

Sparsholt C of E Primary School



Weekly Newsletter

10th January 2025



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

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A wintery walk with
KS2

REMINDERS FOR W/C MONDAY 13th January 2025

- ✓ All clubs running this week
- ✓ Thursday 16th January – Spring census day

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly can I say Happy New Year to you all as we 'stride' into 2025. I'm pleased to report that the children have come back full of enthusiasm and have settled back into school routines with focus and determination. Everyone has been really enjoying the 'winter wonderland' we have found ourselves in and have been outside taking part in Sparsholt Shooting Stars activities including walking around the playground, field and local area and marvelling at the beautiful scenery – it really is a very spiritual experience to look across at the stunning countryside and see the fields sparkling in the sunlight.

With the closing date for new Year R applications being next Wednesday 15th January, I have undertaken a number of last minute tours for prospective parents and I couldn't be prouder of our whole school community. The children have all been excellent ambassadors for the school and what is really nice is all of the parents who visited shared that they had heard about us from other parents including what an excellent school we are and how happy their children are, so thank you to all of you who have shared such positive views.

As we start the new year, I just want to remind you all about the wonderful resources that are on our school website and in particular our 'Padlet'. This 'Padlet', an online bulletin board, has some excellent links and resources to help you as parents and carers. The 'Padlet' contains all sorts of information from how to support your children with specific elements of learning e.g. spelling and reading , to guidance around emotional well-being, sleep, bereavement, specific special educational needs etc. The link can be found on the home page of the website and is titled 'Advice and Support for parents'. I would very much encourage you all to continue to explore this excellent range of resources.

As a school, we are very much looking forward to the term ahead including our continuing focus around both Physical activity and Outdoor learning. We have the Hampshire and IOW Wildlife Trust coming in again to lead outdoor learning sessions for the children and to continue to develop staff's skills and knowledge in this area. The new extended pond dipping deck is due to be completed this Monday with staff and students coming in from Sparsholt Agricultural College to complete the finishing touches.

Next Thursday 16th January is census day, which is a really critical day for all schools. The Government use census day to calculate amongst other things how much funding they will provide schools to support them with the cost of the school meals every child in Yr R, Yr 1 and Yr 2 are entitled to for free. We very much hope that as many children as possible in these year groups will choose to have a school meal on that day to ensure that we receive sufficient funding for the period ahead. This really can make a huge difference to our funding in school, so we really appreciate your support with this.

I really hope you all have a wonderful weekend and it is so great to welcome you all back for what I know will be a fantastic term.

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	Beauden	Chloe	Sylvia
Beech	Phoebe	Max	Evie
Maple	Skyla	Henry R	Jemima
Rowan	Harrison	Clara	Scarlett
Oak	Cordelia	Fallon	Cara / Edward



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.

Sylvia, Beauden, Grayson,
Bea, Zachary, Tabatha,
Madeleine, Fallon, Alexia,
Sofia, Cordelia, Zevon



Sparsholt Shooting Stars Sports Challenge

Some sporting achievements from home to highlight this week:

- * Bryony – Excel large apparatus level 1 in gymnastics
- * Henry Rickman – went for a 9.2km run to burn off some energy!
- * Daisy R – swam over 15 lengths in pyjamas for life-saving skills
- * Grace R – completed a 4 mile dog walk around Blackwood forest



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. Clubs Timetable for Spring Term 2025

Last chance to sign-up! Please see the clubs timetable for Spring Term 2025 below. Please refer to the separate email sent out on Friday 6th December for further information about how to book children on to clubs.

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 upbeatmusiccourses@gmail.com / 07816901936
Tuesday	Lacrosse (Years 3 – 6)	3:30pm – 4:30pm	Run by the school. Payable termly in advance. £35 per full term.
Wednesday	Fencing Club (Years 3 – 6)	3:30pm – 4:30pm	Please book and pay directly with Jon Mann – jdsportscoaching@gmail.com / 07554 442320
	Netball Club (Years 4 – 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 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 13th January 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:



2. Census Day – Thursday 16th January - IMPORTANT

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We very much hope that as many children as possible in KS1 will choose to have a school meal on that day to ensure that we receive sufficient funding for the year ahead. This really does make a huge difference to the school's budget, so please consider asking your child in Yr R, 1 and 2 to try a school meal on Thursday next week. Thank you in advance for your support with this.



Governor Update - VACANCY

We need your help please.

We have a vacancy on our Governing Body for a parent governor.

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 midday on Friday 17th January.

Many thanks,
The Governors

General Information



Free* Courses for Parents this Spring Term

Course	Location	Date	Time
Positive Parenting	Online	Mondays 13 January - 10 February	7pm - 8:30pm
Emergency Paediatric First Aid	Ringwood Library	Friday 17 January	9:30am - 4:30pm
Introduction to Paediatric First Aid	Online	Tuesdays 21 January - 11 February	6:45pm - 9:15pm
Thriving Together in the Early Years	Online	Mondays 24 February - 31 March	7pm - 9pm
Makaton Signing with Family and Babies	Gosport Discovery Centre	Wednesdays 26 February - 9 April	10am - 11am
Introduction to Paediatric First Aid	Online	Mondays 10 - 31 March	6:45pm - 9:15pm
Paediatric First Aid	Basingstoke Discovery Centre	Saturdays 15 - 22 March	9:30am - 4:30pm
Emergency Paediatric First Aid	Andover Library	Wednesday 26 March	9:45am - 4:30pm

*Free tuition, some courses may have a certification or materials fee