

SHF NEWS

Monday 12th 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.

Another busy week at SHF, despite only being in school for 4 days! We held our own **VE day celebrations** on Thursday and were amazed at the wonderful red, white and blue outfits that were worn on this day. Miss Holczimmer and Mrs Price led a special worship in the morning and various activities took place throughout the day—you can find out more later in the newsletter. We also respected the two minutes silence at midday to recognise the end of World War 2.



Another important date in Fermor's history was on Wednesday 8th May when we finally won the **swimming gala**! Huge congratulations are extended to all those that participated and to Mrs Russell, Miss Newman and Mrs Levett who supported on the day, along with the positivity and encouragement from our volunteers. All have truly living out our school motto of **inspire, believe, achieve**.

It is a little ironic that the **KS2 Statutory Assessments (SATs)** are held in the same week as Mental Health Awareness Week but we wish our **Year 6s** the best of luck as they showcase all their learning over the next 4 days. Although there are grammar, punctuation, spelling, reading and maths tests, we will always continue to acknowledge and celebrate every talent and quality that makes each of us individual and unique. Keep on shining Year 6!

Have a lovely week and enjoy the returning sunshine!

Safeguarding

On Thursday, alongside our VE day celebrations, we welcomed Mr Cole (CEO of Tenax Trust) and Mrs Santaana (Tenax Trust Safeguarding Lead) to join us for the day to review the safeguarding culture at SHF.

The children and staff gave a warm welcome and spoke openly. It was heart-warming and reassuring to hear that children have trusted adults, have trust in adults and feel adults listen. The children voiced that they particularly liked the work completed around staying safe online and road safety. They feel safe in school, including at break and lunchtimes. Information sharing within the school is strong with all having confidence in the safeguarding team.

We continue to work together as a whole school community to make SHF a safe and kind place to be. Thank you for continuing to work with us.

Be the eyes and ears of the community.

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

Key Dates

Monday 12th May – Thursday 15th May
YEAR 6 KS2 SATS WEEK

Friday 16th May
FOFS Dress Down Day—summer theme (toy/bottle donations)
Year 6 to Goldsmiths Park

Monday 19th May
Year 5 Viking Day

Wednesday 21st May
National Numeracy Day
EYFS leading service at All Saints Church

Thursday 22nd May
Professional Group Photos
Year 6 Heatree parent information talk 6pm

Friday 23rd May
Staff and Parent Prayers 8.20-8.30am
Last day of Term 5.

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

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
Sports day/picnic to take place during this week, but day TBC

Monday 16th June
Choir singing at Chapel Green 4pm

Monday 23rd June – Friday 27th June
Assessment Week

Thursday 26th June
Year 6 Diocese Leavers Service

All term dates are available on our [website](https://www.fermorschool.org).



Uniform

Well done to Tayla-Rae in 4M 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 **1R** for their attendance of 99.6% this week.

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

3J (99.1%), **Hedgehogs** (99.0%), **4WG** (98.4%), **3B** (98.1%), **4M** (97.7%), **6JP** (97.1%) and **1P** (96.8%).



Gold Book

Well done for your fantastic learning:

4WG: Joel for a detailed and complete historical fiction piece;

Dora for accurate maths work when ordering decimals;

Leo for descriptive writing, thinking carefully about the powerful vocabulary chosen;

Harry H for achieving "solve" when ordering decimals in maths;

Laura for securing use of paragraphs and including accurate speech punctuation in her historical fiction piece.

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



We are many, but we are one,
Working together, we get things done.
Hand in hand, we build and grow,
Helping each other as we go.

No matter our differences, big or small,
United we stand, strong and tall.
Sharing dreams, we make a way,
Bringing light to every day.

When we join, with hearts so true,
There's nothing we together can't do.
In unity, we find our might,
Shining brightly, day and night.

Subjects in the Spotlight: History and Swimming

History

This week marked the 80th Anniversary of VE Day (Victory in Europe). At Sir Henry Fermor we believe it is important to remember and celebrate key historic events both as part of our History curriculum and in wider contexts. The school was looking bright and vibrant, with children and staff dressed in red, white and blue. We enjoyed listening to wartime music as we entered our whole school worship. Throughout the day, children engaged in variety of activities to mark their respect to the brave soldiers who fought in the war.

In EYFS, children explored VE Day through a circle time, discussing why we should remember soldiers and the importance of peace. They also looked at past and present photographs from wartime to now, to support their Understanding the World aspect of the curriculum.

In Year 2, children made some traditional bunting to decorate their classrooms and had an information session all about VE Day.

In Year 5 children were given the creative freedom to design their own artwork related to VE Day. We shared these wonderful pieces of work in worship. From Winston Churchill's famous cigars to recreations of famous wartime planes, it was a joy to see the pride and effort Year 5 put into their work.



Swimming



Last week was the annual KS2 gala, held at the leisure centre. This is always a highly anticipated and popular event and really shows off the incredible swimming talent we have in our school. 29 KS2 children attended on Wednesday and performed a variety of different races in different strokes. We had groups of our older children then compete in the boys, girls and mixed relay.

We are beyond delighted to announce that not only did our girls win their relay race but, as a school, Fermor won overall. As I'm sure those spectating saw, the joy in the room was incredible and it was a real privilege to see the pride in all of the children's faces. It has been a few years since Fermor brought home the gala cup and we are so pleased to have it in our trophy cabinet, pride of place!

We thank the children and parents for all the support leading up to the event and on the day as well! We couldn't take part in these opportunities without your support. A huge thank you to our swimming teacher Mrs Russell who has been training the children leading up to this event and that training has most definitely paid off! Thank you to Mrs Levett who attends every year and supports with the training sessions too - it was lovely to see them with the winning trophy!



In Other News...

- **Summer Term**

A reminder for children to bring in a named cap/hat if they haven't done so already. This is essential for when children are accessing the field, although time in the shaded wooded area will also be provided. Please apply any sun cream prior to the start of the school day. We also ask that children refrain from bringing in accessories such as hand-held fans or sunglasses. Thank you for your understanding.

- **Create Music Summer School**

Create Music, our county music education hub, is offering a wide range of Summer school courses at the end of the Summer term. There are courses for those with little experience and courses for those who already play an instrument ranging from singing to digital music making. Absence from school is authorised as it is classed as education off-site and there is also help available with costs for those in receipt of benefits. The courses are all during the day at various sites across East Sussex.

For all the information and to sign up, please click on this link:

[Music Summer School July 2025 | Create Music](#)

- **Resources Plea**

Our school council have raised that they would like some more resources on the KS1 playground. In particular we are looking for small world toys, cars, dinosaurs, animals and dolls. Any donations can be left at the main office.

- **Menu**

The summer lunch menu, provided by Chartwells, is live. This can be found on our [website](#) and sandwiches are now available every day!

- **Allergy Policy**

Our Trust [allergy policy](#) can be found on the school website (key information → policies).



Friends of Fermor



This Friday 16th May is our dress down day with a 'Dress for summer!' theme. In return, we ask that children bring a donation for our tombola stalls:

Reception and Key Stage 1 - Toys for the children's tombola (New, or in 'as new' condition please)

Key Stage 2 - Bottles for the adult tombola (Alcohol or otherwise)

Please note - children should wear closed toe shoes, and no swimwear or football kits please. As donations are to be used at the summer fair, please ensure that any perishable donations are unopened and have a use by date no earlier than July 2025.

Our next dress down day will be a **pyjama day on Friday 27th June**, when we will be collecting hamper donations - themes to follow next week for those of you who like to be well prepared.

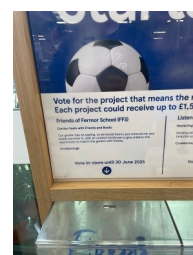
While you have the calendar out, **we have unfortunately had to postpone our planned disco** on 5th June. This will now be held in the autumn term - apologies for any disappointment caused.

A reminder that we are 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.

We are also **looking for donations of topsoil for forest school**, so if you have some left over from any spring planting that you would be happy to donate, please get in touch!

Finally, thanks to those of you shopping at Tesco and supporting us through **Crowborough Tesco's Blue Token scheme**. Please keep those tokens coming!

The FoFS Team



Teaching and Learning: Photo Gallery

