

# Sparsholt C of E Primary School



## Weekly Newsletter

28<sup>th</sup> March 2025

Enjoying Egyptian  
Creative History Day in  
Years 2 & 3

Climbing high at  
Sparsholt College



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

- ❖ Key Reminders
- ❖ Headteacher weekly update
- ❖ School Awards
- ❖ Dates for your diary
- ❖ Important Notices
- ❖ FoSS Update
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Fun at Marwell Zoo for  
Willow and Rowan Class

### REMINDERS FOR W/C MONDAY 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025

- ✓ No school-run clubs this week (EXCEPT Lacrosse)
  - Additional lacrosse club (to cover missed session) – Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April
- ✓ Year 5 and 6 school visit to Mosque – Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April
- ✓ No Mrs Leitzell music lessons this week – Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April
- ✓ Beech Class trip to Stubbington – Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April
- ✓ Whole School Easter Presentation – 2.15pm Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April, Memorial Hall
- ✓ FoSS Easter Eggstravaganza – after school Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April, school field

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a week of enrichment! The children have been amazing and embraced every opportunity they have been presented with.

On Tuesday, both Rowan and Willow visited Marwell Zoo. They had a fabulous time exploring the park and taking part in some really interesting workshops linked to their topics 'Amazing Animals' (Willow) and 'Animals and their habitats' (Rowan). Rowan had the opportunity to both see and touch different species' tusks, fur, skin and scales and use their science skills and knowledge to undertake classification activities. Willow also had a fabulous time being wild explorers and looking at Meerkats, Giraffes, the Tropical house and the Tigers amongst other amazing species. The children came back looking exhausted, but it was clear that they all had a wonderful fun-filled day and couldn't stop talking about all that they had seen and done.

Yesterday was incredibly full with Years 2 and 3 having an Egyptian-themed Living History Day. The children looked fantastic dressed in their Ancient Egyptian outfits and were able to learn all about life in Ancient Egypt including exploring multiple Ancient Egyptian artefacts and creating Ancient Egyptians menus. Whilst that was going on, Rowan Class were out and about again, this time at Sparsholt Agricultural College taking advantage of the amazing climbing wall there. The children had a fantastic time learning about climbing techniques and safety and then putting this into practice. What was really lovely was that yet again the instructors commented on what incredible children we have, not only in their enthusiasm but the polite and sensible way they approached everything.

The fun and games continued yesterday with some additions being made to both Willow front playground and the main playground. We have had some new playground markings added to encourage not only more physical activity but also learning. Willow class are loving their new 'Alien Spaceship' hopscotch helping them to secure their number skills whilst all the children were having a fantastic time on the main playground playing hopscotch whilst learning their 3, 7, 9 and 12 time tables. We have also added an amazing 'long jump' enabling the children to hone their long jump skills whilst increasing their understanding of measure.



Yesterday was finished off with our amazing Football Team having a resounding win over South Wonston, scoring 8 goals and only conceding 3. Yet again they showed amazing sportsmanship and camaraderie working together to secure this incredible win. Finally, today the whole school had fun celebrating National Skipping Day, with all the children enjoying showing off their newly developed skills.



Next week is of course the final week before we finish for the Easter break but is also a busy one with Years 5 & 6 off to the mosque, Beech Class off to Stubbington Study Centre and our Easter Whole School presentation on Friday, followed by the FoSS Easter Eggstravaganza after school.

I very much hope you all have an amazing weekend and are able to enjoy the warmer weather, with Sunday currently predicted to be 18 degrees!

Kind regards,  
Mrs Hanratty



## School Awards

### Core Christian Value Awards

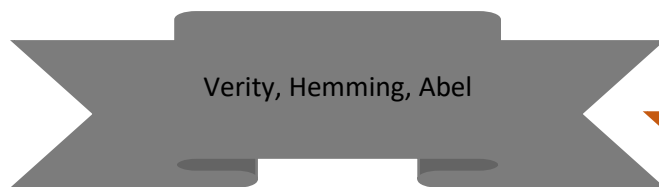
We were very proud to commend our Core Christian Value Award recipients in Celebration Worship today. Children from each class are nominated weekly for each of our Core Values: Courage, Compassion and Creativity.

	Courage	Compassion	Creativity
<b>Willow</b>	Evan	Louis	Chloe
<b>Beech</b>	Enid	Ezra	Edward
<b>Maple</b>	Wilf	Skyla	Harry
<b>Rowan</b>	Sophia	Emily	Mia
<b>Oak</b>	Ishaan	Fallon	Adam / Alfie



### 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:

- \* Zachary – achieved his Stage 2 and 5m badges in swimming
- \* Isaac – achieved a personal best in the Winchester 5km Park Run
- \* Zevon – played in his first squash tournament, winning 2 matches
- \* Berkeley – took part in a Winchester Rugby Club tournament as part of the Winchester Rugby U10 team, winning all four of their games without conceding a try!



Well done to Henry R (Maple Class) for completing his first Shooting Stars Challenge booklet!

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



Date	Event	Location	Time	Parents Invited?	Notes
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	



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

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### 1. Year 5 and 6 Trip to Masjid Mosque – Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April

The purpose of the visit is for the children to visit a place of worship as part of their study of Islam. The children will have a tour of the Mosque, observe Wudhu and Morning Prayer and take part in a Q & A session.

We will be travelling by coach leaving school around 10am and returning by the end of the school day. Please provide your child with a packed lunch, two drinks and a snack in a backpack. **Children should wear their school uniform.**

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### 2. Beech Class Trip to Stubbington – Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

We will be travelling by coach, leaving school at 9:00am. Please ensure that your child is in school by **8:45am** so that we can leave promptly. We will return before the end of the school day. The children will be exploring habitats and geographical features as well as taking part in teamwork activities.

The children should wear trousers (jeans, joggers or leggings are fine), with a long sleeved t-shirt and school sports hoodie or jumper. They **must** wear wellies, otherwise they **will not be able to take part** in the beach activity. Please let us know if this is a problem or if you have spare wellies that others can borrow for the day. Please also provide your child with a packed lunch and drink, together with a spare set of clothes (including comfortable shoes/trainers) in a backpack. They will be able to leave them in our base room during activities. We will be out in the open all day so a lightweight waterproof coat is also essential – we will still go even if it's raining!

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### 3. 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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 will open on Arbor at midday Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2025.**

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

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#### 4. The Next Starling – Free Girls Football Event at Staplewood Training Campus

Please see the information below sent from Saints Football Foundation:

*As a valued partner school we wanted to provide the girls in your school with a unique opportunity. In partnership with Starling Bank, we're once again running a free event for girls aged 7-13 to play football at our elite facility: Staplewood Training Campus.*

*The Next Starling is a free football experience, provided by Starling Bank, with the aim of providing local girls with an elite experience to inspire them on their footballing journey. The experience gives girls ranging from under 8's to under 13's the chance to train like 'the next star' of the academy with academy-style training sessions led by Southampton FC coaches, all hosted at our elite facility: Staplewood Training Campus.*

*Last season, the initiative was fully booked within hours of going live. We're delighted to announce that we will be running The Next Starling again on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2025 and bookings are now open. There are a limited number of places available across the sessions below. Places on this experience are offered on a first-come, first-served basis. Partner schools have a special booking window which will close on Tuesday at 5pm. The places will then be offered to the general public.*

#### **2:30-3:30PM**

U8 - U10's

#### **3:45-4:45PM**

U11 - U13's

You can book your child's free place now via the link below:

**Info and overview:** <https://www.southamptonfc.com/en/news/article/back-by-popular-demand-the-next-starling?previewEntryId=4VV5NdsAHw5Gc0Mh61zUoN>

**Bookinglink;** <https://coaching.southamptonfc.com/courses/courses.htm?coursesSearch=search&venueId=&typeId=219&startDate=DD%2FM%2FY>



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## **5. Whole School Easter Presentation – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April**

We are very much looking forward to welcoming you into school at 2:15pm next Friday for our wonderful Easter presentation. The presentation will take place in The Memorial Hall, with hall doors opening at 2pm! Due to the capacity of the hall, we will be restricting entry to a maximum of 2 people per school family.

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## **6. 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.

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## **7. Considerate parking**

We have been contacted by a member of the local community to inform us that school parents are parking in passing bays and resident bays along the track leading to the new Barn Development and Church Farm Cottages. Please can we ask that you park considerately and only park in designated public parking spots.

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## **8. Head lice in school**

Please be aware that there have been reported cases of head lice this week at school. Please could we ask that all parents check their child for head lice. It would be great to have a determined effort to clear them from school as soon as possible. Thank you.

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## FoSS Update

Fundraising update - This term's film night raised a total of £255.41 and donations from the Book and Costume swap totalled £35.

We have the Total Body Workout class coming up next Wednesday – please sign up and come along if this tickles your fancy. It was great fun last time and we would love to see you there.



We will be finishing the term with the Easter Eggstravaganza on Friday. Please bring in donations of chocolate eggs if you can and drop into the office – thank you!

### 1) UPCOMING EVENTS FOR THIS TERM

Event	When / Where	Details
<p><b>Total Body Workout</b></p> <p><b>For Parents and Carers</b></p> 	<p>Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April</p> <p>19:30 – 20:15</p> <p>Memorial Hall</p>	<p>Back by popular demand!</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><a href="https://www.pta-events.co.uk/sparsholt/index.cfm?event=event&amp;eventId=95742">https://www.pta-events.co.uk/sparsholt/index.cfm?event=event&amp;eventId=95742</a></p>
<p><b>The FoSS Easter Eggstravaganza</b></p> 	<p>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April</p> <p>This will follow straight on from the school's Easter presentation.</p> <p>Memorial Hall / School Field</p>	<p>Donations of chocolate eggs would be much appreciated for the stalls. (Please no mini eggs)</p> <p>Drop off at the school office</p>



2) SUMMER TERM (SO FAR):

Event	When / Where	Details
<p><b>Yoga</b></p> <p><b>For Parents and Carers</b></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><b>Sparsholt Summer Fete</b></p> 	<p>Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> 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>

**General Information**



Mothering Sunday 30th March  
10am

Wherwell, Chilbolton, Crawley, Sparsholt, and Littleton

Bring your Mum, Nan, or Guardian to Church on Mothering Sunday at 10am where you can make them a card and give them a posy of flowers. And then let's thank God for these special people in our lives.



## Free\* Courses for Parents this Summer Term

Course	Location	Date	Time
Positive Parenting	Online	Tuesdays 22 April - 20 May	7:30pm - 9pm
Emergency First Aid	Alton Library	Saturday 26 April	9:45am - 4:45pm
Emergency First Aid	Tadley Library	Saturday 3 May	9:45am - 4:45pm
Emergency First Aid	Basingstoke Discovery Centre	Saturday 10 May	9:45am - 4:45pm
Raising Resilient Children	Online	Mondays 2 - 30 June	7:30pm - 9pm
Emergency First Aid	Andover Library	Wednesday 11 June	9:45am - 4:30pm
Introduction to Paediatric First Aid	Online	Tuesdays 17 June - 8 July	6:30pm - 9:15pm
Emergency Paediatric First Aid	Bridgemary Library	Friday 20 June	9:15am - 4:30pm
Emergency First Aid	Waterlooville Library	Saturday 28 June	9:45am - 4:45pm

\*Free tuition, some courses may have a certification or materials fee



To book a course please visit our course shop: <http://cct.org.uk/hants.gov.uk/learning-in-libraries> or e-mail [learning@hants.gov.uk](mailto:learning@hants.gov.uk) to be added to a course waiting list.



**Rock2theBeat**  
**Easter Enrichment**  
**Days**

**£75**  
 (per child)

**Sign Up Today!**  
 Limited places for each instrument, places will be allocated on a first come first served basis.  
 For queries please contact rock2thebeat@hants.bands.gov.uk



7th & 8th April 2025  
 Monday 10:00am - 1:45pm & Tuesday 9:00am - 1:00pm  
 Concert to parents at 3:30 on Tuesday  
 The Kings School, Fair Oak, Exceat, SO50 7DS

Subject to approval by Hampshire County Council and in a room of the school, or other suitable premises.  
 All equipment provided. Instrumental cost extra. Limited availability of instruments.

If you would like to come along, please sign up using the following link:

[Rock 2 the Beat Enrichment Days – 7 and 8 April 2025](#)

Cost: £75



**Music Production**  
**7th & 8th April 2025**

**£75**

DJ & iPad Production Workshops  
 8.45 - 3.15

Suitable for children in  
 years 5, 6, 7 and 8.  
 The Kings School, Fair Oak

Learn how to create songs from scratch! Learn how to  
 record, mix, and edit music, using iPads and how to  
 perform live music with DJ and keyboard controllers.  
 All equipment provided.

**Register Today!**

### **Music Production**

Learn how to create songs from scratch! Learn how to record, mix, and edit music, using iPads and how to perform live music with DJ and keyboard controllers. All equipment provided.

The workshop is suitable for children in years 5, 6, 7 and 8, with sessions for those who currently participate in HMS Music Production lessons, and for those with no previous experience.

Below is a video about Music Production.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=REZwgHiGrIs>

If you would like to come along, please sign up using the following link:

[Music Production Enrichment Days – 7 and 8 April 2025](#)

For more information: [Holiday Activities - Hampshire Music Education Hub](#)  
[hantsmusicHub.org.uk/](http://hantsmusicHub.org.uk/)

Cost: £75

An online talk by Jane Keyworth



## Supporting a Child with ADHD

Challenging the stereotypes, offering practical support and explaining more about this condition



**Thursday 3rd April 10 -11:30am**

**Tuesday 29th April 7 - 8:30pm**

*Talks are recorded and available to watch for up to 48hrs after the session £24*



Book online  
**facefamilyadvice.co.uk**  
go to **PARENTS**  
on the **Homepage**



### Easter Timetable

all sessions delivered live online via zoom £24 each 90 minutes long  
book online at [facefamilyadvice.co.uk](http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)

Facing Defiance	7 April 7pm
Anxiety Based School Avoidance	8 April 10am
Understanding Anger	8 April 7PM
Anxiety Explained	14 APR 10am
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	14 APR 7pm
What is ACT	15 April 10am
Introduction to OCD	15 April 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	22 April 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	22 April 7pm
<b>FREE</b> Responding to Angry Behaviour	24 April 7pm
Improving Family Communication	28 April 10am
Autism Improving Communication	28 April 7pm
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	29 April 10am
Supporting a Child with ADHD	29 April 7pm
Anxiety Based School Avoidance	6 May 7pm