

# SHF NEWS

## Friday 23rd May 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 we are at the end of the **shortest term**, encompassing the shortest weeks, and yet it felt like one of the longest terms due to the amount of learning and experiences we were able to fit in!

On Monday, **Year 5** had some special guests for their **Viking Day**; the children were remarkable at looking after their costumes and using their accessories appropriately and safely.

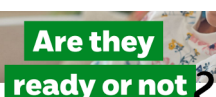
There were also more bikes on the site than usual this week as **Year 6** embarked on their **bikeability** course in small groups. Starting off on the playground, they then progressed to riding around the local area, learning valuable safety skills.

On Wednesday it was not only **National Numeracy Day** (see subject in the spotlight) but **Owls and Hedgehogs** led their first service at **All Saints Church**. Having waited since September and watched the other year groups, EYFS were finally ready to showcase their singing, artwork and confidence when speaking to an audience. They shared the important value of **love** and explored who/what we love and how we show it. In Christianity, "love" is often cited as the first and foremost fruit of the Spirit. The **fruit of the Spirit** refers to the qualities or attributes that Christians are encouraged to cultivate through the influence of the Holy Spirit. Well done to our youngest children; we are really proud of you!

*Wishing you a lovely half-term!*



### Safeguarding



As children grow older, we want to give them their independence. One area that can cause a dilemma is when to leave a child alone either at home or going out without an adult present. Although there is no legal age limit for a child to stay home or go out alone, it is against the law to leave a child alone if it puts them at risk. There are lots of things to consider but firstly, you may want to consider their age and maturity. We allow for **Year 5 and 6 children to walk to and from school alone**, however, it is ultimately the parents'/carers' decision as to when children are ready. We do require **children younger than this to be accompanied by an adult**. Check out this NSPCC [guide](#) if you would like to find out more to help you decide when the time is right.

### Key Dates

**Monday 26th May – Friday 30th May**  
Half Term

**Monday 2nd June**  
First day of Term 6

**Monday 2nd June – Friday 13th June**  
**YEAR 4 MULTIPLICATION CHECK**

**Tuesday 3rd June**  
Year 3 trip to Wakehurst Place  
EYFS trip to Bedgebury

**Friday 6th June**  
Founders Day Service at All Saints Church 8.45am  
1.30pm Initial safeguarding training for new volunteers

**Monday 9th June – Friday 13th June**  
**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

**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

**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

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



## Uniform

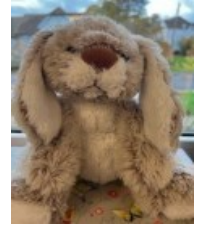
Well done to Frank in 2C who received the **Uniform Unicorn** this week for setting the high standard of wearing smart uniform. See the [website](#) for more information.

## Attendance

Congratulations to **Owls** for their attendance of 99% this week.

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

**4WG** (97.6%), **Hedgehogs** (97%), **1R** (96.4%) and **6JP** (96.2%).



## Gold Book

Well done for your fantastic learning:

**Hedgehogs:** Mia B for applying her phonics knowledge to independently write a description of The Big Bad Wolf.

**1P:** Faith for improved handwriting and use of verbs;

Enzo for writing his own questions about growing sunflowers.

**4WG:** Esme for her detailed answer within a "Think" maths question;

Archie and Sabrina for their accurate answers to a "Solve" maths question;

Nafeesah for changing notes into an informative paragraph combining history and RE knowledge;

Florence for improved handwriting across different subjects.

## Subjects in the Spotlight: National Numeracy Day

Mathematics is a fundamental part of the school curriculum. A strong foundation in maths is essential for success in many other subjects, including science, engineering, economics, and computer science.

Mathematics also teaches problem-solving skills that are valuable in everyday life. Whether it's budgeting, making informed decisions about financial choices, or analysing data, mathematical skills are crucial for navigating the complexities of modern life.

On Wednesday, 21st May, we celebrated National Numeracy Day with an exciting focus on money and savings. The first National Numeracy Day launched in 2018. The day began with a special Life Maths lesson where children worked in pairs to take part in a fun and engaging PowerPoint game. Throughout the activity, they encountered real-life scenarios that required them to decide whether to save or spend money — promoting thoughtful financial choices.

In the afternoon, Key Stage 1 enjoyed playing a variety of maths-based board games, while Key Stage 2 students took part in a lively quiz. Children from Years 3 to 6 were mixed into teams and assigned to different classrooms, where they competed in rounds of maths questions, teamwork, and problem-solving. It was a fantastic day of learning, laughter, and developing life-long numeracy skills!

Well done for your creative approach to dressing up as a maths question. EYFS were still able to be involved by wearing headbands, so as not to distract from leading their first church service.



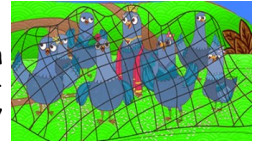
Don't forget we still have our Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS) Competition running! Children should design an outfit for a TTRS character (on paper). The deadline is **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June**. Please pass any entries to Miss Jarvis in 6JP. There will be a KS1 and a KS2 prize. Good Luck!

## Theme of the Month: Unity

'Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble.'  
1 Peter 3:8

### Unity is Strength

One day, a flock of pigeons saw a lot of rice grains spread on the ground. A wise pigeon became suspicious and told the others not to eat them but they did not listen and became trapped in a net set by a bird catcher. As they started eating the grains, they found that they could not move as their feet got stuck in a net.



The wise pigeon was safe in a tree. He advised them to fly together and carry the net with them. They did what the wise pigeon told them to do and carried themselves (and the net) to a safe place away from the bird catcher. The wise pigeon then called his friend mouse who helped them by cutting the net using his sharp teeth.

All the pigeons thanked the wise pigeon for his help. The wise pigeon said, "Unity is Strength".

## In Other News...

### • Playground Resources

A huge thank you for your kind donations of resources for our KS1 playground. The children are really enjoying them and are treating them with the upmost respect. Please do keep them coming if you have anything such as small world toys, cars, dinosaurs, animals and dolls. They continue to help reinforce sharing and turn-taking, as well as encouraging imaginative play. Any donations can be left at the main office.



## Friends of Fermor



Our next dress down day will be a **pyjama day on Friday 27th June**, when we will be collecting hamper donations, with the following themes:

**EYFS** - Let's get creative. Adult or child arts and crafts.

**Year 1** - Rainy Day Games. Adult or child board games, card games, indoor toys...

**Year 2** - Sports Day. Sporting equipment such as frisbees, bat and ball sets, water pistols, footballs, skipping ropes...

**Year 3** - Afternoon Tea. Cakes, tea, savoury snacks, serviettes, doilies...

**Year 4** - Countryside Picnic. Picnic food and drink, picnic crockery and cutlery, picnic blankets, insect repellent...

**Year 5** - A Day at the Seaside. Sun tan lotion, flip flops, cool bag, sun hat, beachcombing book, bucket and spade, inflatables...

**Year 6** - Great British Bake Off. Baking equipment, baking ingredients, cake decorations, cupcake cases, baking books, aprons...

We are also still **collecting prizes for our ever-popular summer raffle**, which will be drawn at the fair. If you, or your employer, would like to donate a prize, please drop us an email at [friends@fermorschool.org.uk](mailto:friends@fermorschool.org.uk). Tickets are already available to purchase on ParentPay, along with games tokens to use on the day.

Finally, keep those blue tokens coming for **Crowborough Tesco's Blue Token scheme!**

The FoFS Team



# Teaching and Learning: Photo Gallery

