

Sparsholt C of E Primary School



Weekly Newsletter

17th January 2025



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We are delighted to have achieved our certification to be a Bronze Rights Respecting School

REMINDERS FOR W/C MONDAY 20th January 2025

- ✓ Monday 20th January – Oak and Maple Class Outdoor Learning sessions

Dear Parents and Carers,

Whilst the temperatures have remained low this week, the children's energy and enthusiasm levels have remained high. They have continued to show both determination and focus in their learning especially around the new topics they are learning about this term. Please do look out for the Spring Term topic overview and jigsaws / home learning information coming out via e-mail today.

We started the week by reminding children about 'Yum Yum the Yeti' and our work around the Growth Mind-Set. The children were excellent at remembering how important the power of 'yet' is and how we need to maintain a growth mind-set if we are going to succeed and progress.

Willow Class have loved starting their new topic, with the children learning all about Antarctica and some of the animals that live there. Due to the very cold temperatures, there has even been an icy habitat that has formed in the Willow Class outside area that contains polar bears, whales and icebergs! The children have very much enjoyed learning all about emperor penguins and even used their maths skills to make 2D penguin art!

Beech Class have been enraptured by the story, 'The Snail and the Whale' which they are reading as part of their topic, 'Water, Water Everywhere'. They are loving hearing about all of the snail's adventures and the places he has visited and also learning about how important courage is.

Egypt and the Ancient Egyptians have been the focus in Maple Class with the children using their geographical skills to find out where Egypt is and starting to look at the amazing history of this wondrous country.

Rowan Class have been studying about somewhere slightly closer to home and looking at Southampton and in particular the port and its links to the rest of the world. The children have researched the routes that some of the cruise ships take especially to warmer climes!

Oak Class have been discussing and researching aspects of meteorology and thinking about how they can measure local weather conditions including temperature, wind speed and humidity and have been coming up with solutions as to how to enhance outdoor learning resources to allow accurate data capture of these elements within our school grounds.

In regards to our outdoor learning, we have the Hampshire and IOW Trust in again this Monday (20th) to work with Oak and Maple Class who will be using their Maths skills to solve different challenges in the school grounds. The new pond dipping deck is now able to be used and we have some amazing students from Sparsholt Agricultural College coming in in a few weeks to clear some of the vegetation within the pond itself so that the children can start pond dipping. We are incredibly grateful to Sparsholt Agricultural College for all their amazing help and support with this project.

Whilst the temperatures are still looking cold, I very much hope you are able to get outside and have an enjoyable and fun 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	Beatrix	James	Louis
Beech	Willow	Grace	Tillie
Maple	Olive	Allana	Wilf
Rowan	Evie	Diya	Mia
Oak	Bryony	Hugh	Lucy



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.

Phoebe, Evan, Max,
Ishaan, Jonathan, Henry N,
Bryony, Elise, Megan,
Neve, Leo



Sparsholt Shooting Stars Sports Challenge

Some sporting achievements from home to highlight this week:

- * Neve – completed a 9km walk (with lots of steep hills)!
- * Megan – completed a 9km walk (with lots of steep hills)!
- * Berkeley – completed 40 laps of the Manchester Velodrome!
- * Beauden – did really well in his first football class!



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



Date	Event	Location	Time	Parents Invited?	Notes
Mon 6th Jan 2025	First day of term	School	08:40am	n/a	
Thurs 13th Feb 2025	Last day of half-term	School	3:30pm	n/a	INSET on Friday
Fri 14th Feb 2025	INSET Day	Home	All day	n/a	

Important Notices

1. Outdoor Learning Day – Maple and Oak Classes

We have the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Trust coming into school on Monday 20th January to work with Maple Class and Oak Class as part of the development of our outdoor learning provision. The children will be outside for lessons for a large part of the day, and so please can we ask that they come into school in suitable clothing for the weather:

- PE kit which MUST include long trousers (joggers or leggings)
 - PE hoodie or school jumper
 - Suitable footwear (trainers, wellies, walking boots) - if bringing wellies / walking boots, please bring into school in a separate bag
 - Warm, waterproof coat
 - Gloves / hats etc - optional depending on weather
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FoSS Update

Fundraising update from last term:

- The end of term disco raised a total of £206.25
- The wine-tasting event from November raised over £900 which will then be match-funded. A huge thank you to those who organised this event!

Second-hand Uniform:

FoSS have been busy updating the second-hand uniform website and are excited to announce an online second-hand uniform **** FLASH SALE ****

From Monday 27th Jan- Thursday 30th Jan! See flyer below.

Upcoming events:

FoSS film night – Fri 7th Feb – booking link coming soon ...



Second hand uniform sale

DISCOUNTED PRICES

Mon 27th Jan - Thurs 30th Jan only

Online @ www.pta-events.co.uk/sparsholt

The flyer features a light blue background with a sunburst graphic at the top. A circular inset shows a young girl in a school uniform holding books. A blue and yellow striped cone with yellow rays is positioned at the bottom right.



FOSS FILM NIGHT

Fri 7th Feb
6 - 7.45pm
Sparsholt Village Hall

£6.50 PER CHILD
PIZZA & SNACKS INCLUDED
BYO WATER BOTTLE

LIMITED SPACES - BOOKING LINK COMING SOON,.....

The flyer has a black background with yellow stars. It features a large red and white striped popcorn bucket with yellow popcorn on top. Two yellow cinema tickets are tucked into the bucket. The text is in a bold, white, sans-serif font.

Governor Update

My name is Kevin Rogers. I am the Rector of five Anglican churches, one of which is St. Stephen's (with Lainston) in Sparsholt. I am also one of the two foundation governors on the Board of Governors. This role is to preserve the school's Christian character. It is about ensuring that at the heart of all we are, and do, and say, we reflect a biblical view of Christ's nature, values, and teaching. Part of this is also about fostering an inquisitive and lively faith and cross-over with the worshiping community at St. Stephen's.

In my governor role, I am passionate about young people being exposed to the radical and transformative nature of God's generous and extravagant love for them in all their learning and experiences at the school. And what a privilege it is to see this happening. For in every subject, in every learning experience, in all the activities on offer, in all the interactions, through all the processes and systems, I see a heart to see every one of our young people thrive, excel, blossom and grow into all that God has prepared for them to become. What a joy! What a school!

One image we read about in our bibles is that of a human body, made up of many and varied parts, each fulfilling its role so that the whole body functions as it was created to, under God's sovereignty. This is a great image for us as a school community. Each and every one of us, uniquely created by God with our own particular skills and passions, has a role to play in enabling our young people to continue to experience the fulfilling life that God has planned for them. So, whether you are a staff member, a volunteer, a parent, carer or grandparent, all of us has a role to play in maintaining our Christian ethos for the sake of our young people. Thank you for your partnership in this.

Yours in Christ

Revd Kevin



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General Information



At The Henry Beaufort School, there are no limitations to success.

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Dear Parents,

I hope you have seen and heard in the local community that The Henry Beaufort School is performing at the Theatre Royal for their biannual whole school production.

This year's show is **'Everybody's Talking about Jamie.'** The show is the 'teen' addition and appropriate for the family. I would recommend though it would be best placed for students in Years 5 & 6.

The show is about Jamie. Jamie is terrified about the future. Jamie is going to be a sensation. Supported by his brilliant, loving mum and surrounded by his friends, Jamie overcomes prejudice, beats the bullies, and steps out of the darkness into the spotlight. The themes of self-acceptance, resilience, and the importance of community are particularly relevant to all students, who are navigating their own journeys of self-discovery and growth.

The show dates are:

Wednesday 22nd January 2025

Thursday 23rd January 2025

Friday 24th January 2025

The show will start at 7pm, the running time is 2 hours, plus an interval.

You can purchase tickets directly from the Theatre Box office [Everybody's Talking About Jamie: Teen Edition | Theatre Royal Winchester](#)

We believe opportunities like this are invaluable to students at The Henry Beaufort school. We pride ourselves on offering a range of opportunities beyond the classroom, whether that is sport, music, science, trip opportunities, engineering competitions or a bi-annual whole school production like Everybody's Talking about Jamie.

We would welcome our local community and future students of The Henry Beaufort to join us at one of these show dates.

Thank you for your time.

Kind regards,

The Cast of Everybody's Talking about Jamie



 SOUTH WILTS
GRAMMAR SCHOOL

YEAR 5 OPEN EVENING

This event is an exciting opportunity for you to visit our school and talk to students, staff and subject leaders. There will be a presentation from our headteacher, subject and enrichment information, and tours of the school.

 **Wednesday 26 March**
17:30 - 19:00

 **Contact us**
admissions@swgs.wilts.sch.uk

 **Full details**
www.swgs.wilts.sch.uk

No booking required



YEAR 5 TALK AND TOUR

We look forward to welcoming Year 5 girls and their families to our Year 5 Talk and Tour events:

Thursday 26 June | Thursday 17 July

All sessions begin with a talk from the Admissions Officer at 10:30am followed by a pupil-led school tour, and an opportunity to ask questions. The session will finish by 12noon.

Spaces are limited. If you would like to attend, please email admissions@swgs.wilts.sch.uk.

Please note that there is no parking available on site.

For more information, please visit www.swgs.wilts.sch.uk

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