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SHF NEWS

Monday 19th January 2026



Inspire, Believe, Achieve

Headteacher's News

It certainly hasn't been a Blue Monday here at SHF! I am really impressed with the **enthusiasm and motivation** shown by the children with their learning. There have been plenty of practical approaches to learning over the last week, including [Year 5](#) making parachutes to test air resistance, [Year 2](#) making bird feeders and [Year 3](#) creating sculptures.

Alongside this, we have been embedding a whole school approach for showing when we are **ready for writing**. This is using: TTT, BB, 6, 2. This means 'tummy to table,' 'bottoms back,' 6 legs on the floor, 2 hands on paper/book. I have been particularly impressed with Year 2 modelling the correct handwriting position during my walk around the school.

Well done to [Year 4](#) for last week's service at **All Saints**. The analogy of filling our own and each other's buckets was powerful to show the impact our words and actions can have on ourselves and those around us.

If you would like to be more involved with [FOFS](#) and the work they do to support the school, please come along to the school this Wednesday for the **AGM** at 7.30pm.

Good luck to the choir at Young Voices on Tuesday!

Key Dates

Tuesday 20th January
Young Voices - Choir

Wednesday 21st January
FOFS AGM 7.30pm held at School

Friday 23rd January
Staff and Parent Prayers
8.20-8.30am

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

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

Safeguarding



Being a parent is a rewarding, but challenging job! Sometimes it can feel like it would be useful to have a handbook as new milestones are encountered as your child develops. Although we can't offer this, we can share this [support guide](#) offering support for parents and carers.

Everything the team offers is completely free!

Support includes: online parenting groups for 6-8 weeks, online 2-hour webinars, drop ins at Family Hubs (no booking necessary), face-to-face workshops, telephone advice and Facebook chat availability.

Gold Book

Well done for your fantastic learning:

1P: Sasha and Heidi for their use of finger spaces and phonics knowledge when writing independently;

Ted for completing his three sentences about bees independently, even when it was a bit tricky.

4J: Chloe for her thoughtful prayer and reflective poster linked to trust and compassion.

4M: Kaydan for the use of fronted adverbials and embedded clauses in his stories.

5M: Paige C for using grouping to support her learning about short division.

6F: Rory for his wonderful piece of writing including brackets, accurate direct speech punctuation and varied sentence starters.

Attendance



Congratulations **Hedgehogs** for their attendance of 99% this week! Reggie Rabbit is hopping over to you.

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

1P (96.5%), **5N** (96.3%) and **Owls** (96%).

Awards



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

Fermor Merit: Michael in **2K** received the £5 book token this week, kindly donated by FOFS, for his excellent behaviour in church.

Inspire Believe Achieve

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

Mental Health: Our thoughts are powerful; they affect our attitudes, actions and moods. Our thoughts reflect the condition of our hearts. The apostle Paul encouraged all believers to "take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ" (2 Corinthians 10:5). In essence this means to replace negative thoughts with positive ones.

It is so important that we encourage children and teach them to think positively about themselves in order to develop a healthy self-image and self-respect. God made us in His image so we are worthy just as we are! People who believe in themselves try new things and explore and excel and this is exactly what we want our young people to feel confident to do.



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.

Photo Gallery

