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SHF NEWS

Monday 8th December 2025



Inspire, Believe, Achieve

Headteacher's News

Christmas is now in full swing! Well done to our youngest children in [Owls](#) and [Hedgehogs](#) for their first **nativity performance** to parents. It is a really special milestone and we are so pleased with the turn out. The children were very excited to see the audience: what amazing confidence as they waved and smiled at everyone entering the hall! Good luck to KS1 for their upcoming performances!

Staffing update: There's some exciting news to share that **Miss Rose** is expecting her first baby early in the new year; I'm sure you will join us in sharing our best wishes and congratulations to her! We are delighted that **Miss Crush** will be leading the class for the rest of the academic year - already been working with 3R so knowledgeable about the children and their routines. Miss Crush has completed her teacher training so we are really pleased she's chosen to embark on her teaching career here at SHF.

A huge thank you to **Mrs Greening** for coordinating the many [musical](#) events taking place, providing opportunities outside of school for our choir to showcase their skills.

Have a wonderful week full of sparkles and joy!

Key Dates

Monday 8th December

2pm **EYFS nativity**

(Owls)

Tuesday 9th December

2pm **KS1 nativity (1P &**

2C)

Wednesday 10th

December

9.15am **KS1 nativity**

(1MG & 2K)

Thursday 11th December

Christmas Jumper Day

Christmas Dinner

Friday 12th December

Christmas Jumper Day

Father Christmas

Visiting!

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

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

Safeguarding

Family Bereavement:

How to support children through grief and loss



There's no right way to grieve. Feeling sad, angry, or confused, laughing about a memory, and having lots of questions are some of the ways a child might cope with the loss of someone they loved.

Key family events such as Christmas can trigger feelings of loss, anger, or jealousy towards others who are not experiencing grief. The NSPCC share different ideas about how adults can support children experiencing grief. <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/advice-for-families/family-bereavement-how-to-support-children-through-grief-and-loss/>

Gold Book

Well done for your fantastic learning:

3B: Jessica for using paragraphs and hyphenated words during her diary entry showpiece.

5N: Tayla-Rae for feeling more confident with fractions (adding and subtracting);

Fred S for using relative clauses in his information showpiece and making changes to his original plan during the editing stage;

Elyse for using great vocabulary (e.g.: chasm) in her poem;

Aurelia for using relative clauses, scientific vocabulary and a range of punctuation in her writing.

Attendance



Congratulations **5N** once again, for their attendance of 97.3% this week! Reggie Rabbit is spending the week with you.

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

2K (96.7%), **1MG** (96.4%) and **6F** (96%).



Awards



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

Fermor Merit: Everley in 2C received the £5 book token this week, kindly donated by FOFS, for accepting help when needed.

Musicians: William W in 5M for showing great confidence when singing in front of the class.

Amy S in 3B for picking herself up when she fell over before the Christmas Cracker event and still going on stage to sing!

Subject in the Spotlight: Art

At Sir Henry Fermor Primary School, art is a vibrant and exciting part of our curriculum. Children learn about a range of artists and styles and then have the chance to create their own artwork inspired by what they've discovered.

This term:

- Our **Owls and Hedgehogs** (EYFS) explored the colourful circles of **Wassily Kandinsky**, creating bright and joyful paintings.
- **Year 4** learned the traditional technique of **batik**, inspired by textile artist **Megan Carter**.
- **Year 5** stepped into the world of **retro-futurism**, creating imaginative artwork after studying illustrator **Klaus Bürge**.



The National Curriculum encourages children to explore ideas, learn real art skills, and find out about artists from different times and places. In the Early Years, children express themselves through colour, shape and materials- building confidence and creativity right from the start.



Ofsted also highlights the importance of art in schools, saying:

"Art makes a significant contribution through human innovation, imagination and thought... The subject should command an important place in every school."

At Sir Henry Fermor, we truly believe this. Art helps our children experiment, express themselves, and feel proud of what they can create. Our classrooms have been full of colour, curiosity and imagination - and we can't wait to share some of their wonderful work with you.

Theme of the Month: Opening Our Minds to New Opportunities

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

Growth Mindset Activities for Adults: As adults, we need to focus on Growth Mindset more than anyone with the pressures and deadlines and responsibilities we all bear every day. New experiences that relax us and fulfil us don't have to be too serious, and they don't always have to have a clear purpose. Just find opportunities to enjoy doing new things!

Here are some activities that you might want to explore:

Learn to draw, or juggle, or do Sudoku, or anything else that intrigues you! If there's one of these activities that you've never done before, give it a go! Be willing to step forward into new challenges. It might seem daunting at first (you might want to start small), but the more you embrace new activities, the more you'll grow! I am 'allergic' to exercise but have started Reformer Pilates which has really enriched my life, mainly from meeting new people and having a good laugh with a bit of exercise thrown in.



Friends of Fermor



We are so excited for Father Christmas to visit this Friday! His visit has become a much-loved and highly-anticipated tradition at Sir Henry Fermor so, if you haven't already bought a ticket on ParentPay, please do! Children will have the opportunity to toast a marshmallow around the fire, receive a special gift, and even have a photograph taken with Santa himself! They can also wear Christmas jumpers to school on Friday to add to the festive feel! Please do let the office know if you want your child to take part but are unable to pay.

Next week is our final event of the year, and another favourite! **Our Secret Shopping Room will be open on Tuesday 16th December!**

In Other News...

- **Train to Teach**

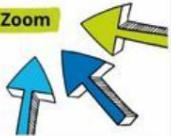



Join our virtual

Train to teach information event

6th Jan, 7pm, Zoom

Register



Virtual train to teach information event

For those finishing university or considering a career change into teaching, Teach Kent & Sussex can help. Our Ofsted outstanding Teach Kent & Sussex team work with leading national educational charity Ambition institute to offer the best regional bespoke, individualised teacher training programme. Come and meet the Teaching School Directors to learn all about the Teach Kent & Sussex training programme and have your questions answered.

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Train to teach

Excellence in teaching starts here...



Join our Teacher Training programme starting in September 2026

Transform your future and the lives of our pupils with our classroom based teacher training programme. Team your existing skills and experience with our high-quality teacher training and qualify as a primary or secondary school teacher in 11 months (full-time training) or 20 months (part-time training).

Through our partnership with national education provider, Ambition Institute, you will learn what makes an effective teacher through our evidence-based and subject focused theory. You will then put this learning into practice with your peers and personal mentor in a school environment.

Our curriculum aims to give you the best start to go on and support thousands of children and young people over the lifetime of your career. Our teacher training will provide you with the strong foundation skills to allow you to benefit from the continuity of your professional development, including Ambition's Early Career Framework and National Professional Qualifications.

Recruiting the right teachers in our schools is key to our children's education. If you share a passion for lifelong learning and want to make a difference to the lives of pupils, please consider [applying for our September 2026 cohort](#)

Come along to our next event to find out more:
virtual event, Tues 6th Jan, 7pm

To register for our events or find out more please visit
www.teachkentandsussex.org.uk or email contact@teachkentandsussex.org.uk

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