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SHF NEWS

Monday 1st December 2025



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Headteacher's News

Apologies for this temporary look to the newsletter, thus causing the delay sending this out. Publisher is no longer available, but don't worry, the new year will bring a new, improved newsletter!

The delay is also due to a busy but wonderful weekend! Our choir performed brilliantly at the Christmas light switch on and FOFS held our successful Christmas fair. A huge thank you to all those that have made this event possible: the FOFS committee, volunteers, market stall holders and those contributing to the raffle. So much goes into organising this and we are extremely grateful. I am also impressed that I avoided sampling any of the beautiful cakes kindly donated and left in the office on Friday!

With Christmas in full swing (thank you Mrs Benson for decorating the trees!), children are practising for nativities and the carol service alongside their normal learning, such as Year 3 cutting seasonal vegetables during a practical DT session.

Have a wonderful first week of December!

Safeguarding

On Monday we practised our first planned lockdown of the year. Staff prepared the children by explaining what to do and why it is important to practise. We explain in an age-appropriate way that the focus is on the need to very quickly keep the children safe within the school building, keeping everyone calm. Staff share examples of why we might need to go into lockdown, for example when there might be a major fire in the vicinity of the school, a swarm of bees on the playground, or an animal roaming loose on our school site.

Our normal procedure is to practise a whole school lockdown twice a year. We are continually reviewing and adapting our procedures; the safety of the children remains our highest priority.

Key Dates

Monday 1st December
Assessment Week

Wednesday 3rd December

Year 5 Space Visitor

Thursday 4th December
Choir performing at the Town Council Carol Service 7pm

Friday 5th December
Staff and Parent Prayers 8.20-8.30am
2pm **EYFS nativity (Hedgehogs)**

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

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

Gold Book

Well done for your fantastic learning:

3B: Leon M for his focus and participation during a spelling session and completing the dictation sentence.

4J: Rory B for an amazing drawing of a jaguar and for writing independently;

Jewel for her beautiful observation painting of a plant;

Maya for a fantastic persuasive letter using a variety of techniques, including strong use of the power of 3.

5M: Esme for her poem and song about space, inspired by learning in school.

Attendance



Congratulations **5N** for their attendance of 99% this week! Reggie Rabbit is spending the week with you.

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

4J (97.5%), **2K** (97.4%), **1MG** (97.2%), **5M & 1P** (97%) and **6F** (96%).

Awards



Uniform Unicorn: Well done to Ali in **2C** for setting a high standard of wearing smart uniform.

Fermor Merit: Khrystyna in **3B** received the £5 book token this week, kindly donated by FOFS, for showing good sitting during worship.

Musicians: All of the choir for their wonderful performance at the Crowborough light switch-on event.

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Subject in the Spotlight: RE



Where is God? This question has been asked by many people over the centuries and depending on a person's beliefs, the answers will differ. The Christian faith gives us the understanding that God chose to reveal himself to humanity in various ways, but most importantly for the redemption and salvation of the world, through the person of Jesus Christ. The theme of incarnation - God coming to us in the 'flesh' as a baby is being explored this term by years 2 & 5. The children in year 5 have been grappling with understanding the language to describe God as 'omnipotent' or 'all-powerful', 'omniscient' or 'all-knowing' and 'eternal' or 'everlasting'.

A Year 5 student chose to describe the character of God in this way:

"Christians believe that God should be praised and worshipped. You should not fear Him because His love is always in your heart. This is seen in Psalm 103, since God is merciful, he forgives if we act rashly and gives eternal life to believers." Flynn

Year 2 have been practising for their Nativity performance and were able to articulate what was special to them about the Christmas story:

"The Nativity is special because Jesus is the saviour and so everyone should know about that." Harry

"The animals came to worship Jesus!" Kyla

"The Nativity is special to me because I am a Christian and Jesus is in my heart." River

"I believe that the Holy Spirit is always with me so I don't need to be afraid," Esther

The Year 2 children expressed with a shout "incarnation - God in the flesh!" and all who are fortunate enough to be able to watch their rendering of the Christmas story will have the opportunity to be touched again by this remarkable Christian truth.



Theme of the Month: Opening Our Minds to New Opportunities

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

The Bible provides numerous verses that highlight the importance of being open-minded and adaptable. It emphasises the importance of seeking wisdom and understanding and asking God for guidance. We are assured that God will grant it generously.

Being openminded means being willing to listen to different ideas and understanding other people's thoughts. This involves being flexible and accepting that there are many ways to see the world. Change is a natural part of life, and we are invited to embrace transformation. By allowing God to mould us into who He wants us to be, we can experience abundant life filled with grace and purpose.

By following these principles, Christians can cultivate a mindset that invites God's truth into their hearts and leads to transformation in their lives.



Friends of Fermor



A huge FoFS thank you to all who came along to our Magical Christmas Fair on Saturday, and a shout out to our wonderful class reps and volunteers too. We couldn't raise the money we do without the support of the whole school community.

The festive fun doesn't end there! We have 2 more events coming up...

Santa's Grotto on Friday 12th December (tickets on ParentPay now).

Secret Shopping Room on Tuesday 16th December (cash on the day).

More details to follow next week!

In Other News...

- **Train to Teach**

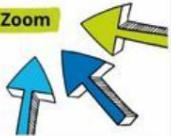



Join our virtual

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.

www.teachkentandsussex.org.uk/events/




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

- All Saints – TODAY!



*You're invited to our
Christmas Party!*

*December 2nd
4:30-5:45pm*

Heroes (yrs F-2) meet in the Parish Halls.
Adventurers (yrs 3-6) meet in the Downstairs Rooms.
Free **parents' cafe** with festive refreshments in the
Hope Cafe throughout.

Fun, games, activities, crafts, a Christmas gift and a
short Bible talk thinking about the best gift we could
ever get at Christmas time. All for just £1.50

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