

SHF NEWS

Monday 20th October 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.

Our penultimate newsletter of the term begins by celebrating the fantastic performance of "The Secret Garden" by M & M Productions. After the performance, the children were still buzzing with excitement:

- * "It was really good...I loved the bit when Colin could stand up."
- * "You couldn't see the next part of the set so it was a surprise when the screens turned round."
- * "I absolutely loved it!"



Learning time is so important and we have been working on our whole school target of moving around the school beautifully: "use walking feet, stay silent and respect each others' spaces." This creates a calm and organised atmosphere in the school; children are coming in from break and lunch times quicker, maximising their learning time, and it makes the dining hall a nicer place to be as you can now hear the manners from our children to the catering staff. Keep it up Fermor!

We are looking forward to welcoming you to our **parent consultation evenings** this week. Please come to the Year 4 entrance door (behind the swimming pool) ten minutes before your appointment. You will then be shown where to wait in the KS1 Hall and the teacher will call you over at your appointment time. The children are also welcome to attend their appointment. A bell will signify the end of the 10 minutes.

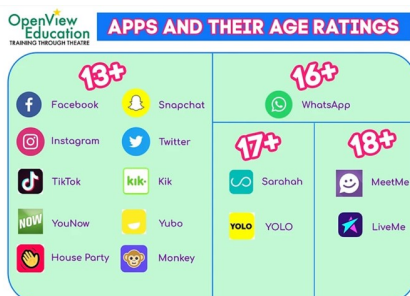
Have a great final week - don't forget, term ends on Thursday, in pyjamas!

Safeguarding

Social Media Information

Age restrictions on social media are important for protecting children's mental health, safeguarding their privacy, and shielding them from harmful and inappropriate content. By enforcing age limits and implementing age verification, platforms and governments aim to create safer online environments for young users.

We are aware that a number of children in Year 5 and 6 have WhatsApp already,



this now has an age rating of 16+. If you have children who use WhatsApp and you would like support in how to help keep them safe online, there is lots of advice online, we have attached one useful website. Please come and speak to a member of our DSL team if you have a concern about safeguarding your child online.

[WhatsApp privacy guide - Internet Matters](#)

Key Dates

Monday 20th October
2C ONLY - Parent Consultation Evening 3.30-5pm

Tuesday 21st October
Year 2 walking to Crowborough Library
Parent Consultation Evening 3.30-6pm
YEAR 2 ONLY 3.30-7pm

Wednesday 22nd October
Professional individual photos

Thursday 23rd October
FOFS pyjama day (chocolate donation)
9am Phonics workshop
Parent Consultation Evening 4.30-7pm NOT 2C
Last day of Term 1

Friday 24th October
INSET DAY

Monday 27th October – Friday 31st October
Half Term

Monday 3rd November
First day of Term 2

Wednesday 5th November
Year 6 leading the service at All Saints Church (& tie ceremony) 8.45am

Thursday 6th November
Flu vaccinations
Initial safeguarding training for volunteers 9.15am

Friday 7th November
FOFS colour and sparkles dress down day (bottle/toy donations)
Staff and Parent Prayers 8.20-8.30am
Year 3 walking to the Ghyll

Monday 10th November – Friday 14th November
Scholastic book fair (NOT Friday)
Antibullying Week

Tuesday 11th November
Year 6 at Chapel Green (Remembrance Day)

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

Friday 14th November
Children In Need

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

Friday 19th December
Last day of Term 2

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

Theme of the Month: Listening When Others Are Speaking

'Let every person be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry.' James 1:19

Games to Develop Listening Skills:

Simon Says:

Requires players to listen carefully to instructions and only act when the phrase "Simon says" is used.

Telephone:

Also known as "pass the message," this classic game improves listening for detail as a message is whispered down a line and repeated at the end.

Sound Recognition:

Listen to various sounds produced by hidden objects and try to identify them.

Draw This:

One person describes a picture or object, and others must draw what is being described without seeing it.

"I Went to the Shops...":

A memory and listening game where each person repeats the previous items on a list and adds their own.



Gold Book

Well done for your fantastic learning:

4J: Beau for writing a creative poem using the creature on the board to inspire his own creation;
Isla for a fantastic poem inspired by her learning in school.

Attendance



Congratulations to **1P** for their attendance of 99% this week!

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

5M (98.5%), **6P** (97.7%), **Hedgehogs** (97.4%), and **2C** (96.4%).

Awards

Uniform Unicorn: Well done to Elsie in **3B** for setting a high standard of wearing smart uniform.



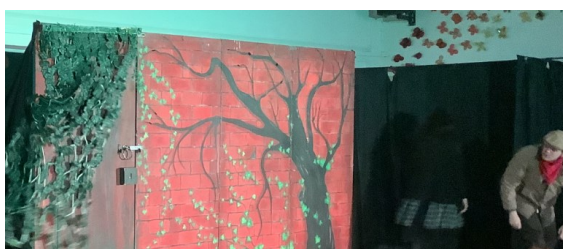
Fermor Merit: Justin in **2C** received the £5 book token this week, kindly donated by FOFS, for volunteering to help tidy up.

Subject in the Spotlight: Oracy

On Friday, the children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 were treated to a fabulous performance of the Secret Garden, a novel written by Frances Hodgson Burnett in 1911. The story may be a classic from a different age but it captivated their imagination and many Key Stage 2 classes followed it up with discussions, drama and reading activities.

Oracy education plays a vital part in the Primary School; not only is it where the children learn to talk effectively but also learn about many subjects *through* talk too. Drama lessons provide engaging and supportive environments for the children to rehearse and improve their speaking, listening and communication skills which the children really enjoy. Following the performance, classes role played the main characters to aid their comprehension of the story; whether that of spoilt Mary, stamping her foot and demanding attention or sickly Colin, finally managing to stand up after years of being bed ridden and delivering their lines with confidence and understanding.

The children loved the opportunity to experience the marvel of a live theatre performance. Thank you for your donations and thank you M & M Theatrical Productions for putting on such a great show for us. We are still accepting donations of a £1, via the office, if anyone is still wanting to contribute towards this experience.



Friends of Fermor



A big thank you to those who came along to our BINGO night on Saturday - we hope you had a fantastic evening!

This Thursday 23rd October is our Pyjama Dress Down Day, perfect to see us all into a hopefully restful half term! **Children are asked to bring a donation for the chocolate tombola.**

Raffle tickets and games tokens are now on ParentPay! Buying these in advance will give you more time to enjoy the magic of the Christmas fair. Rest assured that we have learnt from experience with the summer fair and collection of games tokens should be a lot quicker with its own stall!

Finally, a reminder that we have a second dress down day on **Friday 7th November**, with a seasonal theme of 'Colour and Sparkles'. If you are keen to get organised over half term, children are asked to bring a toy for the children's tombola (EYFS/KS1) or a bottle for the adults' tombola (KS2) on this day.

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...

- **Phonics Workshop:**

We are offering an **Early Reading Phonics Workshop** for parents and carers on Thursday 23rd October (a super opportunity to learn about our scheme in school: Super Sonic Phonics Friends). These would be most suited for those with children in EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 but everyone is welcome to attend. Please wait at the Year 4 entrance (behind the swimming pool) at 9am; the workshop will last approximately 30 minutes.



- **Sandwiches:**

Due to a technical issue, whilst sandwiches remain a lunch choice, from the beginning of term two (3rd November), 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.

- **Sufficiency Survey:**

Help Inform Childcare in East Sussex

East Sussex County Council must publish a Childcare Sufficiency Report every year. This report explains how the Council plans to make sure there are enough childcare places for families who are working, studying, or training.

It covers childcare for children from birth to age 14 (or up to 18 for children with disabilities).

Your feedback will help inform the 2026 report. Please complete the survey by **31st October** using the link below:

[Parental Sufficiency Survey 2025](#)

- **Cross Country:**

Last Wednesday, 62 KS2 children attended the annual cross-country event at Beacon on Wednesday. We were so impressed with the determination and team morale shown throughout the afternoon and fun was had by all. A huge well done to all who competed and represented for Fermor, you were a credit to our school. We are awaiting the overall result but Fermor finished with two winners and 14 children qualifying to the next round.

A big thank you to all of our parent volunteers, Mrs Levett and Miss Groves for supporting us on the day; without you, we couldn't attend these wonderful events.



Photo Gallery

