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SHF NEWS

Monday 15th December 2025



Inspire, Believe, Achieve

Headteacher's News

A huge thank you to our FOFS committee and volunteers, along with time given up by staff (and a visit from Mrs Patient!), to support a successful Christmas lunch, forest school session and providing a warm and cosy space for a very special person who made time out of his busy schedule to drop-in on Friday: Father Christmas! So many children commented that, "It's the best day ever!" and by having consecutive days of Christmas celebrations in school, it helps keep structure and calm for the remaining time.

Enjoy the last week of term!



Key Dates

Tuesday 16th December

FOFS Secret Present Room

6pm **KS2** Carol Service at All Saints Church

Wednesday 17th December

Year 4 Roman Day
I-Rock Concert, entry 2.15pm via Year 4 door

Thursday 18th December
House Group Competition

Friday 19th December
Whole School Christmas Church Service at All Saints 8.45am
Last Day of Term 2

Monday 22nd December - Friday 2nd January
Christmas Holidays

Monday 5th January
First Day of Term 3

Tuesday 6th January
Initial Volunteer Safeguarding Training 9.15am

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

Safeguarding

Support over the Christmas holidays

School holidays can be a wonderful time, where families can spend quality time together, however it can be a challenging time for many as well. If you feel you need support over the festive period, please reach out for support for yourself, family members or friends.

There are many charities that are there to offer support. The 'Mind' charity lists a range of useful contacts.

<https://www.mind.org.uk/information-support/tips-for-everyday-living/christmas-and-mental-health/useful-contacts/>



Gold Book

Well done for your fantastic learning:

1P: Charlotte for her beautiful reading of a funny book.

3R: Arthur for sounding out words carefully in his diary writing;

Matilda for using a dictionary to support spelling new words and using excellent language;

Harry for including all elements of his plan in his writing;

Toby and Taliyah for improvements in their handwriting;

4J: Seb for a wonderful snowman created out of wood.

5M: Noah and Paige for their futuristic art pieces when learning about space;

Jasmine for her poem about summer, inspired by learning about poetry in school.

Attendance



Congratulations **2K** for their attendance of 98.9% this week! Reggie Rabbit is spending the week with you.

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

Owls (98.7%), **3R** (98.5%), **1MG** (98.4%), **5N** (98.3%) and **Hedgehogs & 2C** (96.6%).

Awards



Uniform Unicorn: Well done to Leo in 5N for setting a high standard of wearing smart uniform.

Fermor Merit: Chase in 1MG received the £5 book token this week, kindly donated by FOFS, for sitting beautifully during worship.



Subject in the Spotlight: Music

It's been another busy Christmas time for music at Fermor!

EYFS told the Nativity story through the wonderful "Hey Ewe" and KS1 children enjoyed performing "Born in a Barn". It was wonderful this year to have Year One as the instrumentalists to enhance the storytelling from Year Two. For some children this is their first taste of a real performance to an audience and we certainly have some budding stars amongst us!

KS2 children have been busy preparing carols for the service on Tuesday 16th December at 6 o'clock at All Saints where the school can come together in the church to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas. The growing orchestra and recorder group will also be a part of this service where they can showcase how much progress they have made since last year's concert. And the choir have been the busiest! They are in high demand around the local community, singing at the Christmas Cracker light switch on in town and the Town Council carol service. We are also preparing to sing at the O2 in January as part of the Young Voices concert. The choir has grown this year and we now have over 60 members! They work so hard and show dedication each week, even with all the concerts and extra rehearsals and should be very proud of themselves.

All music clubs will continue in the new year. Choir will start on the 8th January and orchestra and recorders will start the following week (12th and 13th). Please contact the school office for any further information.



Theme of the Month: Opening Our Minds to New Opportunities

'I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.' Philippians 4:13

Christmas is mainly about the children, I know, but in the quiet moments after they have gone to bed and the tree lights are flickering, the Christmas story can provide messages for adults too.

1. God offers forgiveness to all

The underlying message, woven throughout the Christmas story, is "God and sinners reconciled". God sent Jesus to "save His people from their sins," no matter who we are, or what we've done.

2. Christ will be our shepherd

Shepherds were looked down on in Bethlehem society but they were led by God to honour the baby Jesus. His message was clear—this hope was for ALL people, including lowly shepherds! Christ came to bestow peace, but also to lead us if we let him.

3. God can perform the impossible

God caused a virgin to become pregnant. As the angel said to Mary upon the announcement that she would conceive in holiness, "For nothing shall be impossible with God". If God could perform such a miracle, what other miracles could he perform in our lives if we ask him and trust him?



Friends of Fermor



Wow! What an end to a fantastic term of fundraising, with our magical Christmas fair alone raising over £4,300!

Our final event of 2025 - our Secret Shopping Room - is tomorrow (Tuesday). The shop is open for one day only, with items priced at 50p, £1, £2 and £3. Children should bring any spending money to school tomorrow, ready to shop. We really hope the children enjoy the experience, and act of Christmas giving, and that you love your surprise gifts on Christmas Day!

The children also had a wonderful time seeing Santa on Friday and it was so lovely to see them all proudly taking home their very own Christmas trees and festive photos! If you have not yet paid for your child's ticket, the event is still on ParentPay.

There is lots more to look forward to in 2026. If you would like to get involved with planning events, or volunteering at them, please get in touch at friends@fermorschool.org.uk.



In Other News...

- Train to Teach

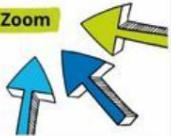



Join our virtual

Train to teach information event

6th Jan, 7pm, Zoom

Register



Virtual train to teach information event

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www.teachkentandsussex.org.uk/events/



SUN 21 10.45am POP UP NATIVITY Come dressed as a character from the Nativity and join the fun.	4pm & 7pm CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT
WED 24 11am, 2.30pm, 4pm & 5.30pm CHRISTINGLE Booking essential. Book online from 8am 13 December. 11am is a small service especially for those with disabilities.	11pm CHRISTMAS EVE 'MIDNIGHT' COMMUNION
THU 25 10.45am CHRISTMAS DAY ALL AGE CELEBRATION	CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH Book online

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