

Sparsholt C of E Primary School



Weekly Newsletter

25th April 2025

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

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Amazing football match
win against Harestock
this week!



This week the children
enjoyed the wonderful
well-being workshops
with SCARF!



REMINDERS FOR W/C MONDAY 28th April 2025

- ✓ School-run clubs re-start this week

Dear Parents and Carers,

Whilst it might have been a shorter week, it's definitely been a full one! We have had a fantastic start to the Summer term with the children coming back refreshed and raring to go. The children have been very much enjoying the good weather and the opportunity to be outdoors. The Sparsholt Stride has been continuing with the children not only enjoying the physical element but also the chance to talk and walk with friends, which is so important for ones wellbeing.

In regard to wellbeing, we have been very lucky to have SCARF in on Wednesday and Thursday who delivered some wonderful workshops to each year group linked to mental health and wellbeing. The sessions took place in the SCARF 'inflatable classroom' that was set up in the hall which the children loved. Each year group had a different focus from Year R learning all about resilience through to Year 6 thinking about 'Aspirations' and 'Going for Goals'. They really were excellent sessions that provided the children with a clear understanding of all these aspects of wellbeing and mental health.

Yesterday after school, our avid footballers headed off to Harestock Primary School for a match against their football team. The children played amazingly, not only with the skills they demonstrated but also the sportsmanship they showed. They were resoundingly victorious winning by an impressive 8 goals to 3.

As you will have read in the email you received on Wednesday, our current After School Care provider (Creative Kidz) will be running their last session here on Thursday 22nd May. We are incredibly pleased to announce that we now have a new provider starting straight after May half term. Our new provider is **'Toast and Tea'** who are a Winchester based provider who already work at a number of other Winchester schools and settings. We are really excited about them starting with us as they definitely have the same core values as us including putting children at the forefront of all they do. The founder Elise Farzam was a Deputy Headteacher prior to setting up 'Toast and Tea' in 2019 so has an excellent understanding of child development and what children need to thrive. We will be sending out information about how you can book onto their sessions shortly but if you wish to find out more about this fantastic provider please go to their website: <https://toastandtea.co.uk/>.

We are all very excited about the term ahead in which there will be some amazing experiences for the children from things like Sports Day to the Summer production in which I have no doubt that the children will continue to shine like the always do.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards,

Mrs Hanratty

School Awards

Core Christian Value Awards

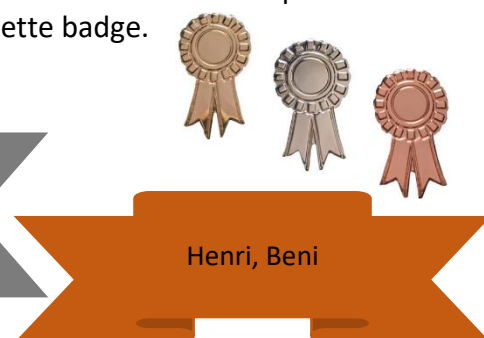
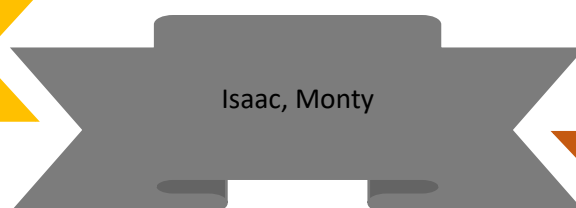
We were very proud to commend our Core Christian Value Award recipients in Celebration Worship today. Children from each class are nominated weekly for each of our Core Values: Courage, Compassion and Creativity.

	Courage	Compassion	Creativity
Willow	Sylvia	Ari	Grace
Beech	Jack	Alice	Grace
Maple	Jemima	Henri A	Reuben
Rowan	Harrison	Martha	Henry
Oak	Zevon	Sofia	Tom



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:

- * George – climbed Hellvellyn as part of a 17.5km walk in the Lake District
- * Grayson – really enjoyed his first Mini Kickers football session



Well done to Abel 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
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. 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 28th 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).

Please note that there are currently not enough children registered for Mad Science to allow the club to run this term. Mad Science have now opened up the club to Year R's! If you are interested in your child attending this club, please contact Mad Science as soon as possible.

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 are now open on Arbor.**

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



AFTER-SCHOOL CLUB

Complement Your Child's Learning Experience with a Mad Science After-School Club. Our unique approach gives children a solid scientific foundation that goes beyond the classroom, through hands-on activities and spectacular demonstrations.

Sign Up for your course today

Sparsholt Primary School

Blast off and finale the school year with Summer Science!

Yr.1 – Yr.6
Day and Time: Tuesday 3.30 pm-4.30 pm
Dates: 6th May – 8th July
Programme Duration: 9 x 1hr-Sessions
Cost: £72
Please register by: 29th April

Register ONLINE

Visit Wessex.madscience.org click **REGISTER HERE**
 This will take you to the booking page run by Class4kids

If you are unable to access the internet, please call us to register by phone 01980 611807

Please ensure you register by this date to secure your child a place. In the interest of fairness places are allocated on a first-come first-served basis.

Please note: successful online registration with full payment secures your child's place on our After-School Club programme unless you are otherwise contacted.
 For further information or if you encounter any problems please don't hesitate to contact us:
schools@madsciencewessex.co.uk

Due to the nature of this After School Club, all students will be expected to behave in an appropriate manner and adhere to the rules of the school and of Mad Science. Any child who consistently does not behave will be asked to leave the After School Club and will not be entitled to a refund.



After school art club

Sparsholt C of E Primary School
 Thursdays 3.30 - 4.30pm Years 2 - 6

Children engage in fun and sustainable, art-based activities while learning about the natural world around them.



Examples of creative projects may include:

- clay modelling
- collaging
- observational drawing
- charcoal/ pastel art
- craft activities
- printmaking
- recycled art
- sketchbook activities
- outdoor art
- painting using different media

Artiology Club is booked on a half termly basis at £8.00 per session. Payment is made by BACS to Halli Ormerod. This half term the club starts w/b 22nd April and runs for 5 weeks (5 sessions £40).

All materials are included. Please send in a small snack with your child if they would like one and advise about any allergies/ medical conditions as necessary.



Please email hallimarie@googlemail.com if you would like more information or drop this slip into the school office.

Name:
 Class:
 Email:



Ferns have been on Earth for at least 360 million years - herbivore dinosaurs ate them for their lunch!

2. Payment for school meals for KS2

The school requires that school lunches (for KS2) are paid in advance, on a half-termly basis. The current price for a school lunch is £3.20. For administrative purposes, wherever possible, the school would prefer payment to be made online using the Arbor website or app. The school's charging policy is on the school website for reference. If you need support in setting up or using the online system, please ask the office. To help you calculate the correct payment for next half-term on Arbor, please see below:

Number meals taken per week	1	2	3	4	5
Cost for Summer 1 half-term	£16.00	£32.00	£48.00	£64.00	£73.60

3. PE Timetable for Summer Term – starting Tuesday 22nd April 2025

PE days for each class are as follows for the Summer Term 2025:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Willow					
Beech					
Maple					
Rowan					
Oak					

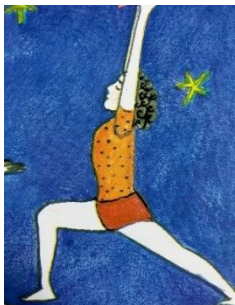


Children should wear their PE kits into school on the days they have PE. If children have a club after school on a day that is not their PE day, children should bring their kit in a small bag, and will be able to get changed at the end of the school day before the club.

FoSS Update

The Easter Eggstravaganza was a huge success at the end of last term – the weather was certainly on our side! A massive thank you to everyone who helped-out in various ways with this event e.g. baking, running a stall. The children (and parents) seemed to be having a great time. This was a big earner for the school, bringing in a total profit of **£734.95**.

**** If there are any parents who have an employer that could match fund or part match fund the above – please let us know! Thank you ****

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.