

# Sparsholt C of E Primary School



## Weekly Newsletter

20<sup>th</sup> September 2024

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

- ❖ Key Reminders
- ❖ Headteacher weekly update
- ❖ School Awards
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The KS2 lunchtime football match, "Pickles vs Tigers" including the Sparsholt Stadium, plus hospitality & VIP areas!

### REMINDERS FOR W/C MONDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> SEPTEMBER

- ✓ Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September - Pet Service - Woodman Close - 10am
- ✓ Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September - Classroom Presentations:
  - Beech - 3:45pm
  - Maple - 4:15pm
  - Rowan - 4:15pm
  - Oak - 4:45pm
- ✓ Keyboard / Recorder lessons moved from Thursday to Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept for this week

Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't quite believe we are at the end of another week with time just seeming to be flying by!

All the children are still showing such enthusiasm for learning and our focus around physical activity is being embraced by all. So many children are busily earning their stamps for their Sparsholt Shooting Stars awards and it has been so wonderful to see children also sharing their achievements from outside of school. The Sparsholt Stride is continuing to be a daily activity with the children pushing themselves to try and achieve that daily 1km.

Not only are we seeing children participate in our whole school initiatives but they are also setting them up themselves. Yesterday and today, children in KS2 set up a 'stadium' around the astroturf during lunchtime where supporters could watch the matches as different groups participated. They even provided VIP zones and were thoroughly absorbed in the imaginative play of serving posh sandwiches and a selection of cold beverages.

Thank you very much to our amazing Year 6 pupils who applied for the role of Sports Leaders. Their written applications were extremely strong and they truly reflected our school values. Due to the strength of all of their applications, they were all successful and have already started to plan further whole school events that will aim to inspire and engage every single child.

Today Mr Firth (one of our Governors) came in to talk to Year 5 & 6 about the Children's Commissioner and the important work of children's voices in shaping their future. He is very keen on encouraging young people to express their views and make a positive difference – something that he sees as a real strength here. We are incredibly grateful to Mr Firth for being a true advocate for a child centred approach to all aspects of learning and the contribution he makes to our school.

Next week, we are very much looking forward to welcoming parents and carers into classes on Monday after school to hear from the class teacher first-hand about routines and practicalities for the coming academic year. Please do make sure that you look carefully at the starting time of the presentation for your child's class as different classes are starting at different times to enable parents and carers with children in multiple classes to attend each of the presentations.

Please remember that the Pet Service is taking place on Sunday at 10:00am on the green in Woodman Close if you would like to join. It is always such a pleasure to see the menagerie of pets (including soft toys) that come along.

I hope you have a wonderful weekend and look forward to seeing those of you who can attend the class information sessions on Monday.

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>	Liam	Ari	Monty
<b>Beech</b>	Peter	Alice	Cora
<b>Maple</b>	Olive	Cami	Henri
<b>Rowan</b>	Daisy R	Pippa S	Harrison
<b>Oak</b>	Bryony	Henry R	Adam



### 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.

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

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

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



### Sparsholt Shooting Stars Sports Challenge

The children have really embraced this sports challenge and enjoyed their regular "strides" around the field.

Some sporting achievements from home to highlight this week:

- \* Wilf – player of the match for his football team
- \* Abel – moving into Stage 9 swimming lessons
- \* Bryony – completing a try "scuba dive" at Southampton Boat Show

Well done!

Please do keep sending your achievements into us!



## Key Dates for the Diary



### Sparsholt C of E Primary School Dates for your diary - 2024/25

Term: Autumn 1

Date	Event	Location	Time	Parents Invited?	Notes
Sun 22nd Sept 2024	Pet Service	Woodman Close	10:00am	Yes	Bring your pet and / or your pet cuddly toy
Mon 23rd Sept 2024	Classroom visits	Child's classroom	3:45pm - Beech 4:15pm - Maple 4:15pm - Rowan 4:45pm - Oak	Yes	A chance to hear from your child's class teacher about daily routines and learning topics etc
Mon 7th Oct 2024	Open morning for prospective parents	School	9:30am - 12:00pm	n/a	Please share with the community
Mon 7th Oct 2024	Phonics information session	Willow classroom	3:45pm	Yes	For parents of Reception children only
Fri 11th Oct 2024	INSET Day	Home	All day	n/a	
Fri 18th Oct 2024	School Harvest Festival	Playground / Hall	9:15am	Yes	Weather dependent
Fri 25th Oct 2024	Last day of half-term	School	3:30pm	n/a	

## Important Notices

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### 1. Parent Governor Vacancies

We have vacancies on our Governing Body for parent governors. If you feel you can help in this capacity please contact the office for an application form which will need to be completed and returned to the school by Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September.

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### 2. Classroom visits – Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September

Now that the children have had some time to settle back into the school routine, we look forward to welcoming Beech, Maple, Rowan and Oak Class parents to join us in school for a 'Visit the Classroom' session on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September. These sessions will provide you with an opportunity to see your child's new classroom and hear from the class teacher all about classroom routines, what the children will be learning about this year etc.

The timings for these sessions will be as follows:

- 3:45pm - Beech Class
- 4:15pm - Maple and Rowan Classes
- 4:45pm - Oak Class

On Monday, please collect your children as normal, and then come to the front gate just before the time of the session(s) you will be attending. The teachers' presentations will start at the above times and are aimed at parents, but children are welcome to sit with you.

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### 3. Keyboard / Recorder lessons – change of day

Please note that keyboard and recorder lessons for next week will take place on **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September instead of Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September**. This change is for this week only.

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### FoSS Update



A little dated...but the numbers are in from the Sparsholt Summer Fete. A total of **£434** was raised for the school through a toy sale, Dad band and general support of the event. A huge thank you again to everyone who helped out with this.

Back to this term ...

Thank you to everyone who volunteered and came along to last week's BBQ and a big thank you to those who brought their barbeques along and cooked! It was a lovely, relaxed event and the children had a great time. This event raised **£122**.

Please see below for upcoming events. More to be added ☺

#### Autumn Term upcoming events:

Event	Details
<b>Yoga for parents and carers</b>  <b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September</b> <b>7-8PM</b> <b>Sparsholt Village Hall</b>	Join us for an Iyengar yoga class with a qualified yoga instructor. All abilities welcome.    Please go to link below to book your ticket.  Look forward to seeing you there.  <a href="https://www.pta-events.co.uk/sparsholt/index.cfm?event=event&amp;eventId=85333">https://www.pta-events.co.uk/sparsholt/index.cfm?event=event&amp;eventId=85333</a>
<b>Movie Night</b>  <b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October</b>  	We will be running another film night open to all classes.  More details / ticket information to follow.  We would be grateful to anyone who could help with this event.

## Other Information

# Starting school in September 2025

If your child is 4 or will turn 4 before **1 September 2025**, they can start school in **September 2025**.

For more information go to [www.hants.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.hants.gov.uk/admissions)  
Applications open for Hampshire residents on **1 November 2024**

THE NATIONAL CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS  
IS WEDNESDAY 15 JANUARY 2025

**DON'T MISS IT!**



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PETER YEATES & THE PLOUGH INN PRESENTS

# SPARSHOLT FIREWORKS 2024

## @ THE PLOUGH INN

NOVEMBER 2ND 2024

**BONFIRE AT 7**  
**MAIN EVENT FIREWORKS AT 7:30**

**FOOD AND DRINKS AVAILABLE ALONGSIDE OUR USUAL MENU**

	ADVANCE	ON DAY
ADULTS	£8	£10
KIDS	£4	£5
FAMILY OF 4	£20	

**POSH DOGS**  
**KIDS HOT DOGS**  
**KIDS HOT CHOC**  
**BOOZY HOT CHOC**  
**MULLED WINE**

**TICKETS SOLD HERE AT THE PLOUGH AND VILLAGE SHOP**  
**WOODMAN LN, SPARSHOLT, WINCHESTER SO21 2NW**

**OUTSIDE BAR ALSO AVAILABLE**

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# It's time for a Macmillan Coffee Morning and you're invited

Let's do whatever it takes to support people living with cancer.

Place: Sparsholt Memorial Green

Date: Friday 27th September

Time: From 8am till 4pm

Contact: Janette in the Shop



Simply scan this QR code with your phone to donate to your host's Coffee Morning. It's easy, quick and secure. Thank you.

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