

SHF NEWS

Monday 9th June 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.



It is lovely to see everyone again for **Term 6** and welcome to some new families that have joined us this term. Hopefully everyone has had a wonderful start to the final term of the year

Our busy week started with both **EYFS** and **Year 3** going on their **trips** to Bedgebury and Wakehurst respectively. Unfortunately it transpired to be the wettest day of the week but the weather didn't dampen their spirits

and it was a pleasure to be able to wave the coaches off in the morning. We are increasingly needing to rely on the kindness of **volunteers** to ensure we can continue to offer trips so thank you to those able to support on this occasion. Thankfully, the children were still able to enjoy our school grounds when the sun came out - as captured in the gorgeous picture above of our outdoor classroom.

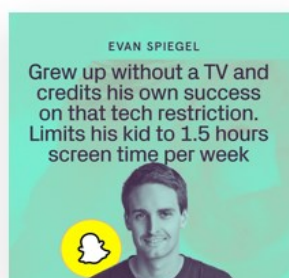
This week we are saying goodbye for now to **Mrs Fielder** as she leaves for maternity on Thursday. I am sure you will join us in wishing her the best. **Mrs Piper** will take on the role of Head of Inclusion from next week and has extended her hours to be in school 4 days a week.

It was really special to be able to join together as a school and Church to celebrate **Founder's Day** on Friday. This collaborative service united everyone to give thanks for the generosity of Sir Henry Fermor for enabling our school to be built and developed further through the Sir Henry Fermor Trust. If you were unable to join us, you can read more about the service in "subject in the spotlight."

Have a great week!

Safeguarding

During our recent Tenax safeguarding meeting, the topic of **smart phones** and internet safety featured heavily. We are looking to run some informative parent/carer sessions in the new academic year as we know there are many differing opinions regarding the positives and negatives of this ever-evolving technology.



Key Dates

Monday 9th June — Friday 13th June
YEAR 4 MULTIPLICATION CHECK
YEAR 1 PHONICS CHECK

Friday 13th June
Staff and Parent Prayers
8.20-8.30am

Monday 16th June — Friday 20th June
Sports Week

Monday 16th June
Choir singing at Chapel

Wednesday 18th June
Sports Day and Picnic:
EYFS/KS1 9.15am
12pm Shared Picnic
KS2 1.15pm

Friday 20th June
KS2 Aquathlon

Monday 23rd June — Friday 27th June
Assessment Week

Tuesday 24th June
Year 1 trip to Drusillas

Thursday 26th June
Year 6 Diocese Leavers Service

Friday 27th June
Staff and Parent Prayers
8.20-8.30am
FOFS Dress Down Day—pyjamas (raffle donations)

Saturday 28th June
FOFS SUMMER FAIR
1.30—4.30pm

Monday 30th June
Transition booklets sent home

Tuesday 1st July
Year 6 Performance—times TBC

Wednesday 2nd July
Year 2 trip to Ashdown Forest
Year 6 hoodies presented from FOFS

Thursday 3rd July
Transition morning, including new EYFS

Monday 7th July — Friday 11th July
Year 6 Residential to Heatree

Monday 14th July
Year 6 BBQ

Tuesday 15th July
Reports sent home

Wednesday 16th July
2pm I-Rock concert

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



Uniform

Well done to Holly in 5N 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 **3B** for their attendance of 98.3% this week.

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

4WG (97.9%), **1P** (97.7%) and **4M** (97.2%).



Gold Book

Well done for your fantastic learning:

Owls: Evie for independently writing a recount of the school trip, using tricky words and digraphs.

1P: Esther for the use of specific vocabulary when writing about sunflowers.

3B: Beau for his wonderful ideas to write an observational poem, including onomatopoeia and personification;

Chloe for the rhythm and alliteration used in her observational poem;

Khrystyna for the 'evocative' images and descriptions used in her writing;

Maryam for her use of vocabulary and similes during English lessons;

Nila for fantastic similes.

4WG: Harvey for an accurate, beautifully presented newspaper article on an earthquake;

Hope for fantastic editing of her newspaper then creating a final piece.

5M: Kyle for getting all his spellings right.

Subject in the Spotlight: Founder's Day (History)

On Friday, Miss Holczimmer coordinated a whole school collaboration in honour and acknowledgment of **Sir Henry Fermor**, to whom we give thanks for the wonderful school we have today and that continues to thrive and go from strength to strength.

Year 6 shared the history of Sir Henry Fermor and his legacy, shortly followed by Year 2 who checked our recall of these facts. Did you know...?

- Henry Fermor was born 23rd June 1667 in London to his parents Martha and William.
- He became Sir Henry Fermor in 1725 when King George II granted Henry a baronetcy.
- He died 2nd June 1734 in Sevenoaks, aged 67.
- Our school was built in 1880.



Year 4 and Year 1 reinforced our thanks for the school through poems and prayers, with EYFS finishing the service with our school prayer:

God bless our school, bless those who teach, bless those who learn, and bless us all. In the knowledge of your love, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

It was also lovely to get an insight into the children's lives at our school: what is important to them and what our school represents. Year 5 produced some detailed artwork of the school building and surrounding grounds whereas Year 3 produced a video capturing different areas of the school.

Thank you to Rev. Steve Rees for sharing additional information about the school's origins - particularly knowing that the vicarage used to be the school and our Fermor badge still features on the fireplace!

We are grateful to the Fermor Trust for ensuring the school can continue long into the future, as directed by Sir Henry Fermor's will:

I will and direct that my trustees shall lay out any sum, not exceeding the sum of £1,500 in erecting and building a chapel, or church, and a Charity School, in the plainest and cheapest manner, so as it be strong and lasting, for the ease and benefit of the parishes and parishioners of Rotherfield and Buxted, in the said County of Sussex, which Church and Charity School I will shall be erected and built in or near a place called Crowborough and Ashdown Forest, as my executors shall think most convenient, for the use and benefit of the very ignorant and heathenish people...

Theme of the Month: Honesty

'Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.' 1 John 3:18



When we are being honest it means we are telling the truth based on what **really** happened, and we are acting in a way that isn't trying to trick people. The truth is about real facts and events. If we say that something is true when we know it's not, or we leave important parts out about what happened, then we are not being honest. Being honest means we aren't trying to hide the truth, cheat, or trick others and we aren't pretending to do one thing when we're really doing something else. Telling lies is not honest.

Part of honesty is what you say and how you act toward others, but another part of honesty is being honest with yourself by thinking about why you are acting in a certain way and ensuring that what you tell yourself is true. This part of the definition of honesty includes when you are trying to convince yourself you didn't really do something wrong, or it wasn't that bad, even though you know it was.

In Other News...

• Netball

Well done to our netball team for their game against Bishop Chavasse on Friday after school. They had a really strong start and scored several goals. Thank you for the support from parents/carers and to Miss Newman for enabling this opportunity.



Friends of Fermor



Our Summer Fair and Raffle is just three weeks away!

Buy your raffle tickets and games tokens

Raffle tickets can be purchased now on ParentPay, or alternatively by emailing friends@fermorschool.org.uk.

You can also buy games tokens in advance on ParentPay. These will be redeemable against any of our games or crafts at the fair. You can buy them on the day too, but if you order them in advance on ParentPay you'll get 10 tokens for the price of 9!

Dress down day - Friday 27th June

We are holding a pyjama dress down day on Friday 27th June, when we'll invite you to donate a prize for our raffle hampers. Each year group is being asked to provide a different 'vintage-themed' prize:

Year 6 - Great British Bake Off (eg baking equipment, baking ingredients, cake decorations, cupcake cases, baking books, aprons)

Year 5 - A day at the seaside (eg sun tan lotion, flip flops, cool bags, sun hats, beachcombing books, buckets and spades, inflatables, water bottles)

Year 4 - A picnic in the countryside (eg picnic food and drink, picnic crockery and cutlery, picnic blankets, insect repellents)

Year 3 - Afternoon tea (eg cakes, tea, savoury snacks, serviettes, doilies, biscuits, jam, sparkling wine)

Year 2 - Sports day (eg frisbees, bat and ball sets, water pistols, footballs, skipping ropes, books about sport, water bottles, caps)

Year 1 - Rainy day games (eg adult or child board games, card games, indoor toys)

EYFS - Let's get creative (eg adult or child arts and crafts supplies, Hobbycraft vouchers, craft books, craft sets, colouring in books)

If you are donating any food or drink, please ensure that it does not require refrigeration and that the best before/use by date is no earlier than the end of July.

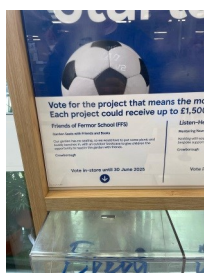
Cake stall donations - Friday 27th June

We'll also have our usual cake stall at the fair, so we'll be asking for baked donations on Friday 27th, or at the fair itself. No nuts please!

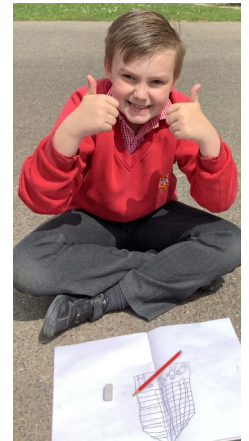
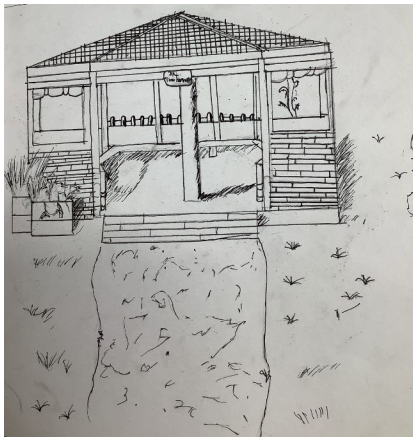
Party bag toys and soft toys

And don't forget, we're still looking for good quality "party bag" toys and soft toys for our fair prizes - please drop off any donations into the box in the entrance foyer.

Finally, please keep those blue tokens at Tesco coming!



Teaching and Learning: Photo Gallery



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