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SHF NEWS

Monday 9th February 2026



Inspire, Believe, Achieve

Headteacher's News

At the end of this final week of term, we are sadly saying goodbye to two members of staff: **Mrs Harris** and **Miss Volavka**. Mrs Harris, our Inclusion and Intervention support assistant, has worked across the school with many children as our ELSA and will be greatly missed. Miss Volavka has most recently supported in EYFS but has also built wonderful relationships across the school from her work in Years 2, 4 and 6. We wish her the best of luck as she embarks on her teaching career. I'm sure you will all join us in bidding them both a fond farewell in their new ventures.

Thank you for your excellent efforts to acknowledge **Number Day** on Friday. There were some very creative designs from hats to necklaces and badges. Numbers are the building blocks of maths and are essential for various aspects of life. By incorporating number into playful daily routines, children begin to understand patterns, measurements and basic calculations, setting the stage for more complex mathematical thinking and leading into supporting future financial decisions, understanding health information and analysing statistics.

Have a wonderful final week of Term!

Safeguarding

Place 2Be's Children's Mental Health Week:

TOP TIPS FROM OUR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE ON HOW TO HELP THEM FEEL A SENSE OF BELONGING

- Parents, Carers or Community Groups can help belonging by asking questions about things they see us becoming passionate about.
- By checking in with you, providing support and making you feel safe and important.
- By being there and being happy
- By doing things that make you feel happy and safe
- Letting us choose our likes and interests and letting us explore new things.
- Parents taking time to listen and speak to us, reassure us.
- Making a comfortable, welcoming place for us.

Key Dates

Monday 9th February -
Thursday 12th February
Year 6 Mock SATs

Tuesday 10th February
Safer Internet Day

Friday 13th February
Last Day of Term 3

Monday 16th February -
Friday 20th February
Half Term Break

Monday 23rd February
INSET DAY

Tuesday 24th February
First Day of Term 4

Wednesday 25th
February

9.15am Initial
Safeguarding Training
for Volunteers

Friday 27th February
Staff and Parent Prayers
8.20-8.30am
FOFS Pancake Flip

Wednesday 4th March
Year 2 leading service at
All Saints Church 8.45am

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

Gold Book

Well done for your fantastic learning:

1P: Heidi and Sasha for using tricky words in their sentences about the Three Billy Goats Gruff.

1MG: Lucy and Nathanael for their great endings to the Three Billy Goats Gruff story.

4J: Theo and Titus for creating an effective picture on the laptop using 'Paint;'

Sienna for using repetition and alliteration in her poem about the sun.

4M: Eloise, Thea, Leon, Elliott and Talia for their creative pictures on the laptop using 'Paint.'

5N: Joshua and Leon for their perseverance and hard work to answer complex questions in maths.

6P: Dima for his progress in writing and being able to structure his story well.

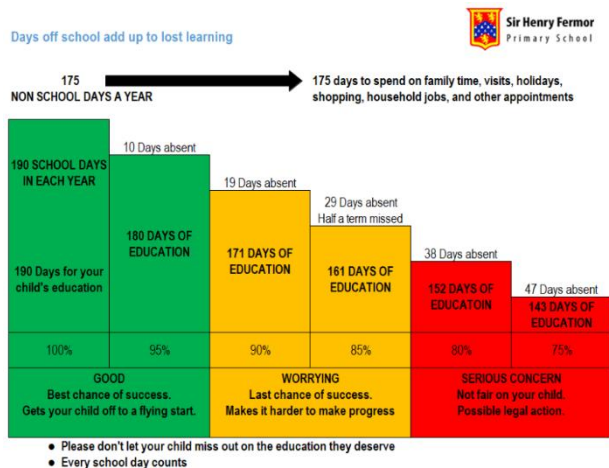
Attendance



Congratulations to two classes this week, **Owls and 3R**, for their attendance of 97% this week! Reggie Rabbit is hopping over to spend part of the week with each of you.

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

1MG (96.8%), 5M (96.5%) and 1P (96.1%).



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

Parents teaching their children to respect their decisions sets a strong foundation for the children's behaviour. Often it is not easy as a parent to say 'no' and stick to it, but learning to accept "no" is a crucial developmental skill for children. It helps them navigate social interactions, manage their emotions, and understand that not all desires can be fulfilled immediately. Boundaries/rules need to be clear and consistent as they provide a sense of security and structure, helping children understand what is expected of them.

Practical Strategies for Parents

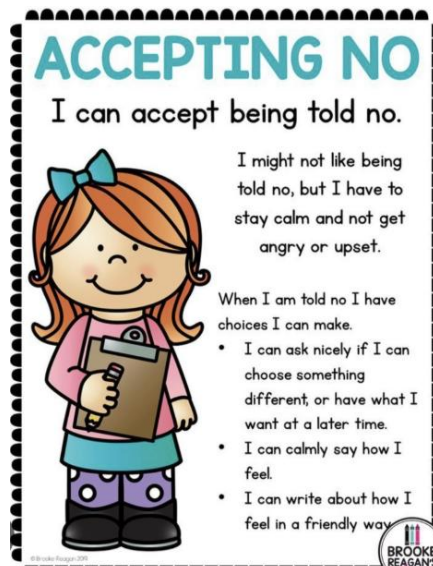
Model Calmness: When setting boundaries, maintain a calm and steady tone. For example, say, "I understand you want to play longer, but it's time for bed".

Use Clear Explanations: Instead of simply saying "no," explain the reasoning behind your decision. This helps children understand the context and accept the limits more easily.

Teach Coping Skills: Help children develop strategies to manage their feelings when they hear "no." Encourage them to take deep breaths, express their feelings, or choose an alternative activity.

Avoid Over-Negotiating: If children learn that persistent nagging can change your mind, they may continue this behaviour. Be firm and consistent in your responses to reinforce that "no" means "no".

Use Stories and Activities: Incorporate children's books that address the concept of "no" in relatable ways. For example, "I Just Don't Like the Sound of No!" by Julia Cook helps children understand boundaries and appropriate responses.



In Other News...

- **TA Vacancy**

We are seeking a temporary full-time Teaching Assistant to join our fantastic team in EYFS as soon as possible. Hours of work are **Monday to Friday 8.30am-3.30pm**, including a 30-minute lunch break. More details are available on our website on the [vacancies page](#). The closing date is midnight on Monday 23rd February. If you have previous experience of working with children, are enthusiastic & adaptable, and can contribute to our inclusive learning environment, then we would love to hear from you!

- **All Saints**

Each month, All Saints offer the opportunity for Heroes (EYFS to Year 2) and Adventurers (Years 3 to 6) to play great games, do amazing crafts and activities and hear exciting true Bible stories. If you would like more details to make wonderful friends and have a great time, then please book via their [website](#). The next session is this Tuesday 10th February!

Booking is helpful so that they have an idea of numbers but they also welcome people on the door.

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Years 3 - 6

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Meet in the Main church downstairs rooms

Contact: Sarah@allsaintscrowborough.org

From April 21st 2026 those in year 6 are invited to join our weekly youth group 6:30-8:00 in the main church



Friends of Fermor



We've almost made it to half term! We hope you have a good one, and remember to get practicing on Shrove Tuesday for our sponsored **pancake flip on Friday 27th February**.

Sponsorship forms are coming home this week and must be returned before the event for your child to be able to participate. We still have afternoon slots to fill for pancake flip counters so please get in touch if you are able to volunteer.

We are delighted to say that the **Christmas Fair raised an incredible £4,349 pounds!** Thanks again to you all for helping to make it such a success.

Summer fair plans are already underway (**Saturday 4th July** - save the date!) and we are also busy making plans for some egg-citing Easter events next term so watch this space!

If you would like to get involved with planning events, or volunteering at them, please get in touch at friends@fermorschool.org.uk.



Photo Gallery

