

Head of School Newsletter



Summer 1 - May 2026

Our Learning

Another busy half term has flown by! In Irwin class the children have been learning all about planting and what plants need to survive - they have planted and cared for their very own sunflowers!

In Reception the children have been learning all about life cycles. To enhance this they have watched caterpillars turn into butterflies which has caused a buzz of excitement around the school!

Year 1 have been thinking about how to protect wildlife, they have been writing instructions for how to make a bird feeder and all thoroughly enjoyed the Year 1 evening event.

Year 2 have started swimming lessons! They have approached this with great enthusiasm! They have also been comparing life today with life long ago, they have specifically focused on Civil Rights which they have shown great passion about!

We all enjoyed a very successful 'Intergenerational Week' with visits to The Warren Carehome, residents visiting us and also Grandparents coming in too.

Lunchtimes

We have been working hard to improve the culture of our lunchtimes, and it has been great to see the positive impact across the school. The dining hall is now noticeably calmer and quieter, helping children to enjoy their food and conversations. There is a great awareness of good manners, with children saying please and thank you and showing respect to one another and to staff. Transitions have also improved, with pupils lining up sensibly and tidying well. Outside, children are playing kindly, and they have thoroughly enjoyed the new addition of our digging pit!

Friends of Sparhawk School Association

A big thankyou to everyone who is joining in with FOSSA's 2026 challenge - we have been blown away by the inventive ways children are raising money!



Our overall school atttendance is

95.75%

Well done to Disney Class for having the highest attendance across the school at 96.84%

National Year of Reading

As part of the National Year of Reading we have been inviting mystery readers in to school! It has been amazing to see so many parents volunteering - we have even had a Year 2 read to their sibling's class in Reception! Please continue to volunteer - it has created a real sense of excitement!



Julia Donaldson



Joseph Coelho



Sue Hendra



Tom Percival

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Updates

We are in the process of updating our website - please continue to look on the website for updates and key information.

We have also had Nigel Stanett a Climate Action Advisor for the Let's Go Zero schools campaign in to school to work alongside Mrs Dexter on our Climate Action plan. We have recently appointed new Eco Warriors to help ensure our school continues to advocate for the environment! Further details about this will be shared soon.

Our 'Excellence' Value

We continuously ensure we are aiming for the best in everything we do, everything we are and everything we can be. Every child in our school is individual and we ensure all progress is celebrated. Next half term on the 24th June we will be having an 'Aspirations Day'. We would love to invite parents and the community in to share their careers to inspire our future generation. Further details will be shared soon.

Key Dates

June

1st - All children return to school
3rd - FOSSA Discos
WB 8th - Phonics Screening Week
12th - Day of Welcome (more details to follow).
17th - 2:45-3:15pm - Young Careers information drop in.
24th - Aspiration Day
26th - Sports Day
29th - Reserve Sports Day

July

2nd - New KS1 Open Evening (more details to follow).
7th - Rocksteady concert (Parents of Rocksteady children only)
14th-15th - Hautbois Residential for Year 2
17th - Year 2 Leavers Assembly

National Numeracy Day

It was incredible to see all of the children dressed up with their numbers on Wednesday! The children throughly enjoyed seeing numbers in our environment and our number square is now full!

Young Carers

Our first young carers meet happened last week - together we mapped out what we would like to do in future sessions, this included cooking, hama beads and a visit to the park. Please let us know if you think your child may be a young carer.

Our enhanced curriculum offer

Classes have continued ticking off their 50 Sparhawk Experiences.
We have also had the following trips/visitors...
Magician Vist
Swimming
BSL signers
Fairhaven
Year 1 Evening Event
Dentist