

SHF NEWS

Monday 29th September 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.*

This newsletter starts with a huge thank you to **FOFS**, who kindly organised a whole school inspirational assembly from Terry Price, a **professional scooter rider**. He shared the important message of not giving up and how failing and learning becomes 'flearning.' He held every child's attention as he demonstrated some tricks before holding workshops for the children in Key Stage 2. Thank you so much to our **volunteers** for giving up their time as we wouldn't be able to run this without them due to restricted group sizes for the workshops.

Prospective Early Years Families 2026



Open Evenings

Take a tour of our school with the Senior Leadership team, with the chance to ask any questions you may have, followed by a short presentation lead by our EYFS team. These evenings are aimed at parents and carers.

Wednesday 24th September
6pm-7pm
Wednesday 12th November
6pm-7pm



We held our first **open afternoon and evening** for potential new EYFS families from 2026. There are still some spaces on future events so if you know anyone looking for a place next year, please share our dates; these are also on our school Facebook page.

We now have **over 400 children** on roll at SHF! This is the fullest the school has been in over 9 years (at least). A huge thank you for your positive words about SHF in the community. We know we also have the best members of staff and this has been officially recognised for **Miss Newman**; congratulations for being 'Teacher of the Year' in the community awards!



Open Afternoons

These sessions are designed for your child to experience a flavour of our school, with you!

Wednesday 24th September
Wednesday 12th November
Wednesday 26th November
Wednesday 7th January

Open afternoon timings

1:30pm: Arrive, welcome by the senior leadership team and the opportunity to sample freshly cooked school lunches.
2:00pm: Forest School activity
2:20pm: Time to explore and play in our Early Years classrooms
2:40pm: Story time
3:00pm Finish

Weekly school tours also take place every Tuesday morning at 11am.
Please contact the school office to book a place for a tour, or for one of the above open events.

Call us on 01892 652405 or email office@fermorschool.org.uk
Visit our website www.fermorschool.org.uk

We want everyone to feel they belong at our school and different languages and cultures were celebrated during our **Languages Day** on Friday (see subject in the spotlight for more information).

Have a lovely week and we hope to see you at our Harvest Services!

Safeguarding

Supervision before and after school

Please can we remind parents and carers that children from Reception to Year 4 must be supervised by an adult at the start of the school day, before a member of school staff welcomes them into the school building. At the end of the day, once children have been dismissed to a parent or carer, please can you ensure that children remain with their adult at all times, until you have left school site. We have staff stationed at the key exit points, but ensuring your child is close by you, really helps us to safeguard your children.

Key Dates

Tuesday 30th September
Year 6 Screening

Wednesday 1st October
Year 1-6 Harvest Service at All Saints Church 8.45am

Thursday 2nd October
Poetry Day
Owls and Hedgehogs (EYFS) only Harvest Service at All Saints Church 8.45am

Friday 10th October
World Mental Health Day
Staff and Parent Prayers 8.20-8.30am

Wednesday 15th October
KS2 Cross Country

Friday 17th October
KS2 Secret Garden Performance

Saturday 18th October
FOFS Bingo Night

Tuesday 21st October
Parent Consultation Evening 3.30-6pm

Wednesday 22nd October
Professional individual photos

Thursday 23rd October
FOFS pyjama day (chocolate donation)
Parent Consultation Evening 4.30-7pm
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
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

Monday 10th November – Friday 14th November
Antibullying Week

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

Friday 19th December
Last day of Term 2

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

Theme of the Month: Following Adults' Instructions

'Whoever gives heed to instruction prospers, and blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord.'
Proverbs 16:20

Resolve to Follow the Lord

"Open ye the gates, that the righteous nation which keepeth the truth may enter in." (Isaiah 26:2)

I resolve to follow the Lord,
Throughout my life, His path I'll tread.
Though difficulties may arise,
I'll not hesitate, but press ahead.

In hardships, I'll cling close to Him,
His guidance, strength, my faith intact.
With Him beside me, peace I find,
Even when storms my steps impact.

Not dismayed, I'll lean on His arm,
Certain He'll carry me along.
Through spiritual journey's winding road,
His counsel deep, our bond grows strong.

Joy flows from walking with the Lord,
Each word of His I'll cherish dear.
Hoping for heaven's sweet embrace,
Where saints sing joyful songs so clear.

I resolve to follow the Lord,
No matter what may come my way.
Overcoming trials, hand in hand,
His strength will see me through each day.

Timothy Christian Huynh



Attendance



Congratulations to **1P** for their attendance of 97.9% this week!

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

Owls (97%), **2K and 4M** (96.9%), **4J** (96.8%) and **5N** (96%).

Awards

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



Fermor Merit: Albert in 5M received the £5 book token this week, kindly donated by FOFS, for his amazing singing during worships.

Subject in the Spotlight: Latin



On Friday, our school marked the **European Day of Languages** with each class taking part in a mini language lesson. Pupils either learned the colours in German, discovered zoo animals in Spanish or explored sports and hobbies in French. The lessons were full of energy, with games and activities that helped the children to practise new words, while spotting links with English, other languages they speak or Latin.

The day reminded us all that learning another language is about more than picking up vocabulary. It develops memory, problem-solving skills and flexible thinking, as well as opening doors to understanding different cultures. At Fermor we are proud that Latin is a core part of our Key Stage 2 curriculum. Latin gives our pupils a solid foundation for future language learning and helps them recognise familiar roots and links across European languages.

Recent newspaper reports have highlighted the national decline in the number of young people continuing with languages at GCSE level and beyond. By giving our pupils positive, early experiences of language learning, we aim to nurture curiosity, enjoyment and confidence so they are more likely to continue in the future. In today's interconnected world, speaking another language is an invaluable skill — whether for travel, future careers or building friendships across cultures.

The European Day of Languages was a fantastic opportunity to celebrate these benefits and to remind our pupils that learning a language is both exciting and rewarding.

Gold Book

Well done for your fantastic learning:

1P: Freddie for using intensive phonics support to blend and write 'dog' and 'big.'

4M: Finley for his great ordering of numbers;

Elijah for wonderful home-learning exploring why he personally trusts in the Lord;

Oscar of using accurate speech punctuation when writing dialogue.

4J: Milena for beautifully presented maths work.

6F: Amelia C for the use of deliberate repetition and rhetorical questions



Friends of Fermor



Join us for our adults-only **BINGO night on Saturday 18th October** at the school from 7pm.

Tickets are £5 each and include a BINGO card for each game (you can purchase more on the night).

There will be fabulous prizes, a licensed bar and snacks on sale.

Purchase your tickets on ParentPay now, or by emailing friends@fermorschool.org.uk.



More to follow in the coming weeks on our Magical Christmas Fair, so keep your eyes peeled here and on our Facebook page.

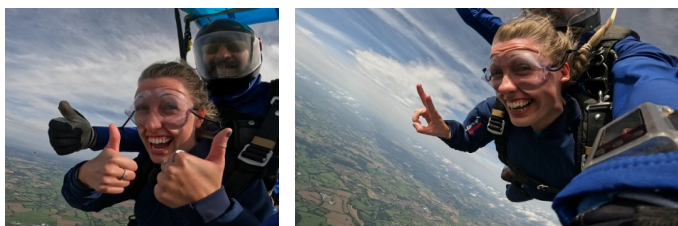
If you would like to get involved with planning events, or volunteering at them, please get in touch at friends@fermorschool.org.uk.



In Other News...

- **Sky-Dive!**

Last week we shared that Miss Holczimmer completed her sky-dive. Having now seen evidence of her sky-dive, and smiling throughout, here are some pictures of this wonderful achievement.



- **Harvest:**

Our Harvest Service is being held on Wednesday 1st October for Years 1-6 and Thursday 2nd October for EYFS and Year 6 at All Saints Church. If you are in a position to be able to offer a donation, these are the items most in need currently, although may be updated nearer the time:

Longlife Fruit Juice Fruit Squash Tinned Macaroni Cheese Instant Mash Potato
Tinned Custard Tinned Meat Soup Mayonnaise Brown Sauce Baby Wipes
Shaving Foam Hair Conditioner Washing Pods - Non Biological Antibacterial Surface Spray
Antibacterial Surface Wipes

- **Footpath:**

The footpath adjacent to our school is regularly used as the entrance and exit for many of the children at our school. Unfortunately, sometimes it isn't kept as clean and tidy as we would like but we are unable to maintain it as problems need to be reported to East Sussex County Council Highways (they are the responsible authority). If you see anything concerning, please inform them via this link: [Report a problem with the condition of a footway | live.eastsussexhighways.com](https://live.eastsussexhighways.com)

- **Staffing:**

Congratulations to **Miss Barnes** who got married over the weekend! Her new name is **Mrs Stirk** so please don't worry - she hasn't left, she is the same person. It is also understandable if both children and adults alike take a while to get used to the new name; Mrs Stirk won't be offended if called Miss Barnes by mistake!



- **Train to Teach:**

Sir Henry Fermor CE Primary School works with Teach Kent & Sussex to provide exceptional school based teacher training. Schools like ours play an important role in training new teachers, many of whom hear about us through our community networks. Whether you have spent time working in a school environment, are a recent graduate, or are looking for a complete change in career, teaching could be for you.

Why not join one of Teach Kent & Sussex's free to attend Train to Teach information events to find out more? To register please visit:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/train-to-teach-information-events-4632813>

Team your existing skills and life experiences with Teach Kent & Sussex's 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). Financial help as you train is available, with bursaries and scholarships for up to £31,000 in some secondary subjects.

Teach Kent & Sussex is in partnership with national education provider, Ambition Institute. The programme enables you to learn what makes an effective teacher through evidence-based and subject focused theory. You will then put this learning into practice with your peers and personal mentor in a school environment.

This training route aims to give you the best start to go on and support thousands of children and young people over the lifetime of your career. It 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.

For more information about the Teach Kent & Sussex Teacher Training programme please visit www.teachkentandsussex.org.uk

Photo Gallery

