drop-down button and choose the 10-minute time slot you would like to book for your Parents Evening, and which Primary Guardians will be attending
- Please make sure that at least one guardian is ticked as attending, or you'll receive an error message
- The page will then reload and show that your booking has been successful
- You will be sent an email confirmation

Please see a more detailed help guide, including how to book via the Arbor app, below:

[Booking Parent's Evenings - Arbor Help Guide](#)

If you have any questions or are unable to book a slot, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

5. Lacrosse Club cancelled – Tuesday 11th March 2025

Due to our parent's evening, there will be **no Lacrosse club on Tuesday 11th March**. We will be putting on an additional session on **Tuesday 1st April 2025**.

FoSS Update

A huge thank you to everyone who helped-out and baked for the bake sale before half-term- a total of £93.10 was made!

1) UPCOMING EVENTS FOR THIS TERM (SO FAR)

Event	When / Where	Details
World Book Day Costume/Book Sale 	Monday 3 rd March Outside of the main gate	Bring in your unwanted World Book Day costumes and pre-loved books. Pick up a 'new to you' costume / book in exchange for a donation to FoSS!
Yoga For Parents and Carers 	Date TBC (March) Evening Class Memorial Hall	Another session run by an experienced and qualified Iyengar Yoga Instructor. Open to all abilities. Cost £10 Link to follow...
Total Body Workout For Parents and Carers 	Date TBC (March) Evening session Memorial Hall	Back by popular demand! To be run by Stef (Mum of Ezra in Beech) Cost £10 Link to follow...

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