

SHF NEWS

Monday 22nd September 2025

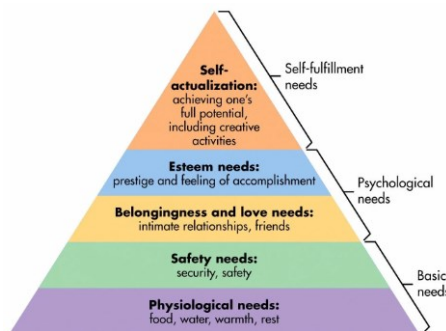


Inspire, Believe, Achieve

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.*

Over the last couple of years it has been wonderful to see SHF continue to go from strength-to-strength. Just like Maslow's 'hierarchy of need,' it is first vital to ensure **basic needs** are met in the form of a secure building, nutritious food and feeling safe. From this, work has been embedded within the behaviour and RHE policies to support children to form positive relationships with one another. Our school's offer of providing various nurture groups supports meeting **psychological needs**. This brings our focus to the top of the pyramid: **self-fulfilment**. The children are already building in confidence to share their achievements outside of school and now our priority is to ensure all children receive an excellent education. This year we are prioritising the outcomes for **Year 6** and raising standards in the core subjects across the school; every second of learning counts.



The Senior Leadership Team are spending even more **time in classes** and I was fortunate to see first-hand the super teaching and learning taking place. I enjoyed participating in **2K's** English lesson retelling their story using Talk 4 Writing actions to represent words such as foraging. Every child was able to be courageous and take part.

Miss Holczimmer has also modelled being courageous as over the weekend, she took a leap of faith and completed a sky-dive to raise money for Alzheimer's. As someone that dislikes heights, I am in awe of all you have achieved. Well done Miss Holczimmer!

Have a lovely week!

Safeguarding

Please be reminded that there are children within our school community where parents and carers have not given permission for photos to be taken of their children. This can be for various reasons but predominantly to safeguard their child/ren. Please do not use your phones to take photos or videos of children while on the school site, this is really important to safeguard all children in our school. Thank you for your understanding and support.



This message has also been shared with children in Years 5 and 6. If children in Year 5 and 6 bring a phone to school, it must be turned off from the moment they are on school grounds. Phones are then handed into school staff on entry into the school building.

Key Dates

Wednesday 24th September

New EYFS 2026 open afternoon (1.30pm) and evening (6pm)
KS2 Scooter Workshop

Thursday 25th September

KS2 Scooter Workshop

Friday 26th September

Day of Languages
8.20-8.30am: Staff and Parent Prayers

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

Wednesday 15th October

KS2 Cross Country

Friday 17th October

KS2 Secret Garden Performance TBC

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)

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

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

The Greatest Commandments:

Love the Lord your God with
all your heart, all your soul,
and with all your mind and
love thy neighbor as thyself.

Matthew 22 37:38

Christians are instructed to actively show kindness, offer help, and share generously with everyone, not just friends or people who live nearby, because all people are seen as neighbours and children of God. This involves doing things like offering practical help such as with groceries, sharing belongings, or just calling to check in, and speaking kindly to others in a way that uplifts them. The core teaching comes from Jesus's commandment to "Love your neighbour as yourself," which means treating others with the same care, respect, and kindness that you would want for yourself.

Advice to share with children:

- **Think of Others:** When you play, remember that everyone deserves kindness, not just your best friends.
- **Help at Home and at School:** Look for small ways to help your family and classmates, like picking up a dropped item or sharing a snack.
- **Be a Good Friend:** Show your friends and people in your neighbourhood the same care and love you would want for yourself.
- **Speak Kindly:** Use nice words when you talk to people, even if they say or do things that are not kind to you.

Attendance



Congratulations to **1MG** for their amazing attendance of 100% this week!

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

3B (99.66%), **5M** (98.24%), **4J** (98.21%), **2C** (98.15%), **4M** (97.93%), **1P** (96.52%), **6F** (96.33%) and **5N** (96.31%).

Awards

Uniform Unicorn: Well done to Nathanael in **1MG** for setting a high standard of wearing smart uniform.



Fermor Merit: Logan in **5M** received the £5 book token this week, kindly donated by FOFS, for showing patience and manners to allow others to go before him through doorways.

Subject in the Spotlight: Maths

With Maths being a core subject we strive to equip all children with the skills, knowledge and confidence that they need to succeed as mathematicians. Throughout their primary school journey, children build on their knowledge by revisiting core concepts including: place value, number, shape and many more. Within each year we recap prior learning and then go on to develop a deeper understanding of the topic.

Skills are developed through the use of a process called "Mastery Flow" where children initially use manipulatives like counters and beads to "show" their understanding. They then progress with activities to build their fluency (this is the "do" phase). When children have secured a concept they are presented with activities which encourage them to "think, explain and solve", thereby deepening their knowledge and helping them to master a particular mathematical area.

Show (red): Practical approach using manipulatives to explore concrete, visual and abstract concepts.

Do (yellow): Fluency. Opportunity to practise and rehearse.

Think (green): This is the stage for children to show they have mastered a concept. They may consider odd one out options, or complete 'convince me' style questions.

Explain (purple): The last two stages show working at a deeper level on the objective. Children need to apply their maths knowledge to perhaps explain why a calculation or statement is incorrect, or teach a concept in a comic-book style.

Solve (blue): The final stage is an open-ended investigation, game or could be a SATs style question.

Of course being confident with numbers really underpins our skill in maths so throughout their primary school journey children are encouraged to learn and practice their times tables to develop their fluency. From Year 2 upwards, children are given their own logins for the [Timestables Rockstars](https://www.timestablesrockstars.com/) website where they can rehearse the fluency of their multiplication knowledge through fun games and tournaments.

Gold Book

Well done for your fantastic learning:

3B: Ethan for up-levelling his description of an octopus.



Friends of Fermor



We are a few weeks into the autumn term and it is so nice to see new faces in the playground. We hope all new children have settled well into their classes and are enjoying school life. Our new starters all received a beautiful 'Henry bear' on joining, made by the lovely Mrs Russell. Thank you so much for all your hard work producing these for us.



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...

- **Parking:**

Keeping children safe is our priority and this includes enabling them to be able to walk to and from school safely. Please ensure that parking in the local area is respectful of our neighbours and also avoids causing unnecessary danger, e.g.: parking on the corner of a road. Thank you for your support with this.

- **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 as 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)

- **All Saints Church:**



**All Saints
ADVENTURERS
Goes BIG**

Years 3-6 All Saints Church downstairs halls

September 23rd

4:30-5:45

Join us for activities, challenges, crafts, games, friendship and a short talk from the Bible answering the question - 'who is Jesus and does he matter?'
Book online. £1.50

Allsaintscrowborough.org

The poster features a green background with stylized trees. It includes three photographs: children planting seedlings, a group of children sitting on the grass, and children playing a game. At the bottom, there are two cartoon characters of children with backpacks and walking sticks. A small logo for 'all saints CROWBOROUGH' is in the top right corner.

Photo Gallery

