

Sparsholt C of E Primary School



Weekly Newsletter

2nd May 2025

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

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Street dance in the sun!



Looking for signs
of Spring with
Beech Class

REMINDERS FOR W/C MONDAY 5th May 2025

✓ Monday 5th May 2025 – School closed for BANK HOLIDAY

Dear Parents and Carers,

What fabulous weather we have been having! It really does lift the soul when you can stand outside in the sunshine and feel that warmth. I have to say the school grounds really do look spectacular especially the cherry tree in the playground, we have all been saying that we don't think we have ever seen it looking quite so stunning and the blossom being quite so beautiful.

We have had another lovely week here with the children's energy and enthusiasm for learning continuing to shine. Willow class have been busy reading the 'Tiny Seed' and learning about how plants grow. They have also been using their artistic skills to recreate art in the style of Eric Carle and I can attest to the fact that there are definitely some budding artists in Willow. Beech class have also been hard at work using their scientific skills to identify the signs of Spring as part of their Science longitudinal study. They took a walk around the school field and grounds looking out for new signs of growth whilst identifying flowers and other plant life. The highlight was the discovery of some beautiful bluebells in the middle of the school field.

Maple have had a lovely week, and have been using their finely tuned palettes to try different types of chocolate in preparation for the creation of their own. I may have passed by their classroom a few times in the hope that they would invite me in to take part in the tasting but sadly that did not occur! Rowan have also been using their creative skills as part of their Ancient Greece topic. Not only have they been reading Greek Myths in preparation for writing their own but they have also been starting the process of designing their own ancient Greek pots.

Whilst Oak class Year 6s have been continuing to prepare for their upcoming SATs, Mrs Gwilliam has ensured this has been balanced with a lot of physical activity including daily lacrosse practice and the Sparsholt Stride. Oak class have also been using their impressive writing skills to write to Sir David Attenborough about his soon to be released feature film 'Ocean' and wishing him a happy 99th birthday. The letters are being mailed to him this weekend and the children will eagerly await his response.

Please look out for the Summer Term Topic Overviews and the Summer term home learning information that are being emailed out today and also the information and registration form for our new afterschool care provider '**Toast & Tea**' who will be starting with us after half term. Please do consider using this outstanding resource for your after school care needs. We will also be e-mailing some information out today about our music provision for next academic year – please do take a look and book your music slots for next year!

I hope you all have a wonderful long weekend and look forward to seeing the children back at school on Tuesday.

Kind regards,

Mrs Hanratty

School Awards

Core Christian Value Awards

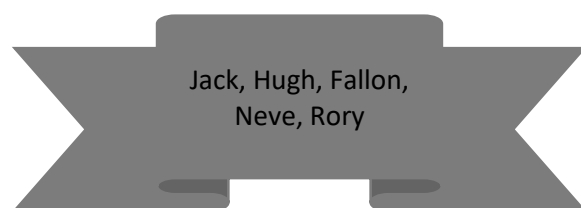
We were very proud to commend our Core Christian Value Award recipients in Celebration Worship today. Children from each class are nominated weekly for each of our Core Values: Courage, Compassion and Creativity.

	Courage	Compassion	Creativity
Willow	Gracey	Grace	Afisemi
Beech	Beni	Jonathan	Cora
Maple	Liv	Jemima	Skyla
Rowan	Joshie	Joshie	Joshie
Oak	Cordelia	Megan	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:

- * Bryony – climbed Moel Siabod and Glyder Fach in Snowden
- * Zevon – played in his 2nd squash tournament, winning 3 matches
- * Willow – completed her 3rd park run and met Dame Kelly Holmes
- * Daisy R – has been super busy with her football – scoring a hattrick, an assisted goal, training with Saints players and has been invited to a training session at St Mary's stadium
- * Henry R – scored over 50 goals in his football season



Well done to Madeleine, Fallon, Pippa S, Lori, Bryony, Liv, Beni, Jack and Cara for completing their first Shooting Stars Challenge booklet!

Well done to Joshie for completing his second Shooting Stars Challenge booklet!

Well done to Seb and George for completing their third Shooting Stars Challenge booklet!

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



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. 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 today (Friday 2nd May) with 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/>



2. Uniform – Direct4Logos

The Romsey Shop will be closed at **2:00pm on Friday 2nd May until 09:30am on Tuesday 6th May**. Orders can still be placed online during this time. Apologies for any inconvenience

3. 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

Next Thursday 8th May we have yoga in the hall – if you are interested, please come along and support FoSS. Suitable for all abilities – see link in table below to book your ticket.

The 5-side football is also starting this term at Crawley. A message was sent out via WhatsApp this week with the link for joining the messages.

1) SUMMER TERM (SO FAR):

Event	When / Where	Details
Yoga For Parents and Carers 	Thursday 8th May 19:30 – 20:30 Sparsholt Memorial Hall	Another session run by an experienced and qualified Iyengar Yoga Instructor. Open to all abilities. Cost £10. Please use link below to purchase your ticket https://www.pta-events.co.uk/sparsholt/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=97810
School Disco 	Wednesday 21 st May	DJ Dean will be returning with his turn tables and party spirit for another night of disco fun! Format will be the same as last time; KS1 first slot followed by KS2.
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

Message from Hampshire Road Safety Education

The Road Safety Team are always shocked to hear how many children don't always wear their seatbelt, even as young as Year 5 pupils, so we are aware that this is such an important message and could save the children's and their families lives.

Below is a Sway link which highlights information about the use of booster seats as well as seatbelts and reminds parents of the seatbelt laws.

- [Seatbelt safety](#)