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SHF NEWS

Monday 23rd March 2026



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Headteacher's News

Congratulations to all those involved in the **Spring Music Concert** held at All Saints Church last Wednesday. Miss Decker reported that it was a wonderful evening and provided the opportunity for over 70 children to get involved - exactly what we strive to achieve for the children of Fermor! They represented us well and we are so proud of you all and your amazing effort! Thank you to Mrs Greening and all that were able to make this concert happen.

We hope that all children remember to represent Fermor to their highest standard when outside of school, this includes **walking to and from school** and when **visiting the local shop**. We are beginning to see chewing gum discarded on the ground and walls so alongside our reminders, please reinforce to the children that chewing gum is not allowed at school.

We also ask for close **supervision** of children after school - unfortunately the playground and equipment are unable to be used at this time as our members of staff are required to supervise the gates. Thank you for your understanding.

Our **Easter service** is on Friday at Church, led by Year 5, to share the significance of the Easter story. This is always a memorable service where all are welcome to attend.

We look forward to seeing you at the parent consultation evenings this week!

Key Dates

Monday 23rd March
Make the Rules Day

Tuesday 24th March
Parent Consultation
Evening 3.30-6pm

Wednesday 25th March
Let's Dance Festival at
Eastbourne

Thursday 26th March
Year 1 Royal Day
6P Peacehaven
Wastewater Trip
Parent Consultation
Evening 4.30-7pm

Friday 27th March
Easter Service at All
Saints Church 8.45am,
led by **Year 5**
Last Day of Term 4

**Monday 30th March -
Friday 10th April**
Easter Holiday!

Monday 13th April
First Day of Term 5

Wednesday 15th April
Initial Safeguarding
Training (Volunteers)
9.15am

All term dates are
available on our [website](http://www.fermorschool.org).

Safeguarding

Part of the Smartphone Free Childhood initiative is to support parents and carers to find the right phone. Whatever your child's age and stage, there are plenty of **alternatives to smartphones** keeping your child/ren safe and still connected, without opening the door to addictive apps, algorithms and online risks. You can see some examples on their [website](http://www.smartphonefreechildhood.org).



Gold Book

Well done for your fantastic learning:

1MG: Mia B for being inspired by her brother (in Year 3) to write a comic strip about being friends - great intonation as well, when reading aloud.

1P: Max and Myles for huge improvements with their handwriting, including finger spaces and keeping letters a good size;

Penny for using her phonics and word mat to now write harder words - excellent effort.

2C: Isaac for using phonics facts independently to write his own sentences with accurate punctuation;

Lithumi for improving her handwriting and presentation;

Ibrahim for an excellent warning poster in English

3B: Leo for a well-presented leaflet about London, with captions used to label his images;

Elsie for her eye-catching information page explaining Weetabix transforming from fork to field

4J: Florence for her detailed research into the Byzantine Empire.

6F: Amelia C, Isabelle and Alexis for extending their descriptive sentences when writing their own "I am" poems.

Attendance



Congratulations to **3R** for their attendance of 98.5% this week! Reggie Rabbit is hopping over to you.

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

1MG (97.5%), **1P & 5M** (97.4%), **4J** (97%), **5N** (96.7%) and **4M** (96.2%).

Awards



Uniform Unicorn: Well done to Amalie in **3B** for setting a high standard of wearing smart uniform.

Fermor Merit: Jimmy in **4J** received the £5 book token this week, kindly donated by FOFS, for working hard to create an interesting obstacle course in Jump Ahead.

Musician of the Week: Thank you to Ellie, Heidi, Florence, Sabrina, Hope and Dora in **Year 5** for their commitment Tuesday lunchtimes to create a band and independently devising a song.

Theme of the Month: Respectful Behaviour is Shown

'So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.' Matthew 7:12

The verse above is about empathy and initiative. In a world that often says "look out for number one" or "treat people exactly how they treat you," Jesus flipped the script. He didn't say to be nice only if others are nice first. He called us to be the first movers. It is important to teach our children that if you want a friendship group where people don't gossip about you, you have to be the one who refuses to pass on a rumour. If you want to be forgiven when you make mistakes, you have to be the one who offers grace when a friend lets you down.

Living this out requires emotional maturity. It means stopping in the heat of a moment—whether in a group chat or on the field—and asking, "If I were in their shoes right now, what would I need?" This rule is "Golden" because it's the highest standard of leadership. By choosing to lead with kindness and integrity regardless of how others act, you aren't just being a "good person"—you are reflecting the character of Christ to a world that desperately needs it.



In Other News...

- **Class Pages:**

Alongside our weekly whole-school newsletter, we also have [class pages](#) for the most up-to-date communication, specific for each year group.

- **Menu**

The Summer Menu is now available on our website [here](#). Please go through this with your child/ren so they know and are happy with their meal choice in advance. This means children are more likely to clear their plates and results in less food waste.

- **Meningitis update from Tenax Trust:**

Staff in Kent attended a briefing last week hosted by Public Health and Kent Council regarding meningitis cases in Kent. The advice is for parents to be aware of symptoms, but that school attendance, events and trips should continue as normal as no restrictions have been recommended. Due to our proximity to the Kent border, we wanted to share the guidance with our parents too. The Director of Children's Services and Director of Public Health have confirmed that there are currently no cases in East Sussex.

To read about symptoms see the NHS link here: [Meningitis - Symptoms - NHS](#)



Friends of Fermor



It was fantastic to see so many children looking fabulous and making their own rules today! If you have Make the Rules (or even pancake flip! money) to pay in, our bank details are:

Friends of Fermor School

Account number: 36880068

Sort code: 30-90-89

Please use the event name as your reference so we know what the money is for!



Over the Easter break, we have an egg-citing fundraising event, hosted by Morrisons! **Pop into store on Saturday 4th April (from 10am to 2pm) to take part in our town centre Easter Egg Hunt.** Just £2 to take part - collect a form from Morrison's, hunt around the town, then return for your prize! There will also be knitted chicks with Creme Eggs for sale, and a raffle to win a giant chick teddy!



Finally, please make sure you have the following dates in the diary for the summer term:

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

Photo Gallery



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