

# Sparsholt C of E Primary School



## Weekly Newsletter

17<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Rowan's Environmental Artwork inspired by Andy Goldsworthy

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

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Learning about water safety with Mr Wesley



Our marvellous street dance crews competing at the Integr8 dance-off!



### REMINDERS FOR W/C MONDAY 20<sup>th</sup> MAY 2024

- ✓ Table Top Sale – 09:30am – 11am Sat 18<sup>th</sup> May (opposite Sparsholt shop)
- ✓ St. Cross Cricket Tournament – selected children – Tues 21<sup>st</sup> May
- ✓ Book talk / Book café (with FoSS refreshments) – 2:45pm Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> May
- ✓ Musical May concert (with FoSS refreshments) – 2:15pm Fri 24<sup>th</sup> May
- ✓ School finishes for half-term – 3:30pm Fri 24<sup>th</sup> May

Thank you for all your generous donations for our toy sale today to raise money for Water Aid!

So far we have raised an amazing £260



Dear Parents and Carers,

What a whirlwind of a week. From KS2 SATS to the most amazing courageous advocacy, all in the blink of an eye!

I have to say that the way our Year 6s approached this week's KS2 SATs exams has been truly inspirational. Every single one of them tried their absolute best and showed such determination and focus in every single paper. Their approach was mature, methodical and organised and they remained calm and motivated even when some elements were really tricky. And most importantly, they were there for each other!

Whatever the outcomes, I am so proud of every single one of them not only for the effort they have put in this week but also because of what a difference they make to this school and their desire to have a positive effect for the school and wider community.

With the last SATs exam finishing on Thursday lunchtime, Year 6 immediately switched their attention to the Toy and Table Top sales in aid of WaterAid. They have again approached this with the utmost care and thought around how to make sure all three events are a huge success.

The Toy sale took place this morning and the children were so excited to go up and select their 'new' items. Thank you so much to everyone who donated items for the sales and also for sending the children in with their money so that they could purchase exciting things - upcycling and courageous advocacy all in one go!

After school today we have the first of our two 'Table Top' sales, with the second taking place tomorrow **(Saturday) from 9.30am to 11.00am on the Memorial Green by St Stephen's Church**. Please do make sure you come along and snag some wonderful bargains.

Last weekend, Integr8 street dance crews took part in the annual 'dance-off' against other local school groups. Our teams' dance skills, coupled with their teamwork and incredible confidence, resulted in the Sparsholt 'minis' being crowned 'most energetic' performance of the night and our Sparsholt Squad taking home the overall squad trophy. There were even individual recognition awards for Bryony and Allana. Every single member of the school who took part should be incredibly proud of their enthusiasm and dedication, including our supporters who I have heard were once again the loudest of the night. Well done everybody!

We also had a wonderful 'Tell Me Tuesday' presented by Mr Wesley all about the work of the RNLI. The children learned about what the RNLI do, were given important water safety tips and were told the key message of always respecting the water. Every child was also gifted an RNLI badge and information leaflet which I know they will treasure.

If you haven't already signed up, we are still looking for volunteers to assist with our final push to complete the works for our Pond Area as mentioned in last week's newsletter. If you are able to offer some help on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June (even if it is just for an hour or so) we would be eternally grateful.

Next week, we have another incredibly packed week with both our Book café and Book Fair taking place on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May and our 'Musical May' concert taking place on Friday. I know you will be blown away by the wonderful performances given by the children as I am constantly uplifted every time their dulcet tones waft up the corridor as they continue to practice in preparation.

Finally, I want to wish you all a wonderful weekend and am looking forward to seeing some of you at tomorrow's Table Top sale.

Kind regards,

Mrs Hanratty

A well-deserved post-SATs treat for our wonderful Year 6s!



## 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>	Niam	Livi	Ezra
<b>Beech</b>	Reuben	Edward	Alice
<b>Maple</b>	Hemming	Clara	Teddy
<b>Rowan</b>	Tom	Lori	Hannah
<b>Oak</b>	<b>The Whole of Year 6!!!</b>		



### House Point "Scolosaurus" Awards

Following on from last year's owl awards, this year the children who achieve the required number of house points (see below), will come home with a lovely dinosaur "scolosaurus" badge.

Bronze "scolosaurus" awards are given out to children who have earned 100 house points.

Silver "scolosaurus" awards are given out to children who have earned 200 house points.

Gold "scolosaurus" awards are given out to children who have earned 300 house points.

This week we were delighted to present the following award:

**GOLD: Emily**

**SILVER: Berkeley, Lori, Max**

**BRONZE:**



### Dates for the Diary - Summer Term 1 2024

Date	Event	Time	Parents invited	New event?
Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	<b>Book Talk by Children's Librarian followed by Book Café</b>	2:30pm - 4:00pm	Yes	
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Whole school "Musical May" concert</b>	2:15pm	Yes	
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Last day of half-term - 3:30pm finish</b>	All day		

### Dates for the Diary - Summer Term 2 2024

Date	Event	Time	Parents invited	New event?
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	<b>Children return to school after half-term</b>	8:50am	N/A	
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> June to Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Year 6 Residential</b>	N/A	N/A	
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Sports Day</b>	1:15pm	Yes	
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> June	<b>Class photos</b>	N/A	N/A	
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>INSET DAY</b>	N/A	N/A	
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> July	<b>Marvellous Monday - all classes</b> Invitation to come in with your child and view their work.	3:35pm - 4:15pm	Yes All parents / carers	
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Whole school outdoor production</b>	1:15pm	Yes	
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Whole school outdoor production</b>	6:00pm	Yes	
Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	<b>Year 6 Leaver's Service</b>	9:30am	Yes Families of Year 6	
Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	<b>Last day of school year</b>	3:30am	N/A	
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> July to Fri 30 <sup>th</sup> Aug	<b>Summer Holidays</b>	N/A	N/A	
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept - Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sept	<b>INSET DAYS</b>	N/A	N/A	
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> Sept	<b>Children return to school</b>	8:50am	N/A	

## Important Notices

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### 1. Table Top Sale – Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May (09:30am – 11am)

On **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May**, our Year 5 and 6 children are keen to demonstrate their entrepreneurial initiative and will be holding another table top sale from 9:30am - 11am (on the green opposite the Sparsholt village shop) to raise money for **WaterAid**. They will also be selling delicious cakes and tea and coffee! If you are looking for something to do on Saturday morning, please do pop along and support this great cause.

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### 2. Volunteers Needed – Pond Area Clearing – Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June at 10am

We are asking for volunteers to come and help us on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June. As an incentive, our wonderful FoSS will be providing bacon sandwiches and tea/coffee, and the field will also be open. We are sure it will be a fun and productive day!

We will be at the pond from 10am until the job is done and so if you could join us for any length of time, that would be much appreciated. Please just let us know if you are able to help so that we have an idea of numbers for catering purposes!

We are so keen to get this project finished so that the children can get the most out of using this amazing resource for outdoor learning. Thank you in advance for your help!

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### 3. Labelling of school uniform

We have a large pile of unclaimed school uniform in the school office. We will put this uniform outside school this afternoon (by the table top sale) in case you would like to claim any items. Please can we kindly remind you to label all school uniform with your child's name, so that we can return any lost items to their rightful owners. Thank you.

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## FoSS Update

Event		Details
<p><b>Pond Area Community Event</b></p> <p><u>Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June @ 10am</u></p>		<p>Please let your class reps know if you can help.</p> <p>Kick off will be from 10am. We will give more details nearer the time</p>
<p><b>Father's Day</b></p> <p><u>Final orders will be Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June</u></p>	<p>'Make a Marvellous Man' (or Someone Special)</p> 	<p>We will be offering a gingerbread man from a local bakery, along with a decorating kit. These will be distributed on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June, and then the children can take them home to weave their artistic magic 😊</p> <p>Cost will be £3 for a gingerbread man kit or £2.50 each if buying more than one.</p> <p>These can be pre-ordered on the FoSS website – link to be provided next week!</p>
<p><b>Sparsholt Village Fete</b></p> <p><u>Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June</u></p>	<p>FoSS will be having a stall TBA</p> 	<p>Information to follow...</p> <p>But one thing we do know for sure is that Sparsholt School's dad band will be playing their debut performance, and running the bar.</p> <p>Let's hope all their practise pays off... and they can serve up a nice refreshing drink...!</p>

## Other Items

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**FREE Family Fun Day at Milestones**



The Multiply team are hosting a FREE family fun day at Milestones Museum in Basingstoke. Come along and join in with some maths related activities and fun challenges. After the event, you are welcome to stay and explore the museum. The event includes entrance fee into the museum and parking.

**Date:** Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May, 2024

**Time:** 10am – 12pm

**Venue:** Milestones Museum, Basingstoke, RG22 6PG

**Eligibility:** This event is free for families with children aged 5 and over but at least one adult in the party must NOT have a level 2 maths qualification (e.g. Maths GCSE at grade 4/C and above, or a Functional Skills level 2 in maths).

**Contact:** To register your interest, please use the QR code or contact us at [multiply@hants.gov.uk](mailto:multiply@hants.gov.uk)



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**FREE Family Fun Day at Beaulieu National Motor Museum**



The Multiply team are hosting a FREE family fun day at Beaulieu National Motor Museum. Come along and join in with some maths related activities and fun challenges. After the event, you are welcome to stay and explore the motor museum. The event includes entrance fee and parking.

**Date:** Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2024

**Time:** 10am – 12pm

**Venue:** Beaulieu National Motor Museum, Beaulieu, SO42 7ZN

**Eligibility:** This event is free for families with children aged 5 and over but at least one adult in the party must NOT have a level 2 maths qualification (e.g. Maths GCSE at grade 4/C and above, or a Functional Skills level 2 in maths).

**Contact:** To register your interest, please use the QR code or contact us at [multiply@hants.gov.uk](mailto:multiply@hants.gov.uk)



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## Multiply, Making Hampshire Count

To celebrate National Numeracy Day on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May, Multiply need your help! Take part in a step counting challenge and complete a maths quiz with your family for a chance to win our top prize of a family day out worth up to £100. There will also be ten runners up prizes. One lucky school will be selected from the entries to win £250 worth of maths equipment. To enter, please click on this link [Multiply Quiz](#) or use the QR code below to complete a quiz and pledge the number of steps your family could achieve on the day. The winner will be selected at random. Remember every step matters as we are trying to achieve Hampshire's population in steps – 1.4 million! Good luck! If you have any queries, please contact [multiply@hants.gov.uk](mailto:multiply@hants.gov.uk)

\*This challenge is only open to eligible Hampshire schools

