

SHF NEWS

Monday 10th November 2025



Inspire, Believe, Achieve

Headteacher's News

*Sir Henry Fermor enables everyone to succeed; as Jesus teaches through the parable of The Lost Sheep: no one is left behind. **Inspiring** children and adults, **believing** in God at the heart of all we do, through Christ's love and guidance; all in the Sir Henry Fermor family flourish, **achieving** fullness.*

Welcome back to one of the most exciting terms as we prepare for all the wonders and magic of Christmas!

It was lovely to see so much **colour and all the sparkles** in the outfits worn on Friday - certainly brightened up a gloomy day - and thank you for the toy and bottle donations ready for our Christmas Fair. I had a lovely conversation with Lilly-Jane in Year 6 who proudly shared that she wanted to remain in her school uniform as she felt comfortable to do so; yet another example of acceptance here at SHF.

As per the separate communication sent last week, we are aware of the news in Crowborough to house asylum seekers in the local area and continue to work in partnership with local schools and external agencies with regards to updates. Currently, we continue to follow our **robust policies and risk assessments** but will be ready to amend these as necessary. Learning remains unchanged and continues to be underpinned by our Christian values with teachings from the Bible, where children are respectful, inclusive and feel a sense of belonging.



Well done **Year 6** for the first child-led service at **All Saints Church** launching our new class values linking to our Key Stage Worship in school. We loved the examples given to show respect and justice, and all were looking very smart in their new special Year 6 ties by the end of the service.

This week we also have our next **open afternoon and evening** for anyone exploring a place for EYFS next September. Please spread the word!

Have a lovely week!

Safeguarding

As Christmas approaches, conversations may focus on new technology for your children, as well as new games and apps. We have previously shared tips for monitoring your child online, but the following guides are packed with useful advice to help keep you and your family safe: What parents need to know about inappropriate content?

[What parents need to know about inappropriate content? | Internet Matters](#)

Key Dates

Monday 10th November – Friday 14th November
Antibullying Week

Monday 10th November
Scholastic Book Fair **EYFS and Year 6** 3.30-4.15pm via Year 4 entrance (behind swimming pool)

Tuesday 11th November
Year 6 at Chapel Green (Remembrance Day)
Scholastic Book Fair **Years 1 and 2**

Wednesday 12th November
Year 5 Mayan Day
Scholastic Book Fair **Year 5**
New EYFS 2026 open afternoon (1.30pm) and evening (6pm)

Thursday 13th November
Scholastic Book Fair **Years 3 and 4**

Friday 14th November
Children In Need (wear spots/merchandise)

Wednesday 19th November
Choir (Years 5 and 6 only) visiting Nursery on Chapel Green

Friday 21st November
Staff and Parent Prayers 8.20-8.30am

Monday 24th November – Friday 5th December
Assessment Weeks

Wednesday 26th November
Year 5 leading the service at **All Saints Church** 8.45am
New EYFS 2026 open afternoon (1.30pm)

Friday 28th November
Choir performing at Christmas light switch-on 4.45-5.20pm

Saturday 29th November
FOFS CHRISTMAS FAIR! 1-4pm

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

Monday 8th December
2pm **EYFS** nativity

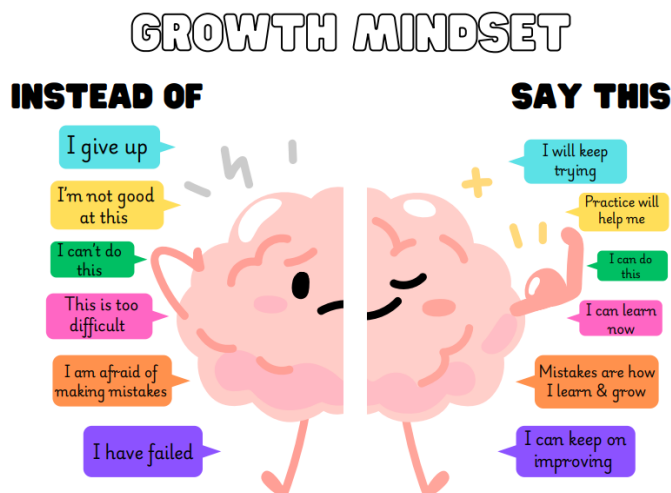
All term dates are available on our [website](#).

Theme of the Month: Opening Our Minds to New Opportunities

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

This term we are focusing on being open minded to new opportunities and new ways of handling situations and including others. Part of this is fostering a growth mindset in children which helps them embrace challenges, learn from failures, and develop resilience, ultimately leading to greater success and happiness.

A growth mindset is the belief that abilities and intelligence can be developed through effort, learning, and persistence. In contrast, a fixed mindset holds that these qualities are static and unchangeable.



Gold Book

Well done for your fantastic learning:

- 1P:** Penny and Teddie for their wonderful descriptions about Winnie the Pooh's forest, using adjectives and remembering finger spaces.
- 5N:** Fred for well-presented maths learning on fractions. Well done for increasing in confidence to participate more in class and reach the "explain" stage.
- 6F:** Amelia C and Max N for their vivid setting descriptions. Great sentence starters and editing to include more sophisticated vocabulary choices (e.g.: establishment instead of building).
- 6P:** Bertie for his use of effective descriptive sentences inspired by his reading ("...lava illuminating the scorched ground.");
- Sapphire for achieving her personal target when using addition in maths. Well done for getting all your calculations correct!

Attendance



Congratulations to **2C** for their attendance of 98.1% this week!

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

3B (97.3%), **1MG** (97.8%), **Owls** (96.3%), **4M** (96.2%), and **Hedgehogs** (96.1%).

Reggie Rabbit has spent the last week with **Hedgehogs** as they had the highest attendance before half term.

Awards

Uniform Unicorn: Well done to Myla in 6F for setting a high standard of wearing smart uniform.



Fermor Merit: Josie in 2K received the £5 book token this week, kindly donated by FOF5, for following our FLOURISH values both inside and outside of school.

Subject in the Spotlight: Physical Education (PE)

The final results of the **KS2 cross country event** that took place last term were announced to the children this week. We were thrilled to announce that Fermor came 1st overall in four out of the six races with 16 children qualifying to the next round. The next round will be held at Beacon Academy on Wednesday 12th November and we thank parent and carers for supporting this; we are looking forward to hearing how they get on.



Our popular **KS2 running club** will continue every Thursday at 8am for the rest of this term, we will then pause this for terms 3 and 4 and start it back up again in terms 5 and 6. There will be plenty of future events coming up so please look out for future dates.



Well done to our **boys' football team** for their first tournament at the end of last term as a new team; we couldn't be prouder of their resilience and teamwork.



Friends of Fermor



A big **thank you** for all your **dress down donations** last week, and before half term - the tombolas are always hugely popular at our fairs and we wouldn't be able to run them without your generous donations!

The mystery bag stall is also always a huge success so **please keep your mystery bags coming in** (by Monday 24th November). We are aware that these are bigger than in previous years - please do not feel obliged to fill the whole bag! Any donations are gratefully received and needn't be expensive - think any good condition items that children would be excited to receive.

Raffle tickets and games stall tokens are available on ParentPay now. Buying these in advance will give you more time to enjoy the magic of the Christmas fair. The games stall tokens also have 10% off when purchased in advance (£4.50 for 10 games, as opposed to £5 on the day). Rest assured that we have learnt from experience with the summer fair and collection of games tokens should be a lot quicker this time round, with its own stall!

Your class reps may have already been in touch to ask for support with stalls - please do get involved if you are able, to support all parents in being able to enjoy the event with their child(ren). Keep an eye out on next week's newsletter, and on our facebook page, for other ways to support including baking or donating a cake for the cake stall.



FOFS FACEBOOK

Finally, be sure to invite family and friends to attend with you - the more the merrier!

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...

- **Sandwiches:**

Due to a technical issue, whilst sandwiches remain a lunch choice, it will not be possible to specify this on Parent Pay. If you would like your Child to have a sandwich lunch, please **put a note in their contact book** for the whole week of the days you would like to order a sandwich, specify the filling (Cheese/Ham/Tuna) and on what days.

Unfortunately, this will be required each week until further notice and therefore do not make a choice on Parent Pay. As soon as this issue has been resolved we will advise. Please note, this only applies to sandwiches; all other meal choices should be via Parent Pay as normal.

Thank you for continuing to ensure that lunches are ordered in advance so that we can make the most of the available learning time for the children.

- **Children in Need:**

Children in Need is this Friday the 14th of November! The children are invited to wear their own clothes including Children in Need merchandise or anything spotty. Click [here](#) to make donations and check out their website for more information on this important fundraiser: [We're there for you- BBC Children in Need](#)



- **Scholastic Book Fair:**

The Scholastic Book Fair has arrived in school and is open from Monday 10th - Thursday 13th November, where you will be able to purchase books at the end of the school day. You can find more details here about the event and books available: <https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/parents>. Please see the key dates section on the first page of this newsletter for when each Year group can visit the book fair. This has been staggered to ensure there is space for everyone to visit but if you can't make your child's allocated time then let your child's teacher know as we wouldn't want anyone to miss out!



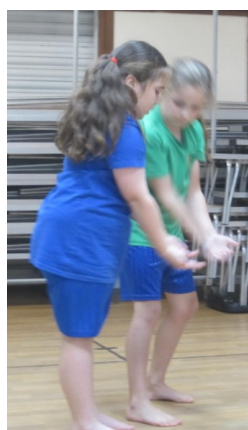
- **Poppy Appeal:**



We still have items to purchase from our office to raise money for the Poppy Appeal. This includes paper poppies, material wrist bands and reflective poppies for bags and coats. The slap-band style bands are available but we ask for these not to be taken into school.

We feel privileged that once again, Year 6 have been invited to attend the Remembrance Day Service on Chapel Green on Tuesday to lay a wreath on behalf of the school community, showing respect for those that fought and risked their lives for our future.

Photo Gallery



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