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SHF NEWS

Tuesday 27th January 2026



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Headteacher's News

It has been another busy week at Fermor. Children have enjoyed so many opportunities, particularly musical this week. We had a drumming and guitar worship which has inspired many to take up music lessons and the fantastic choir trip to the O2 in London for Young Voices. Mrs Greening, Miss Newman and Mrs Groves report that the children were a credit to the school.

As part of the Tenax Trust, we have rigorous and robust checks by the Trust in various areas including attendance and safeguarding. Our latest check by the central team was Safeguarding where it was found that staff know safeguarding procedures very well and have confidence in the systems in place. A clear strength of the DSL/leadership team was building positive relationships with families, which we work very hard on and welcome strong relationships between families and school staff. We work better when we work together. The review report mentioned that the team are good at seeking support from outside agencies to support our families within the Fermor community. Often, with the added challenge of working across counties for new starters which does not deter the team in their efforts to safeguard children in their care. Our next Tenax review is around attendance where the Trust Attendance lead will come in to work with Mrs Price and Mrs Baker to help support families whose children's attendance is below 96%. It is so important that the children are in school so that they can progress.

Safeguarding

Managing Anxiety and Avoidance in Children

An online session is running on **Tuesday 24th February 12.30-2.30pm** for parents and carers of children aged 2 to 10.

The session will explore what anxiety is and how the body reacts to it. You will learn tools to build calm, confidence and resilience in your child.

To book or ask any questions, please email:
EH.0-19parentingteam@eastsussex.gov.uk



Key Dates

Wednesday 4th February
Year 3 leading service at
All Saints Church 8.45am

Friday 6th February
Number Day
Staff and Parent Prayers
8.20-8.30am

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

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

Gold Book

Well done for your fantastic learning:

1P: Evie B for a fantastic fact file on bees with clear finger spaces.

2C: Thomas W for his participation in a science lesson on the life cycle of a chicken - amazing diagrams and labels included.

3B: Daniel and Chester for their independent completion of sentences using colourful semantics to identify nouns and verbs.

3R: Christian for accurately identifying nouns and verbs in his sentences.

6P: Evie H and Isabella for conveying character through direct and reported speech in their narratives.

Attendance



Congratulations **Hedgehogs** for their attendance of 98.7% this week!

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

1MG (98.4%), **Owls** (98%), **1P** (97.4%), **2C** (96.2%)

Awards



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

Fermor Merit: Leo in 3B received the £5 book token this week, kindly donated by FOFS, for his excellent singing in the choir.

In Other News...

- **Footpath** - We understand that sometimes the footpath running alongside the staff car park and field can present as less than satisfactory. Unfortunately, this is not something that we are able to manage, therefore if you have any concerns about the conditions of the footpath please use this [link](https://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/report-a-problem-with-a-right-of-way) (Eastsussex.gov.uk - report a problem with a right of way).
- **Front Door** - Please ensure that the main front door for the school by the Office is closed when not in use. This continues to keep our school secure...and warm! Please also remember, and encourage others, to close the gate adjacent to the school building that runs alongside the car park towards the swimming pool.

Theme of the Month: Understanding Ourselves (Healthy Body and Mind)

'Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done.' Philippians 4:6-7

Social and Emotional Health:

Encouraging open communication within families and communities is so important, it creates an environment where children feel safe expressing their thoughts and emotions. When parents and teachers talk about the fact that they trust in God and find peace in His promises during stressful times, children model this faith and they too have a 'crutch' to lean on when they feel troubled. A Christ-centred community becomes a place of healing, joy, and order. This includes acknowledging emotions, correcting mistakes with love, and teaching children to bring every emotion to God in prayer. Building a supportive community around children can provide a sense of belonging and encouragement, which is crucial for their emotional health. At Sir Henry Fermor we tell the story of the Parable of the Lost Sheep to remind the children that we leave no one behind, just like the shepherd did not leave a single sheep to wander.



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Photo Gallery

