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SHF NEWS

Monday 16th March 2026



Inspire, Believe, Achieve

Headteacher's News

I hope you had a lovely weekend celebrating **Mother's Day** by acknowledging special female role-models on Sunday.

Over the last week, the children have been working hard on their assessments, alongside celebrating Fermor Science Day with some classes participating in live lessons. Year 6 are completing their mock SATs this week. An update of the children's academic progress will be shared at **parent consultation evenings** next week. You will be able to book an appointment time from 6pm today, but please do contact your child's class teacher if you are unable to get a convenient time so that an alternative phone or face-to-face appointment can be arranged. Please refer to the email sent out from Miss Decker last week regarding some **changes for Hedgehogs, 1MG and 6P**.

Further communication was sent out on Friday, and today, confirming that I will be leaving at the end of the year. Today's email includes a link about your thoughts on the **next Headteacher** - please complete it to ensure your voice is heard. Although I may not be here, next year's term dates are now available on our website.

Mrs Price continues on her road to recovery and will hopefully pop in before the end of this term. We continue to send her our love and get well wishes.

Have a wonderful week!

Key Dates

Monday 16th - Thursday 19th March

Year 6 Mock SATS Week

Wednesday 18th March

Year 6 SATS talk to parents 6pm

Spring Music Concert at All Saints Church 6.30pm

Thursday 19th March

6F Peacehaven Wastewater Trip

Friday 20th March

Staff and Parent Prayers (8.20-8.30am)

Year 6 SATS talk to parents (repeat) 9.05am

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
Parent Consultation Evening 4.30-7pm

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

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.

This is run by parents so an anonymous survey can be accessed here: <https://forms.gle/SHQnxuKtkvgjhagdA>. Further information can be found on the website. We will also be releasing details about hosting an information session here at SHF - watch this space!

Gold Book

Well done for your fantastic learning:

1P: Milo and Evie for their descriptive riddles with clear clues.

2K: Leyla for including inverted commas around spoken words in her writing;

Charlie for his amazing progress with handwriting – now remembering finger spaces and to keeping his letters a consistent size.

3B: Toby for his well-presented leaflet about Manchester and recognising the need to use trusted websites for research to obtain facts.

5M: Oban, Harry Hu and Sandra for the use of wonderful similes and metaphors in their descriptions, including reference to the 5 senses.

Attendance



Congratulations to **4J** for their attendance of 99.3% this week! Reggie Rabbit is hopping over to you.

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

2K (98.2%), **5M** (97.6%), **1MG** (97.1%), **4M** (96.9%), **3R** (96.7%) and **3B** (96.3%).

Awards



Uniform Unicorn: Well done to Scarlett E in 4M for setting a high standard of wearing smart uniform.

Fermor Merit: Chloe in 4J received the £5 book token this week, kindly donated by FOFS, for her beautiful singing with the choir.

Musician of the Week: Thank you to Beau in 4J for showing great focus when learner the recorder.

Inspire Believe Achieve

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



In Christianity, respect is closely connected to love, kindness and humility. One of the best examples of respectful behaviour comes from Jesus, who listened to people, treated them with dignity, and showed compassion even to those who were often ignored by society. Biblical figures like Joseph and David also exemplified honour and respect. By learning about these stories, children can understand how respect looks in real life.

To teach children respectful behaviour, consider the following strategies:

- Establish consistent boundaries and expectations for respectful behaviour in your home and interactions with others
- Teach the Golden Rule, which states "treat others as you would like to be treated," to help children understand the importance of reciprocity
- Model respectful behaviour
- Encourage kindness and empathy
- Acknowledge and praise respectful behaviour to reinforce these actions.

By instilling the value of respect in children, we help them develop into empathetic and considerate individuals who contribute positively to their communities. Respect is not just a behaviour; it is a way of thinking that shapes how we interact with the world around us.

Subject in the Spotlight: World Book Day

World Book Day, on Thursday 5th March, was full of fun to promote our Reading for Pleasure message with some 'Go All In' themed activities such as engaging in live lessons, paired reading, creating reading rivers and stop, drop and read when the alarm sounded! The classes particularly enjoyed our special worship as well as swapping teachers to share their books and reading recommendations. Thanks for the support with all the amazing costumes and the children that participated in the painted pebble competition.

Congratulations to our winners receiving a book and bar of chocolate, who were announced on Friday:

EYFS and KS1 (Phase 1) - Enzo in 2K for his whale.

Years 3 and 4 (Phase 2) - Ziggy in 4M for Dog Man.

Years 5 and 6 (Phase 3) - Cordelia in 5M.

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.

- **All Saints**



Friends of Fermor



Just one week to go until our **Make the Rules day on Monday 23rd March!** Well loved by the children, the day gives them the opportunity to make some new rules for the day, paying 50p for each rule.

Look out for lists coming home in book bags this week. The forms do not need to be returned - they are just for reference. Our summer events are printed on the reverse though, so do pop it on the fridge!

We have the following events coming up in 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

Over the Easter break, we will also be raising funds with the support of Morrisons - pop into store on Saturday 4th April to take part in our **town centre Easter Egg Hunt!**

Finally, if you still have pancake money to pay in, or you realise on the day you don't have, Make the Rules (we've all been there!), our bank details are below.

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!



Photo Gallery

