

Sparsholt C of E Primary School



Weekly Newsletter

6th June 2025

Willow and Rowan Classes
enjoying their outdoor learning
with the Hampshire and Isle of
Wight Wildlife Trust

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

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REMINDERS FOR W/C MONDAY 9th June 2025

- ✓ Monday 9th June – Friday 13th June – Year 6 Residential at Calshot
 - Children to come into school with a packed lunch at 10am

A fabulous first week at Toast and Tea, offering childcare from 3:30pm – 6pm!
If you want your child to join in the fun, please contact them at toastandteasps@gmail.com



Dear Parents and Carers,

Yet again we have had a wonderful week here at school with the children continuing to demonstrate their fantastic learning behaviours and their enthusiasm for school life.

On Monday we had the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust in for some more amazing outdoor learning sessions that took place both in our wonderful pond area and on the field. Rowan Class were focusing on Properties of Materials and Reversible and Irreversible changes. They had a fantastic time looking at different rocks such as sandstone, chalk, clay and flint and undertook various experiments to observe the differences between them. They also had fun filtering and sieving the pond sediment. The highlight however came when they were looking at irreversible changes and were taught how to light a piece of cotton wool by using the fire strikers. They worked in pairs with one from each pair lighting at once and then swapped over. They then watched how the cotton wool burnt and talked about the irreversible change. The group then got to light a small fire and used the heat to observe evaporation by putting a small pan of water over the heat. It was a really valuable session in which the children learnt so many elements through true first hand experiences.

In the afternoon, it was the turn of Willow Class. Their focus was developing their fine motor skills through learning how to drill and saw. The children had a fantastic time making their very own wooden named pendants. They also had the opportunity to do a bug hunt and enjoyed discovering the variety of mini beasts that there are in our grounds. The children also got to create their own 'Journey Sticks'. They selected a stick and using wool, wrapped it around the stick to create loose gaps. They then went on a walk and collected different objects along their journey. At the end they gathered around on blankets on the field and talked about their journey and what they found.

Some national assessments have been taking place this week with our Year 4s undertaking the Multiplication Tables Check. I was so impressed at how they approached the test and it was so obvious that every one of them wanted to do their absolute best to demonstrate their knowledge.

Oak Class have also been busy this week with the children designing and coding their own computer games. The project included: decomposition of the elements of the game, creating assets for the game such as background images and characters, coding the game using Scratch and debugging and improving the code. Having been a 'tester' for these innovative and creative games, I can give a 5-star review for every single one of them.

Next week, our Year 6s are off on their residential to Calshot Activity centre. I have no doubt that they will have an amazing time and will be a credit to the school in every way. Our Year 6s have become such amazing role models for all our younger pupils and I know that the experiences they will have on the residential will continue to develop their resilience and they will learn so much from the whole experience.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards,

Mrs Hanratty

School Awards

Core Christian Value Awards

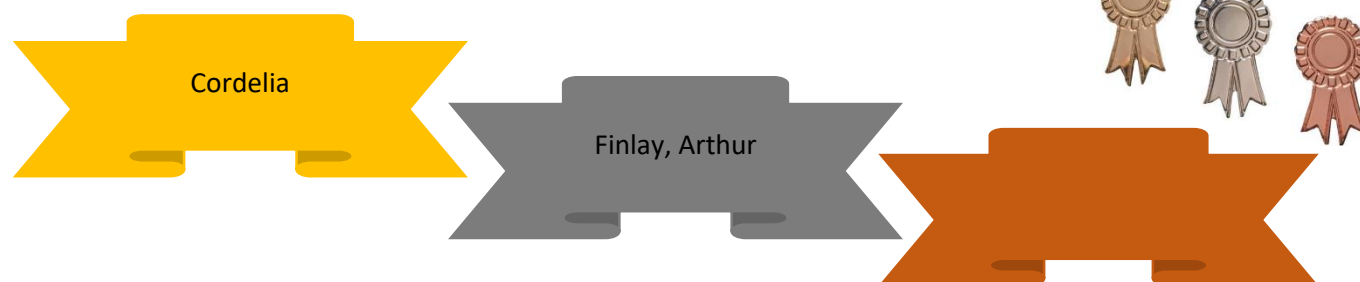
We were very proud to commend our Core Christian Value Award recipients in Celebration Worship today. Children from each class are nominated weekly for each of our Core Values: Courage, Compassion and Creativity.

	Courage	Compassion	Creativity
Willow	Cecily	Ari	Chloe
Beech	Zachary	Cora	Evie
Maple	Henry & Emilia	Theo	Harry
Rowan	Daisy L	Harrison	Edi
Oak	Finlay	Bryony	Megan



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:

- * Joshua – completed a 4-mile Tough Mudder to raise money for a wonderful Army Veteran who has overcome incredible hardships
- * Olive – took part in 2 shows at the Theatre Royal with her dance school and completed her first park run!
- * George – had his first two attempts at indoor sky-diving



Well done to Livi, Peter, Max, Erin and Olive for completing their first Shooting Stars Challenge booklet!

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



Date	Event	Location	Time	Parents Invited?	Notes
Mon 9th Jun – Fri 13th Jun 2025	Year 6 Residential	Calshot Activities Centre	n/a	n/a	For Year 6 only
Thurs 19th Jun 2025	Sports Day	School field	1:15pm	Yes	Weather dependent
Fri 20th Jun 2025	Diocese Leavers' Service	Winchester Cathedral	TBC	No	
Mon 30th Jun 2025	INSET Day	Home	All day	n/a	
Wed 16th July 2025	Whole School Outdoor Production	School field	1:15pm	Yes	Weather dependent
Thurs 17th July 2025	Whole School Outdoor Production	School field	6:00pm	Yes	Weather dependent
Tues 22nd July 2025	Year 6 Leavers' Service	St. Stephen's Church	09:30am	Yes	For Year 6 children and parents only
Tues 22nd July 2025	Last day of the school year	School	3:30pm	n/a	Return to school on Thurs 4th Sept 2025

Governor Update

My name is David Stass and I've been a Parent Governor since Autumn 2024. I live in Sparsholt and, by day, I work as a management consultant, supporting companies with mergers and acquisitions and improving their businesses.

Being a Parent Governor has opened my eyes to a whole range of activity that goes on (often behind the scenes) to keep the school running and supporting each of our children to perform to the very best of their ability. We really do have an exceptional community here at Sparsholt including the school, the church, the college and many other individuals and organisations beyond. If it takes a village to raise a child then it certainly takes a village to run a school!

In the coming months I'm looking forward to working alongside my fellow governors to review our strategic plan and begin our search for a new headteacher. Whilst change can be unsettling, this is an exciting opportunity for us all to shape our school for the years ahead and your input and support as we go through this process will be invaluable.

As always, please do contact me or any of the other governors if you have any comments, questions or suggestions - we are always glad to hear from our school community.




David

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FoSS Update

5-side football in Crawley on **Tuesday evenings** is continuing this term, please contact Emmanuel on 07487 625267 who is organising this if you are interested. See details below.

1) SUMMER TERM (SO FAR):

Event	When / Where	Details
5 Aside Football 	Every Tuesday of the summer term Crawley	If you're interested, please join the WhatsApp group (see link for this on Friends of Sparsholt School Announcements WhatsApp group).
Father's Day Bake Sale 	Friday 13 th June After school Outside the main entrance on The Green	Baked goods will be £1 each.
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. We will also be asking for willing volunteers to help man the stall over the afternoon.

General Information



Come and Find Out

HOW TO GET THE BEST OUT OF FAMILY LIFE



The 10-week Nurturing Programme for Parents will be running during the Autumn Term at:
St Stephen's Church, Oliver's Battery Road North

To find out more or to book a place,
please email nurturingprogramme@ccwinch.org.uk or
phone 07942284611

We look forward to hearing from you.

Get together and workshops



June 2025



- 5th June, 10 -12pm: **Fleet Get Together-** Fleet Town Football Club, Crookham Road, Fleet Hampshire GU51 5FA -
- 5th June, 1-2pm: **Bridging the Gap -Self harm with Ellie** - Book via Ticket tailor
- 5th June, 7-8pm: **Bridging the Gap -Mindfulness-** Book via Ticket tailor
- 11th June, 10am : **Basingstoke** - The Viabes Craft Centre, 19 The Harrow Way, Basingstoke RG22 4BJ - **WITH SENDIASS**
- 12th June, 10-11am: **Bridging the Gap -Living with Autism with Ellie** - Book via Ticket tailor
- 12th June, 7-8pm: **Bridging the Gap -Mindfulness-** Book via Ticket tailor
- 16th June, 4-5pm : **Bridging the Gap -ADHD with Ellie** - Book via Ticket tailor
- 17th June , 10-12pm: **Eastleigh-** St Francis Hall, Nightingale Avenue SO50 9JH
- 23rd June, 1-2pm : **Bridging the Gap -Topic to be confirmed with Ellie** - Book via Ticket tailor
- 24th June, 12-1pm : - **Bridging the Gap -Sunshine support - EHCP, Yearly reviews, Section 19** - Book via Ticket tailor
- 27th June, 10-12pm: - **Alresford** - The Swan Hotel, 11 West Street, Alresford, SO24 9AD

To book onto the Bridging the Gap sessions use our Ticket Tailor link : <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/hpcn>



Understanding ADHD: A Journey to Self-Acceptance Presentation

with guest speaker Ellie - Lived Experience Trainer | Autism & ADHD

Join For a **free** online session on:
16th June 4-5pm

An insightful presentation to gain a deeper understanding of
ADHD from a lived experience perspective!!



Ellie had no idea she had ADHD until she was 30. In this brand new session, she will share her personal journey to self-acceptance, shedding light on how ADHD impacts her life and what strategies have helped her along the way. This session is an opportunity to learn from Ellie's lived experience and gain insights into navigating ADHD in a positive, empowering way.

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Sunshine Support - An Hour of Q&A's on EHCP, Yearly reviews, Section 19

Tuesday 24th June 12pm-1pm

Join us for a live Q&A session where our expert advisors will be answering your questions on:



- EHCPs (Education, Health and Care Plans)
- Annual Reviews
- Section 19 provisions


Book tickets via our ticket tailor :

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if you have any questions please contact :

BTG@hpcn.org.uk





Understanding Self-Harm in Neurodivergent Individuals: A Presentation for Parent carers

With guest speaker Ellie - Lived Experience Trainer | Autism & ADHD

Join For a free online session on: 5th June 1-2pm

'A Safe Space for Parents'

Ellie's Journey: Overcoming Mental Health Challenges

Ellie, who received her diagnosis of autism and ADHD in adulthood, will share her personal story of triumph over years of mental health struggles, including self-harm and hospitalization.

What the Session Will Cover:

- The prevalence of self-harm among neurodivergent individuals
- The emotional realities behind this behaviour—approached without judgment
- Emphasizing understanding and support rather than “fixing” or “curing”
- Creating a safe, welcoming space for parent caregivers to engage, listen, and feel a sense of community

To book onto this session please use our Ticket tailor link : <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/hpcn>



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Understanding Autism: A Lived Experience Perspective

With guest speaker Ellie - Lived Experience Trainer | Autism & ADHD

Join Us For a free online session on: 12th June 10-11am



What does it really mean to be autistic? In this honest and session we explore the lived experience,

This session will explore:

- What Autism looks like from the inside
- Misunderstood traits and common myths
- The emotional impact of a late diagnosis
- Practical insights and strategies that helped Ellie thrive
- How you, as a parent carer, can better understand and support your young person



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