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SHF NEWS

Monday 20th April 2026



Inspire, Believe, Achieve

Headteacher's News

Welcome back to **Term 5** and welcome to our new families joining this term!

What a lovely start to term seeing smiles, sunshine and **summer uniform**. It may only be the first week, but already [Owls and Hedgehogs](#) were off to Bedgebury for their first school trip!

Mrs Williams has returned to SHF following her maternity leave and will be teaching in [1MG](#) Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays for the rest of the academic year. I am also pleased to introduce **Ms Hone** who will be additional support for [Year 2](#)...although it is likely you will see her around school.

Over the Easter break, a **new roof** was installed for the [Year 1](#) outside area. Thank you to [FOFS](#) and everyone's fundraising efforts to enable this to happen. This means the outside area can be set up without the worry of rain stopping plans from taking place.

We are looking forward to Year 1 leading the service at **All Saints Church** this **Wednesday 22nd April**. Please arrive by 9am as entry to the church can be more difficult after this time.

Have a wonderful week!

Safeguarding

Smartphone Free Childhood is a movement advocating for parents to delay their children's access to Smartphones, promoting device-free childhood until age 14. Further information can be found on the [website](#).

This is run by parents so an anonymous survey can be accessed here: <https://forms.gle/SHQnxuKtkvgjhagdA>. Thank you to everyone that has already completed the survey.



Key Dates

Tuesday 21st April

Year 4 trip to Bexhill

Wednesday 22nd April

Year 1 leading the service at All Saints Church 8.45am

Years 3 or 4 Multiskills

Wednesday 29th April

Tag Rugby Festival 1-4pm

Friday 1st May

Staff and Parent Prayers 8.20-8.30am
Professional Group Photos

Monday 4th May

BANK HOLIDAY!

Friday 8th May

FOFS Grandparents' Day 2pm

Monday 11th - Thursday 14th May

Year 6 SATS week

Friday 15th May

2K Music Festival at the Community Centre

Wednesday 20th May

EYFS leading the service at All Saints Church 8.45am

All term dates are available on our [website](#).

Gold Book

Well done for your fantastic learning:

Owls: Woody for creating a wonderful kite from paper, straws and ribbons, and decorated with different weather patterns.

2K: Luna for improving her handwriting in just 1 day! She also used thoughtful adjectives; Yago for completing some excellent home learning over the Easter holiday.

5M: Isla C and Esme for fantastic show pieces including interesting vocabulary and description; Taylor for writing a terrifying poem about a monster eating a teacher!

Inspire Believe Achieve

Attendance



Congratulations to **Hedgehogs** for their attendance of 98.6% this week! Reggie Rabbit is hopping over to you.

Well done to the following classes who achieved over 96%:

5M (97.9%), **4J** (96.3%) and **Owls** (96%).

Awards



Uniform Unicorn: Well done to Esther in **2K** for setting a high standard of wearing smart uniform.

Fermor Merit: Mia in **2C** received the £5 book token this week, kindly donated by FOFS, for showing respect to others.

Theme of the Month: Interacting Politely

'Tell them not to speak evil of anyone but to live in peace with others. They should be gentle and polite to everyone.' Titus 3:2

My musings on politeness this week are slightly tongue in cheek as every culture has different views on this topic, and obviously, I have not always been British, so I asked AI what constituted politeness in the UK! It said that the key tenets were:

Politeness: Saying "please" when making requests and "thank you" when receiving help or a service is fundamental in British culture. If someone is in your way, one needs to say, 'excuse me' and it is polite to apologise when things are not to people's liking.

Queuing: The British are known for their love of orderly queues. Jumping the queue is considered rude, and it is expected that everyone waits their turn patiently.

Punctuality: Being on time is highly valued in the UK. Arriving late is seen as disrespectful. It is advisable to arrive a few minutes early to show respect for others' time. (Hmm, I definitely need to work on this one!)

Greetings: A handshake is a common way to greet someone. Among friends, a hug may be appropriate, but it is best to gauge the other person's comfort level first.

Dining Etiquette: When dining, it is polite to keep your elbows off the table, to wait for everyone to be served before starting to eat. It is also deemed polite to say "excuse me" if you need to leave the table during a meal, to eat with a knife and fork, and to chew with one's mouth closed.

Respect for Personal Space: The British tend to value personal space and may find overfamiliarity uncomfortable. It is best to maintain a respectful distance when interacting with others.

Avoiding Personal Questions: Asking about sensitive topics such as salary, age or relationship status is generally frowned upon, especially when meeting someone for the first time.

Mrs Price



In Other News...

- **Baby News:**

We can now share a big congratulations to Mrs Martin and her husband on the birth of their little boy, Max, who arrived early in time for Easter! The family are enjoying spending time together and we send them our best wishes.

- **Menu:**

The Summer Menu is available on our website [here](#).



Friends of Fermor



Thanks so much for your support with our Spring term events. We can confirm that the following amounts were raised:

- Sponsored Pancake Flip - £1,886
- Make the Rules - 460
- Morrisons Easter Event - £142

If you still have money to pay in, it is not too late - our bank details are:

Friends of Fermor School; Account number: 36880068; Sort code: 30-90-89

As you know, every penny raised allows us to support the school and we are delighted to have had the Year 1 canopy fitted over the Easter break, which has transformed their outdoor area.

We are now raising funds for the library, and have the following events coming up:

Friday 8th May (2pm) - Grandparents Day

Friday 22nd May - Pyjama Day

Friday 26th June - 'Hair with Flair' Day

Saturday 4th July - (12pm-3pm) - Country and Western theme Summer Fair

If you have **unloved soft toys**, we are also now collecting these ready for the summer fair.

We also have a **collection coming very soon from The Little Recyclers**, so if you have outgrown clothes ready for the charity shop, please keep them aside and watch this space!

Photo Gallery

