

SHF NEWS

Monday 8th 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.*

How lovely to see so many happy faces for the first week back at school! As I've walked around school to visit each class, I have been struck by **purposeful learning environments** and both children and staff making the most of lesson time available.

The words **Inspire, Believe, Achieve** are not just isolated words on the side of our school building, they are truly lived out at SHF. The focus on **Inspire** and **Believe** has been embedded as children readily show vulnerability and openness to share their interests outside of school, and both their self-belief and belief in the teachings from the Bible, are more secure. We are now focused on **Achieve**. Last week the children were challenged to consider the importance of **following adults' instructions** (theme of the month) so that they can manage emotions, be ready for learning and ultimately meet the outcomes they strive to achieve. In our first worship together, I shared how my dog, Zoey, models expectations to my other dog, Skye (can you tell who's who?!); by the afternoon this was seen in the classroom where children supported one another to show pro-social behaviours.



It was then wonderful to be back at **Church** for our first worship of the academic year at All Saints where Sarah reinforced our theme of the month by emphasising the benefits of hearing, listening and acting on advice, using the Parable of the Two Builders. Well done to our first head boy and head girl: Alexis and Lilly-Jane, for courageously leading this first service.

Our first **staff and parent prayers** session takes place this Friday 8.20-8.30am—everyone is welcome, just turn up at the main office. These then run fortnightly and are a wonderful opportunity for reflection and spirituality within our community.

We look forward to welcoming you to our Meet the Teacher sessions!

Safeguarding

Miss Decker (Deputy Headteacher) remains the school's Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) this year. Supporting the role are five Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads (DDSL); Mrs Edwards, Mrs Price, Mrs Piper, Miss Greenwood and Mrs Fielder (currently on maternity).

All of the safeguarding team wear an orange 'Safeguarding Lead' lanyard. The children know that these are the key adults to talk to about their concerns. Only these members of staff have access to the locked worry boxes throughout the school.

Introducing the Safeguarding Team at
Sir Henry Fermor:



DSL
Miss Decker



Mrs Edwards
DDSL



Mrs Price
DDSL



Mrs Piper
DDSL



Miss Greenwood
DDSL

Key Dates

Monday 8th September
Year 6 Meet the Teacher

Tuesday 9th September
Year 4 Meet the Teacher

Wednesday 10th September
First day of Term 1 for new EVFS and welcome from FOs for new parents (KS1 Hall)

Thursday 11th September
Year 2 Meet the Teacher

Friday 12th September
Staff and Parent Prayers 8.20-8.30am
Year 5 Meet the Teacher

Monday 15th September
Brian Moses (poet) visiting Year 6

Wednesday 17th September
Year 1 Meet the Teacher

Thursday 18th September
Year 3 Meet the Teacher

Wednesday 24th September
New EVFS 2026 open afternoon and evening

Friday 26th September
Day of Languages

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

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

Friday 10th October
World Mental Health Day

Tuesday 21st October
Parent Consultation Evening 3.30-6pm

Wednesday 22nd October
Professional individual photos

Thursday 23rd October
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

Friday 19th December
Last day of Term 2

All term dates are available on our [website](https://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

This month we will be focusing on the **F** in the Fermor Flourish which for the children is: **F**ollowing adults' instructions.

In a successful society, even adults have to follow instructions! For Christians, the instructions come from God through the bible which is a guide for our lives, much like a manual for building something. Following God's word is like following a map, which gives instructions for a good life. Christians learn from Jesus who is the best example to follow. Christians endeavour to be like Jesus, by showing love and kindness to everyone. To truly follow Jesus, you have to commit to a lifestyle of self-surrender, prioritizing Jesus' will and direction over your own desires. When you're not sure about a direction, you can ask God for help. Talk to God through prayer.

Guidance can also be gained through prayer and by watching how others act in a Christ-like way.



Subject in the Spotlight: The Curriculum

Each newsletter will take a deeper look at the different subjects on offer at SHF but you can see an overview of our curriculum on our [website](#).

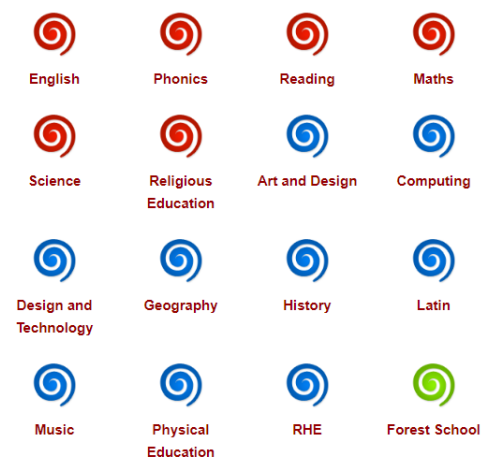
Once on our website, you can explore what your child is learning either for the year group or through each subject to see how the learning fits in with the overall sequence.

Curriculum Overviews by Year Group



"The school has designed an ambitious and well-sequenced curriculum. They have considered the important information that pupils need to learn thoughtfully. The school ensures that pupils have opportunities to revisit and build on their prior learning effectively."
Ofsted April 2024

Curriculum Overviews by Subject



In Other News...

- **Staffing**

- ◇ Miss Jarvis has returned with her new married name: Mrs Martin, and teaches in 1MG
- ◇ We are delighted that Mrs Mintram has returned from maternity and teaches in 6P.
- ◇ Mr Hastings is a visiting teacher working alongside Mrs Jeffs in 4J.

- **Walking Bus**

We are continuing to offer our walking bus daily from All Saints Church 8.40am. We are so pleased to hear the positive impact this is having on families to support morning routines. As this is becoming increasingly popular, we would love to have some volunteers to support the supervision of children when walking to school. Please let the Office team or your child's class teacher know if you can help.

- **Year 5/6 entrance**

To avoid the children waiting next to a busy main road when arriving at school, they usually enter via the red gate and walk across the playground around the back of the school. However, when it is pouring with rain, we will open the doors adjacent to the main road (where the children exit) to limit the amount of time they are in the rain.

- **Office Hours**

We feel it is important to streamline our processes and office staffing to concentrate our resources on working directly with the children. In order to help achieve this, there will be a **short office closure every day from 11.45 - 12.15**. We would be grateful therefore if you would avoid coming to or ringing the office during this time.

Our office opening hours are:

Mon - Fri 08.30 - 11.45 and 12.15 - 16.00



Friends of Fermor



We are excited to be back and busy for the new academic year. Last year **FoFS raised over £15k** and we couldn't do it without the support of the whole school community, so thank you. We have also just had confirmation that we have been allocated £1k thanks to all your Tesco blue tokens - a fantastic start to the year!

The Autumn term is always a busy one and this year is no exception, so make sure you have the following dates in your diary:

Saturday 18th October - Bingo Night! (Adults only)

Thursday 23rd October - Pyjamas Dress Down Day (Chocolate donations)

Friday 7th November - Colour and Sparkles Dress Down Day (Bottle and toy donations)

Saturday 29th November (1pm-4pm) - A Magical Christmas Fair

Friday 12th December - Santa's Grotto

Tuesday 16th December - Secret Shopping Room

If you would like to get involved with planning events, or volunteering at them, **please get in touch at friends@fermorschool.org.uk**. And if you are not already following us on facebook, scan the QR code below, or search for 'Friends of Fermor School - Crowborough'.



FOFS FACEBOOK

Photo Gallery

