

SHF NEWS

Monday 14th July 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.

Here it is...the final week of the term and academic year!

The penultimate week was rather quiet in school with [Year 6](#) on their **residential to Heatree** and on Thursday, [Year 5](#) were also out of school on their trip to **Battle Abbey** (I think they are the only year group to manage a trip without any rainfall, despite this run of dry weather). There was excitement through the corridors on Tuesday as we were joined by royalty! [Year 1](#) celebrated their **Royal Day** and it was so lovely to see such beautiful and regal costumes.

A further **staffing update** to share is that Mrs Mintram returns from maternity leave in September to teach in Year 6 and Mr Morris will continue working in Year 4. It may also look like we have a new teacher, Mrs Martin, but I can excitingly reveal that Miss Jarvis is getting married over the summer so will therefore return with a new name! See below for the **full teaching list** for 2025-2026:

EYFS: Mrs Keene and Miss Holczimmer

Year 1: Mrs Martin & Mrs Golding and Miss Podlasin

Year 2: Mrs Koch and Mrs Crumbe

Year 3: Mrs Burton and Miss Rose

Year 4: Mrs Jeffs and Mr Morris

Year 5: Mrs Miller and Miss Newman

Year 6: Mrs Mintram & Mrs Price and Miss Fuller

Our final leavers service at **All Saints Church** is on Thursday 17th July. Everyone is welcome to attend but seating will be prioritised for Year 6 parents/carers.

Have an amazing final week!

Safeguarding

Teaching Children about Boundaries

Setting and recognising boundaries is an important life skill. Here's how to Guide Your Child:

- 1. Help Them Identify Boundaries** - Talk to your children about personal boundaries, theirs and other people's. This includes physical touch, sharing belongings or personal space.
- 2. Practice Scenarios Together** - Role play common situations where they might need to assert themselves, like saying 'No' to a hug or telling a friend to stop a game if it feels uncomfortable. Include situations where other people may say no to them.
- 3. Empower with Language** - Teach specific phrases such as 'I don't like that,' 'Please stop,' or 'I need space.' Reassure them that it's ok to say these even to friends or adults and that they must respond when people say similar phrases to them.
- 4. Recognise Warning Signs** - Help children recognise behaviours that cross boundaries, like unwanted touching, teasing, or pressure to do something they dislike.
- 5. Encourage Open Communication** - Let your child know they can always come to you with concerns or questions without fear or judgement.
- 6. Build Confidence** - Praise your child when they assert their boundaries, reinforcing that their feelings and comfort matter.

Key Dates

Monday 14th July

Year 6 BBQ

Tuesday 15th July

Reports sent home

Wednesday 16th July

Staff v Year 6 Rounders

Year 6 own clothes

(uniform donation)

2pm I-Rock concert

Thursday 17th July

Leavers' Service held at All

Saints Church 8.45am

Year 6 shirt signing

**LAST DAY OF THE
ACADEMIC YEAR!**

Friday 18th, Monday 21st

and Tuesday 22nd July

INSET DAYS

Wednesday 23rd July –

Monday 1st September

Summer Holidays

Tuesday 2nd September

INSET DAY

Wednesday 3rd

September

First day of Term 1

(Years 1–6)

Wednesday 10th

September

First day of Term 1 for new

EYFS and welcome from

FOFs for new parents (KS1

Hall)

Friday 26th September

Day of Languages

Thursday 2nd October

Poetry Day

Tuesday 21st October

Parent Consultation Evening

3.30-6pm TBC

Wednesday 22nd October

Professional individual

photos

Thursday 23rd October

Parent Consultation Evening

4.30-7pm TBC

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

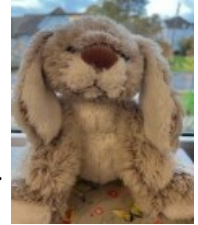
**All term dates are
available on our [website](#).**



Uniform

Well done to Molly in 2C who received the **Uniform Unicorn** this week for setting the high standard of wearing smart uniform. See the [website](#) for more information.

Attendance



Congratulations to **Hedgehogs** for their attendance of 99.2% this week.

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

4WG (98.8%), **Owls** and **3B** (98.1%), **6JP** (97.4%), **3J** (97.4%), **6F** (96.7%) and **1R** (96.4%).

Gold Book

Well done for your fantastic learning:

2C: Isla R for her great description of a scary setting.

4M: Freddie for his commitment to writing - he produced a poem with his left hand as he couldn't use his right one!

5M: Isabelle, Myla and Aayla for an informative fact page about getting older.



Friends of Fermor



Our summer fair raised

£4,500!

Thank you

Thank you again to everyone who helped make our Summer Fair such a success, in particular our amazing FoFS Class Reps. We're excited to announce that we've raised around £4,500 at the fair (we're still doing the final sums). This is a fantastic result and puts us well on the way to funding the new cover for the year 1 outdoor area. We have plenty of events planned for the new school year. After the success of our first adults-only BINGO night we'll be holding another one in the autumn. We're funding an exciting stunt-scooter display (in school time) and some fun dress down days. And, of course, look out for all our Christmas events, including our magical

Christmas Fair on the 29th November!

If you'd like to find out more about helping us organise or run our events, then please email

friends@fermorschool.org.uk

In the meantime, we wish you all a wonderful summer break!

FoFS

In Other News...

- Gold Mark**

In case you missed it, we are delighted to announce that we have achieved the School Games Gold Mark Award for the 2024/25 academic year. The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success. We look forward to continuing our success in sport next year!



- Carrier/Shopping Bags**

Please bring in a strong bag this week as children's books and belongings are being sent home. Wellies, PE kits, water bottles, swimming things and packed lunch boxes (KS2) will all also need to go home.

Theme of the Month: Curiosity

**'Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened for you'
Matthew 7:7**

It can be really annoying at times being asked question after question after question when we have a to do list as long as our arm BUT maintaining curiosity is crucial for life-long learning, and it's integral for the capacity to be creative and that is what we want for our children. We want them to think and we want them to want to learn. Children learn most deeply when they are following their natural curiosity as it places them at the centre of their learning. Curiosity is the catalyst for motivation and engagement.

Many illustrious innovators have highlighted just how important curiosity was in their creative development of ideas. Albert Einstein famously quoted: "I am neither clever nor especially gifted, I am only very, very curious."

After researching all of this, I am going to take a very deep breath on my journey to school when my son asks me the most complex questions, and attempt to entertain and answer his questions with love in my heart knowing that it is better to be curious than not!

(Mrs Price)



Subject in the Spotlight: Outdoor Adventurous Activities (OAA)

Year 6 enjoyed spending last week at the **Heatree Activity Centre in Devon** along with Miss Decker, Miss Fuller, Mr Russell, Mrs Levett and Miss Volavka. It was an informative journey there as the coach driver shared some facts about Stonehenge, impressing the children with his knowledge. The children were able to participate in a wide variety of activities, including: orienteering, raft building, high ropes, archery and low adventure sessions. The children were split into 4 groups and experienced each of the activities. In addition to the instructor-led activities, they explored 'Hounds Tor' where they were challenged to scramble over, and through, some interesting rock formations, and walked across the moors after a picnic lunch.

During the evenings, the children had some time relaxing in their rooms, roasted marshmallows over a campfire and performed in 'Fermor's Got Talent.' So much was achieved with the children displaying perseverance, determination and a growing ability to support and encourage one another.

Thank you for the laughter and memories Year 6!



Teaching and Learning: Photo Gallery

