

# Sparsholt C of E Primary School

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Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Dear Parents, Guardians and Members of the Sparsholt Community,

As many of you are already aware, this June marks a remarkable milestone in the history of our wonderful village school—the 150th anniversary of Sparsholt Church of England Primary School. It is an extraordinary achievement and one we are immensely proud to celebrate together as a community.

**Please save the date: Friday 19th June 2026**, as this will be the day of our main anniversary celebration. Planning is already underway to ensure this momentous occasion receives the recognition it deserves.

One particularly exciting part of our celebration will be the restoration of the school's original bell, which was recently rediscovered in a resident's garage after being lost for more than 90 years. This historic piece of our heritage will be brought back to life and unveiled during the anniversary event. I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to FOSS and all the volunteers who have already offered their time and energy to support this project and the wider celebrations.

We are also hoping to create a time capsule to commemorate life in Sparsholt today, alongside a 150-year timeline of the village's history. The Memorial Hall Committee is keen to display this timeline in the Memorial Hall for the whole community to enjoy. If you have old newspaper clippings, photographs, artefacts, local stories, or if you know someone who might be willing to be interviewed by our pupils as part of capturing the last 150 years, we would be thrilled to hear from you.

To make this anniversary as memorable as possible, we are looking for additional volunteers who may be able to help with planning, preparations, activities on the day, or behind-the-scenes organisation. If you feel you can offer any support at all, we would love to have you involved, please email us: [admin@sparsholt.hants.sch.uk](mailto:admin@sparsholt.hants.sch.uk)

Finally, we are excited to share that we will be inviting the local press to help us shine a spotlight on our tiny but proud village—putting Sparsholt on the map as we celebrate 150 years of community, learning and history.

Thank you for your continued support. I look forward to celebrating this remarkable milestone with you all.

Warmest wishes,

Mrs Gemma Cutler

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gemma Cutler', written in a cursive style.

*Headteacher*

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