

Sparsholt C of E Primary School



Weekly Newsletter

9th May 2025

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

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Lacrosse
practice in full
swing!

REMINDERS FOR W/C MONDAY 12th May 2025

- ✓ Monday 12th May – Thursday 15th May – Year 6 SATs
- ✓ Tuesday 13th May at 4:45pm – Year 6 Calshot Information Evening (in Oak Class)
- ✓ Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th May – change of lunch menus
- ✓ Wednesday 14th May – Mrs Leitzell music lessons Wednesday NOT Thursday
- ✓ Thursday 15th May – Summer Census Day
- ✓ Friday 16th May – Years 4, 5 and 6 Pop Lacrosse tournament at Sparsholt College

Dear Parents and Carers,

With another short week, this term just seems to be flying by. I can't quite believe that we only have two weeks left until the end of this half term and in those two weeks there is so much going on.

This week has been another fantastic one with the children continuing to shine like they always do. Some of our new Year R parents for the September 2025 cohort have been coming into school this week to provide all of the necessary registration documents and it has been such a pleasure to show them around the school again (often with their child). I always feel such pride not only due to the exemplary behaviours our children show but also due to the warmth they exude. It is so lovely to see them interacting with both the parents and the children and being such fantastic advocates for the school.

With SATs looming next week for our Year 6 children, you might be thinking there would be some sort of panic setting in but this couldn't be further from the truth. I want to say how impressed I have been with their attitude and approach to it all. Their focus, hard work and determination to show what they can do is so evident and I know that every single one of them will be amazing.

Pop lacrosse has continued to be a focus this week, with Years 4, 5 & 6 gearing up for our school pop lacrosse tournament taking place next Friday at Sparsholt Agricultural College. Mrs Gwilliam has organised a fantastic event for the children that will allow them all to experience playing multiple games of pop lacrosse against their peers (overseen by a professional lacrosse referee!!) and also be a wonderful end to SATs week for our Year 6s.

As you will know from the email sent to you on Wednesday, we had our wonderful new After School Care provider – Toast and Tea – in school to speak to the children about all of the amazing activities that they will provide when they start here after half term. Please do take a look at what they offer (including a hot meal) and consider using them for your after school care. You should have also received a letter about music tuition for the next academic year. With Mrs Leitzell retiring, Winchester Academy of Modern Music will be increasing the range of instruments they offer for peripatetic music lessons (they currently teach Guitar and Ukulele here). Again, please do look at what they can offer from September and sign up as soon as possible to secure a place.

I very much hope you all have a wonderful weekend and that with the predicted temperatures of 21° and 22°C you will be outside and enjoying the warmer weather now that it has returned.

Kind regards,

Mrs Hanratty

School Awards

Core Christian Value Awards

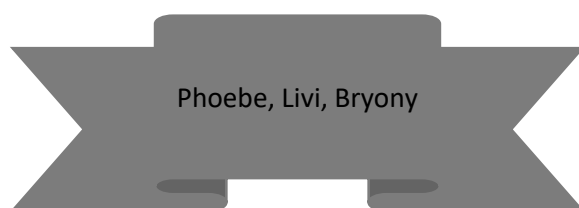
We were very proud to commend our Core Christian Value Award recipients in Celebration Worship today. Children from each class are nominated weekly for each of our Core Values: Courage, Compassion and Creativity.

	Courage	Compassion	Creativity
Willow	Grayson	Monty	Beauden
Beech	Max	Jemma	Finbar
Maple	Skyla	Cami	Theo
Rowan	Joshua	Pippa R	Edi
Oak	Elise	Ishaan	Jack



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:

- * Grace – completed the mass cycle ride in Winchester and even appeared in the Hampshire Chronicle for her efforts!

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
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. Changes in menu for Census Day

Next week, Thursday 15th May, is the Summer census day. The Government use census day to calculate amongst other things how much funding they will provide schools to support them with the cost of the school meals every child in YrR, Yr1 and Yr2 are entitled to for free.

With this in mind, the menus for next week are changing. The roast option will now be on Wednesday instead of Thursday (with jacket potato and pasta options being as normal), and on Thursday the menu options will be as follows:

- Meat – Bubble Salmon
 - Vegetarian – Pizza
 - Pasta – Macaroni Cheese
 - Jacket potato with baked beans
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2. Changes to Mrs Leitzell music lessons next week

Mrs Leitzell will be coming into school on Wednesday next week (14th May) instead of Thursday to do her keyboard and recorder lessons.

3. Year 4, 5 and 6 Pop Lacrosse Tournament at Sparsholt College – Friday 16th May

We are incredibly excited about our up and coming school Pop Lacrosse Tournament taking place on Friday 16th May 2025 at Sparsholt College. Children across years 4, 5 and 6 will be competing in mixed teams.

Pop Lacrosse has been a focus in PE for this half-term and as we have a strong heritage of Pop Lacrosse here at Sparsholt C of E Primary School, we thought it was time to put our school on the competitive Lacrosse map again! We have been lucky to secure a professional referee for this event and are grateful to Sparsholt College for the use of their stunning sports hall!

We will leave school at 9:30am and travel by coach to Sparsholt College. We will return to school by 3pm. **Please ensure your child has plenty of snacks, a water bottle and a substantial packed lunch. Please can all children wear their school PE kits, including trainers and Sparsholt PE hoodie / school jumper.**

4. New After-School Club Provision

We are so excited to be able to welcome **Toast & Tea** to our school community as our new caring and enriching after-school care provider, who will be running after-school club sessions from Monday through to Friday 3:30pm – 6:00pm.

Please see the e-mail sent out on Friday 2nd May for further information about how to register your child for this provision.

Please do consider supporting this new provider and using their outstanding service for your child!

For further information please either email Toast & Tea at toastandteasps@gmail.com or take a look at their website at

<https://toastandtea.co.uk/sparsholt-primary-school/>



5. Peripatetic Music Tuition for next academic year

As some of you may already be aware, Mrs Leitzell will be retiring at the end of this academic year. She has worked for the school in various capacities over many years and more recently has been our dedicated peripatetic music teacher providing excellent music tuition to many of our children.

Whilst we will be very sad to see her go, we are delighted to announce that Ben Goddard, Director of Winchester Academy of Modern Music (WAMM), will be providing even more of our music lessons next academic year. We believe WAMM offers excellent value for money, with more lessons delivered across the year. All payments and arrangements will be made directly through WAMM.

Music tuition through WAMM will be available (numbers permitting) for the following instruments:

- Guitar (Yr3+) £100 per term
- Keyboard (Yr2+) £100 per term
- Ukulele (Yr2+) £100 per term
- Violin (Yr2+) £100 per term
- Saxophone, Clarinet, Flute (Yr2+) £100 per term
- Drums (Yr3+) £100 per term
- Recorder (Yr2+) £95 per term (No online portal access at this time)

The tuition fee includes:

- Access to WAMM's online learning portal
- All necessary music books and resources
- Exciting performance opportunities
- Two detailed written progress reports (sent home in December and July)

Students will receive a guaranteed minimum of 36 lessons across the academic year.

Ben Goddard and his team currently teach and inspire over 200 young musicians each week. All WAMM tutors are both passionate educators and highly experienced performers. Ben explains:

"Our lessons are extremely exciting and super productive. Children want to learn and want to practise — they take great pride in playing an instrument. All the teachers at Winchester Academy of Modern Music are incredible musicians — we've played with the best, learnt from the best, and now we are bringing that experience directly to schools across the South of England!"





If you would like your child to start or continue music lessons, please email admin@wamodernmusic.co.uk to find out more and reserve a place. Lessons are extremely popular and spaces are limited, so we encourage you to get in touch early.

FoSS Update

The 5-side football has now kicked off. Thank you to Emmanuel for organising this! Please see details below if you would like to join.

Yoga last night raised £50. Thanks to those who came along.

1) SUMMER TERM (SO FAR):

Event	When / Where	Details
5 Aside Football 	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).
School Disco 	Wednesday 21 st May Hall	DJ Dean will be returning with his turn tables and party spirit for another night of disco fun! Yr1-Yr3 5-6PM Yr4-Yr6 6:15-7:15PM Please book tickets via link below https://www.pta-events.co.uk/sparsholt/index.cfm If you can help with either/both discos please let your class rep know – thank you!
Father's Day Bake Sale 	Friday 13 th June After school Outside the main entrance on The Green	Baked goods will be £1 each.
Sparsholt Summer Fete 	Saturday 21 st June 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

WHAT'S ON

MAY HALF TERM ACTIVITIES



See venue websites for further details on events and to book*
seacitymuseum.co.uk | tudorhouseandgarden.com | southamptoncityartgallery.com

Hands On History: Stand & Deliver! (6+)

Tues 27 May /
10.30am, 1pm /
Tudor House / £8



Art for All:
**Green Man Clay
Plaques (5+)**
Tues 27 May /
10.30am, 12.30pm
or 2.30pm /
Art Gallery / £8



Hands On History:
Southampton Through Time (6+)
Wed 28 May /
10.30am /
Tudor House / £8



Tour For All:
Old Town Walking Tour
Wed 28 May /
2pm / Tudor House /
£8 or £24 for families



Art for All: **Clay Dogs (4+)**

Wed 28 May /
10.30am, 12.30pm
or 2.30pm /
Art Gallery / £8



Art for All: **Regency Fashion Paper Dolls (6+)**

Thurs 29 May /
10.15am, 11.30am, 1.15pm /
Tudor House / £6



**Art for All: Draw (and paint!)
from Nature (5+)**
Thurs 29 May /
10.30am, 12.30pm or 2.30pm /
Art Gallery / £8



Hands On History:
Discover Titanic (6+)
Fri 30 May /
10.30am, 12.30pm, 2.30pm /
SeaCity / £8



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