

Sparsholt C of E Primary School



Weekly Newsletter

13th February 2025

INSET DAY
Tomorrow!

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

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Oak acting out The Creation Story in RE

REMINDERS FOR W/C MONDAY 24th February 2025

No new reminders

Dear Parents and Carers,

Who can believe we are now half way through the school year. It is so amazing to be able to look out at the children and see how much they have come on. Our Year R children have developed the most amazing independence and having taught in there recently, I can't tell you how impressed I was with their enthusiasm for learning. Our older children have developed into excellent leaders and such amazing role models and supporters of the younger children. We truly are so lucky to have such kind and thoughtful children across the whole school!

As you know, this week we celebrated Safer Internet Day with the children focusing on how to be safe online and how to avoid online scams. The children were so good at being able to articulate what to look out for and how to ensure they did not get caught out. They were also very clear about the importance of telling a trusted adult if they came across anything that was even slightly concerning online.

Thank you so much to all of you who participated in 'Tech Free Tuesday' and to those of you who sent in pictures of what you had been up to. It was so lovely to go round to all the classes to find out what the children had done instead of using 'tech'. The array of different activities was fantastic, from Maths activities to puzzles and gymnastics to cooking. What was really lovely was that every child said how much fun they had doing something other than using tech and how many said how it had reminded them of all the other wonderful activities they could do instead. As I have said before, it really is important for children, and us as adults, to take some time away from devices and try to do something else.

After half term we have lots going on starting off with 'Marvellous Monday' on the 3rd March. As before, parents and carers will be able to come into school from 3.35pm to 4.15pm to look at work with the children, something I know the children love to do. On Thursday 6th March we will be celebrating World Book day and have some lovely activities planned. On the 11th and 13th March we have Parent Evenings so please do look out for the information being sent out after half term as to how you can book on.

Please do make sure you look out for a separate e-mail from Mrs Gwilliam about all the amazing work the school are doing towards their Rights Respecting Schools Award with UNICEF, for which we have already been awarded the bronze.

Please don't forget that tomorrow is an INSET day and I really hope you all have a wonderful Valentine's Day and a fabulous half term break and look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 24th February.

Kind regards,

Mrs Hanratty

School Awards

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:

- * Henry R – 2nd in his Dressage competition at Sparsholt College
- * George R – competed in his first show jumping competition, gaining a clear round



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



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

Term: Spring 2

Date	Event	Location	Time	Parents invited?	Notes
Mon 24th Feb 2025	First day of half-term	School	08:40am	n/a	
Mon 3rd Mar 2025	Marvellous Monday	Child's classroom	3:35pm - 4:15pm	Yes	For all classes. An invitation to come in with your child and view their work.
Thurs 6th Mar 2025	World Book Day celebration	School	All day	No	Dress up as your favourite book character
Tues 11th Mar 2025	In-person parents' evening	School	3:45pm - 7:00pm	Yes	Booking will open 2 weeks before
Thurs 13th Mar 2025	In-person parents' evening	School	3:45pm - 7:00pm	Yes	Booking will open 2 weeks before
Fri 4th April 2025	Whole School Easter Presentation	Playground / Hall	2:15pm	Yes	Weather dependent
Fri 4th April 2025	Last day of Spring Term	School	3:30pm	n/a	

Important Notices

1. Uniform – Direct4Logos

The Romsey Shop will be closed on **Saturday 15th February**. Apologies for any inconvenience

FoSS Update

A huge thank you to everyone who helped-out with Movie Night last week- it was another successful evening. Profits to be announced once we have the numbers in.

Thank you also to all the bakers for providing your baked goods to be sold at the Valentines Bake Sale.

Event	When / Where	Details
World Book Day Costume Sale 	In the week before World Book Day After School	Bring in your unwanted World Book Day costumes to be resold at our costume sale and pick up a 'new to you' costume nice and cheap!
World Book Day FOSS Book Swap 	Thursday 6 th March Memorial Hall	Children can bring along their pre-loved book(s) along with £1 in the week leading up to World Book Day and then on the day of the event they can choose some 'new to you' books to keep.
Yoga For Parents and Carers 	Date TBC (March) Evening Class Memorial Hall	Another session run by an experienced and qualified Iyengar Yoga Instructor. Open to all abilities. Cost £10 Link to follow...
Total Body Workout For Parents and Carers 	Date TBC (March) Evening session Memorial Hall	Back by popular demand! To be run by Stef (Mum of Ezra in Beech) Cost £10 Link to follow...

Governor Update

I am delighted to advise the School Governing Body has appointed three new members.

Please welcome parents Emmanuel Ejii and Eric Woodward who have joined alongside Mark Himbury as a co-opted Governor.

All governing bodies must have parent governors. Anyone with parental responsibility for a pupil on the school roll at the time of election can stand for election. The term of office for a parent governor is specified in the school's Instrument of Government, which is four years, although a governor can stand down at any time.

Co-opted Governors are selected from a broader audience. Co-opted governors, in the opinion of the governing body, have the skills and experience required to contribute to the effective governance and success of the school. They are sometimes called community governors as they often come from the community the school is in and know the needs of that community well. They will act in the best interests of the school and the wider community while on the governing body.

All governors have equal status and share collective responsibility. They act together to support the school strategically.

The attached photograph shows the latest team.

Thank you for your support as parents and carers and do let us know if you have any comments on our role as your school Governors.

Caroline Horrill

Chair of Governors

Sparsholt C of E Primary School Governors & Associate Members



Emmanuel Ejii



Howard Firth



Jane Gwilliam



Liz Hanratty



Mark Himbury



Caroline Horrill



Ian Kemp



Julie Milburn



Lee Milburn



Kevin Rogers



David Stass



Scott
Underwood



Sally Wesley



Eric Woodward

General Information



YEAR 6 - YEAR 7

UPBEAT WINCHESTER

POP & ROCK HOLIDAY CAMPS

EASTER 14TH-17TH APRIL : SUMMER 4TH-8TH AUGUST

- ☑ SING & DANCE
- ☑ DRUMS, GUITARS!
- ☑ END OF CAMP SHOW
- ☑ SONGWRITING/RECORDING
- ☑ ARTS & CRAFTS
- ☑ SPECIALIST TUTORS

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KEEPING EVERYONE UPDATED

Everyone Active Newsletter
Winchester Sport and Leisure Park

Welcome to the Everyone Active February Newsletter!

We hope you have had a good start to the New Year and are excited to let you know about what is going on in our centre in the coming weeks.

- Half term activities
- Swimming Lessons
- Membership Offers
- Family Open day – 8th March 2025

Activities

Half-Term Adventure: Pokémon Climbing Challenge!

Looking for an exciting activity this half term? Winchester Sport & Leisure Park has a **Pokémon Climbing Challenge**, perfect for young adventurers!

Children can put their climbing skills to the test as they search for hidden Pokémon at the top of the walls. Each Pokémon has a unique symbol—once all five symbols are collected on a special Pokémon Collector Card, climbers can claim a **Pokémon Trading Card Game Fun Pack!**

This fun and engaging challenge is a fantastic way for kids to stay active, build confidence, and enjoy a unique Pokémon-themed climbing experience!

Active Arts!

Are you looking for an engaging way to keep your little one active and entertained? **Active Arts** is part of our exciting **Under 8's** programme, and is the perfect opportunity for toddlers and parents to play, learn, and bond in a fun, interactive environment!

Sessions running as normal: Monday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday!

FREE FAMILY OPEN DAY – Saturday 8TH March

Join us on our family fun day on Saturday 8th March and enjoy a range of activities completely for free including:

Active Antz sessions, family climbing, inflatable swim session, public swimming, group exercise classes, gym challenges or even join us in our charity cycle!

Booking will go live in a couple of weeks, for updates are more information head to www.everyoneactive.com/WinchesterFunDay/

Swimming Lessons

New Spaces Available Now!

We offer swimming lessons from 4 months old to advanced adults and all abilities inbetween.

Benefits of joining our Swimming Lessons:

- o Start at any time throughout the year
- o Track your Progress through our app
- o Badges and Certificates
- o Anytime Public Swimming all year round
- o 6 Months free Kids Pass

If you'd like to know more, contact our memberships team at: winchestersportparkma@everyoneactive.com

Two Day Crash Courses £23.90

Monday 17th – Tuesday 18th Feb
Thursday 20th – Friday 21st Feb

These intensive crash courses benefit swimmers stages 1-4. Please contact reception on 01962848700 to book a space prior to the start date.

Membership

We offer a variety of monthly and annual membership options to suit everyone.

- o **Move+ membership;** Unlimited gym, swimming and group exercise classes
- o **You+ membership;** As above PLUS Health Hero, You+, Guest passes & more
- o **NEW You+ Ultimate membership;** As above PLUS – Unlimited Squash, racquet vouchers as well as access to EA sites with Fortis, Hot yoga & Spa's
- o **Swim only membership;** Unlimited swimming
- o **Junior membership;** 11-15 year old access to gym* and swimming

Claim your FREE 7 day pass by quoting 'February' via email. Redeemable by 28/02/25*

Reduced joining fee on all membership options available throughout February too, plus exclusive offers on our membership packages

To claim your free pass or for more info email winchestersportparkma@everyoneactive.com

*Terms and conditions apply

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