

SHF NEWS

Monday 7th 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.*

As Year 6 left this morning for their residential to **Heatree**, it brings me to reflect on another milestone achieved by the children. Last week we watched their wonderful **performance** and this, combined with being away from school, really showcases the personalities of our children. There was a really heart-warming moment during the final evening performance, as due to a slight technical issue the music stopped, but the children continued to sing, being supported and encouraged by the audience. It is these moments that show the level of resilience children have developed and how they can problem-solve to overcome an obstacle - life skills not tested through a SATS paper!

Year 6 were also presented with their **hoodies** on Wednesday. A big thank you to **FOFS** for providing these. Thankfully it was one of the cooler days as we just knew the children would want to keep them on!



Last year we were waiting with bated breath as to whether we would receive the Bronze or Silver Mark for sports but this year we can confidently share we now have the **Gold Mark**! This is a fantastic achievement and we are really proud of our sporting success.

A **staffing update** that from September, **Miss Greenwood** will be supporting Mrs Piper as part of the Inclusion Team in her role as Assistant SENDCo. At the end of this term though we do also have some goodbyes...

Firstly to **Miss Matthews** who has previously taught Years 3 and 4 and is now spreading her wings to another school to inspire more young people.

Secondly to **Mrs Oram** who is retiring having worked at SHF since 2002. We thank her for her dedication to the school, most recently leading speech and language. Having worked with so many children, we know she will be very missed.

Enjoy the penultimate week!

Safeguarding

Self-Care

Anna Freud, supports professionals, parents and carers and children and young people, with Mental Health. Self-care is about the things we can do to look after our own mental health. Young people told Anna Freud that when they are struggling, they are usually told to see a professional. They don't often get much advice about how they could help themselves. Please explore some of the self-care ideas with your child; to help them to consider different ways they can process their emotions and feelings in their own space, through activities that interest them.

[Self-Care Resources For Young People | Anna Freud](#)

Key Dates

Monday 7th July – Friday 11th July

Year 6 Residential to Heatree

Tuesday 8th July

Year 1 Royal Day

Monday 14th July

Year 6 BBQ

Tuesday 15th July

Reports sent home

Wednesday 16th July

2pm I-Rock concert

Thursday 17th July

Leavers' Service held at All Saints Church 8.45am

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 parents (KS1 Hall)

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 Dillon in 3J 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 **3J** for their attendance of 99.3% this week.

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

Owls (99%), **4WG** (98.8%), **4M** (98.4%), **1R** and **2K** (97.9%), **5N** (97.3%), **3B** (96.9%) and **2C** (96.6%).



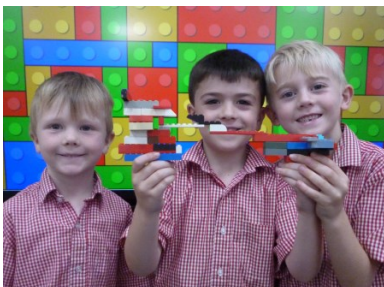
Gold Book

Well done for your fantastic learning:

2K: Elsie for choosing to write an acrostic poem, inspired by her learning about plants;
Toby for his well-presented homework task to write a diary about the bean he'd been growing - up to 29cm!
3B: Nila for writing an excellent recount of her trip to Wakehurst.

Subject in the Spotlight: RHE (Transitions and Change)

Transition is a significant step for children as they move from class to class, Key Stage 1 (KS1) to Key Stage 2 (KS2), and Year 6 to secondary school. The move from KS1 to KS2 involves adapting to more structured learning, increased independence, and new expectations. Transitioning from Year 6 to secondary school is a bigger change, often involving a new environment, different teachers for each subject, and greater personal responsibility. Transition for Years 2 and 4 have the added change of mixing up classes. Class mixing provides the opportunity to balance classes to meet individual and class needs as well generating new friendships. Every care is taken in the mixing process where first, second and even third drafts of the two classes are tried and tested for dynamics as well as balance before a decision is made. Children's choices are also forefront of the decision making.



Transition last week has seen the children meet their new class teacher, TAs and see their new classroom. Activities have been created for children to benefit from their new environment in a calm and creative manner; the new Year 2s had a Lego challenge!

It is a time of big but positive change and the RHE curriculum prepares children for the changes and challenges they encounter within their school life from personal, social and moving on.

For further information and support, please visit the RHE curriculum page:

[RHE Consultation Documents | Sir Henry Fermor Church of England Primary School](#) where you will find information on your child's curriculum and language for next year.



In Other News...

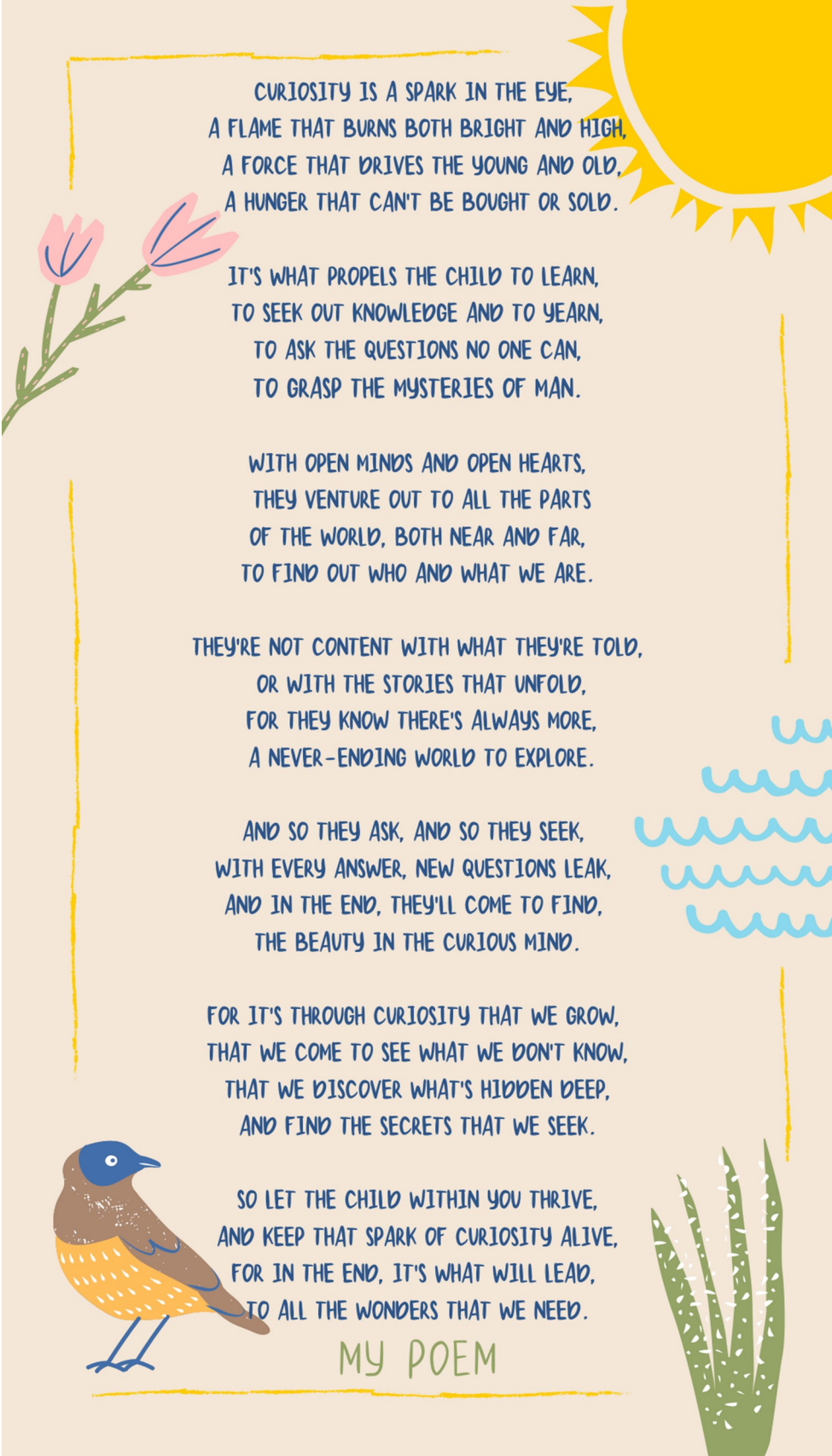
- Gold Mark**

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!



Theme of the Month: Curiosity

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



CURIOSITY IS A SPARK IN THE EYE,
A FLAME THAT BURNS BOTH BRIGHT AND HIGH,
A FORCE THAT DRIVES THE YOUNG AND OLD,
A HUNGER THAT CAN'T BE BOUGHT OR SOLD.

IT'S WHAT PROPELS THE CHILD TO LEARN,
TO SEEK OUT KNOWLEDGE AND TO YEARN,
TO ASK THE QUESTIONS NO ONE CAN,
TO GRASP THE MYSTERIES OF MAN.

WITH OPEN MINDS AND OPEN HEARTS,
THEY VENTURE OUT TO ALL THE PARTS
OF THE WORLD, BOTH NEAR AND FAR,
TO FIND OUT WHO AND WHAT WE ARE.

THEY'RE NOT CONTENT WITH WHAT THEY'RE TOLD,
OR WITH THE STORIES THAT UNFOLD,
FOR THEY KNOW THERE'S ALWAYS MORE,
A NEVER-ENDING WORLD TO EXPLORE.

AND SO THEY ASK, AND SO THEY SEEK,
WITH EVERY ANSWER, NEW QUESTIONS LEAK,
AND IN THE END, THEY'LL COME TO FIND,
THE BEAUTY IN THE CURIOUS MIND.

FOR IT'S THROUGH CURIOSITY THAT WE GROW,
THAT WE COME TO SEE WHAT WE DON'T KNOW,
THAT WE DISCOVER WHAT'S HIDDEN DEEP,
AND FIND THE SECRETS THAT WE SEEK.



SO LET THE CHILD WITHIN YOU THRIVE,
AND KEEP THAT SPARK OF CURIOSITY ALIVE,
FOR IN THE END, IT'S WHAT WILL LEAD,
TO ALL THE WONDERS THAT WE NEED.

MY POEM

Teaching and Learning: Photo Gallery

