



Weekly Newsletter

15th November 2024



Rowan Class trip to Hilliers

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REMINDERS FOR W/C MONDAY 18th November

- ✓ Thursday 21st November – Rowan Class Kayaking Trip at Sparsholt College

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had another phenomenal week! The school has been abuzz with visitors with many sharing how incredibly impressed they are with our whole school community and the positivity with which everyone approaches all elements of school life.

On Monday, Willow Class parents came in for Marvellous Monday and it was so heart-warming to see the Year Rs explaining so eloquently what they had been learning and showing such pride in what they had produced. On Tuesday, we had our second open morning for prospective Year R parents who were all so impressed not only with our Year 6 prefects who talked to all groups about the school and their experiences prior to the tours, but also the productivity they saw in every classroom and the warm atmosphere that they felt. One lucky group was even treated to a very impromptu performance by 4 of our Year R pupils who raced across the playground as I was taking the group to go and see the field and insisted on singing a lovey rendition of a Taylor Swift song. It was the most amazing thing to see and the parents thought it was wonderful.

As you know, on Tuesday and Thursday evening we held our parents evening which thank goodness ran smoothly and mostly to time! Thank you so much to all of you who attended and for the many positive comments that were shared about how happy and settled your children are. I really hope you all found these meetings useful and have a clearer understanding of how your children are doing and next steps for moving forwards. Our Chair of Governors, Caroline Horrill came into school for both parents' evenings and spoke to many of you about your experiences of the school so thank you so much to all of you for your feedback. Our Governors play a really important role in terms of strategic vision and work hard behind the scenes to help in ensure we achieve this vision.

Not only have we had multiple visitors in school this week, but some of our children had a fantastic experience outside of school. On Monday, Rowan Class went to Hillier Gardens where they learned about life in Anglo Saxon times. The children undertook an archaeological dig, looked at artefacts and cooked apple and honey on a fire. As part of the experience, children learned about methods of fire starting across the ages including the use of bow drills and striking flint. Every child came back talking animatedly about what they had been doing, and as normal were a credit to the school.

Today has been all about Children In Need with everyone (me included) coming into school in a hoodie, Oodie or onesie. The children (and staff) loved the opportunity to come into school in such cosy attire and I am thinking that going forward, I may need to be wearing mine more often!! This afternoon, our wonderful Sports Leaders set up a fantastic carousel of physical activities (tying in with our Sparsholt Shooting Stars programme) for all the children as part of our Children in Need activities. The children absolutely loved it and our Sports Leaders impressed me not only with their creativity and organizational skills, but also with how supportive they were of the younger children.

Next week, we have more going on with Rowan Class going kayaking at Sparsholt Agricultural College and their students coming to us to start replacing the second pond dipping decking area, with the materials needed being funded by FoSS. It is amazing to be able to work so collaboratively with other local establishments and to have the much needed funds available due to the incredible hard work of the FoSS team and your support of the amazing events they put on.

I hope you all have a great weekend and can't tell you how proud I am of the wonderful whole school community we are.

Kind Regards,
Mrs Hanratty

Hoodies, Oodies, and Onesies:
Snuggly Superheroes for Children in Need!



Thank you for
your support!
We raised an
amazing £160!



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	Grace	Liam	Louis
Beech	Erin	Peter	Max
Maple	Henri	Reuben	Cami
Rowan	Martha	Sophia	Pippa R
Oak	Neve	Adam	Cara



Sparsholt Shooting Stars Sports Challenge

Some sporting achievements from home to highlight this week:

- * Abel – competed in his first ever swimming gala
- * Megan – swam 200m without stopping for the first time
- * Isaac – passed Stage 6 in swimming
- * George M – awarded Man of the Match by his football coaches

Well done to George M, Henry R and Seb for completing their first Sports Challenge booklets in school this week!

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



Sparsholt C of E Primary School Dates for your diary - 2024/25

Term: Autumn 2

Date	Event	Location	Time	Parents Invited?	Notes
Sun 8th Dec 2024	Church Carol Service	St Stephen's Church	6pm	Yes	
Fri 13th Dec 2024	KS1 Nativity	Hall	09:30am	Yes	For KS1 only. FoSS refreshments.
Mon 16th Dec 2024	KS2 Christmas Kaleidoscope	Hall	2:15pm	Yes	For KS2 only. FoSS refreshments.
Thurs 19th Dec 2024	School Christmas lunch & festivities	Hall	12:00pm - 3:30pm	No	Meal choices requested in advance.
Fri 20th Dec 2024	Last day of Autumn Term	School	TBC	n/a	

Important Notices

1. Rowan Class – Kayaking at Sparsholt College – Thursday 21st November

We are very pleased to have been given the opportunity by Sparsholt College to take part in a kayaking session on Thursday 21st November. The children will be leaving school around 10am and returning around 1pm. **Please provide your child with a packed lunch.**

Children should come to school in their usual uniform for a Thursday but will need to bring with them a full change of clothing in a small, named bag as they are potentially likely to get wet through!

Please make sure they bring;

- **Trainers with grip (they don't mind getting wet or muddy)**
- **Tracksuit bottoms / leggings (as worn for school PE days)**
- **School PE T-shirt or school polo shirt**
- **School sweatshirt or school hoodie**
- **Beach / Swimming Towel**

If you have any questions about what your child needs to bring for this activity, please contact the school office.

Sparsholt College will provide a waterproof top (windproof water resistant pull over top) plus additional personal safety equipment.

If you have not done so already, please complete the Sparsholt College Medical Form (link below). If this is not completed, your child will not be able to take part in this activity.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=oRj48HntdUuJqXvFrwbN-zFa3lfQs2JNo3uzPI11ZkBUODdYRFNUMIIRTKlQQ1VGUzhZSjU2MUpQQSQ|QCN0PWcu>

2. Christmas Lunch

Please see the e-mail sent out on Friday 8th November. The school Christmas lunch will be taking place on Thursday 19th December, but we need to send our food order to Education Catering in advance.

Therefore if you would like your child to have this Christmas Lunch, please e-mail

adminoffice@sparsholt.hants.sch.uk **by Friday 29th November**, stating whether your child would like:

- Meat or Vegetarian main course
- Homemade shortbread or Ice-cream dessert

If we do not receive an e-mail from you by the deadline, we will assume that your child is bringing a packed lunch into school for that day.

If your child is in Year R, 1 or 2, or is eligible for Free School Meals, you will not need to pay for this lunch. However, if your child is in KS2 and normally pays for school lunches, then this Christmas Lunch will cost the usual cost of a meal - £3.20. **Please ensure that your child's lunch account has at least £3.20 credit on it prior to Christmas Lunch. Unfortunately if there is no credit on your child's lunch account, they may be required to bring in a packed lunch.**



FoSS Update

A big thank you to Bonnie and Caroline for running a cake sale last Friday after school – this raised a **Total of £91.91** for the school!

Thank you to those who came along to the AGM on Monday night. It was great to hear some fresh ideas ... watch this space for upcoming fundraisers! Also, a big welcome to Dave Von Neppel – new committee member – job role to be decided 😊

**** We have our Total Body Workout coming up next Wednesday. There is a slight amendment with the start time which is now 19:30, please sign up via link below – we would love to see you there! ****

Autumn Term Upcoming Events:

Event	Details
<p><u>For parents/carers</u></p> <p><u>Total Body Workout</u></p>  <p><u>Wednesday 20th November</u> <u>7:30pm</u> <u>Memorial Hall</u></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=89102</p>
<p><u>Disco</u></p> <p><u>Wednesday 18th December</u> <u>Memorial Hall</u> <u>Timings TBA</u></p> 	<p>KS1 and KS2 Disco. We will split the key stages with the younger ones going first and the older ones straight after.</p> <p>If anyone has DJing skills they would like to show off or knows a thing or two about a good disco – we would love for you to be involved!</p>

General Information



Stanmore

Christmas Holidays 2024/25

Monday 23rd - Tuesday 24th December
Thursday 2nd - Friday 3rd January



£21 per day*

*Get 15% off with our Active Saver code
DECAS15 valid until Sunday 1st December.

» **360 Sports Camp**

Our 360 Sports Camp is ideal for all-rounders, offering Dodgeball, Tennis, Tag Rugby, Archery, and more!

Location:
Stanmore Primary,
Stanmore, Winchester,
Hampshire, SO22 4AJ



Scan the QR code to book your place.



For more information or to book, visit:
www.activeme360.com
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Stanmore

December Holidays 2024/25

Monday 23rd - Tuesday 24th December
Thursday 2nd - Friday 3rd January



Holiday Activities & Food Programme

» **HAF Camp**

The HAF camp offers nutritious meals, engaging activities, and free childcare spots to children that receive benefit related free school meals, supporting their health, wellbeing, and learning.

Location:
Stanmore Primary, Stanmore,
Winchester, Hampshire, SO22 4AJ



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