

SHF NEWS

Monday 24th March 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.*

With just two weeks to go of Term 4, we are still packing the week full of exciting learning, trips and visitors!

On Friday, the children (and staff) enjoyed dressing in their own choice of clothes for **Red Nose Day**. If you would like to make a donation directly to Comic Relief, you can do so [here](#). So far, £34,022,590 has been raised! It was an important day to acknowledge as the work completed across the UK helps fill the shelves of community food centres and funds vital community-led services. Giving to charity is important to Christians but the values of being generous, compassionate and kind are something promoted through all the children at SHF: "Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Corinthians 9:6-8). If giving your time to think about those less fortunate and holding them in your heart is all that can be volunteered at the moment, then this is enough and thank you for modelling these values to our children.

This was a lovely way to end the week, particularly for **Year 6** who completed their **mock SATS** - well done to all the children! In fact, one child shared as he was coming out of the hall, "Is it strange that I'm actually enjoying SATS?" The children are now more familiar with the structure of these assessments and this will hopefully support their well-being in May.

Finally, thank you to the many parents/carers that are **parking** appropriately in the local area and showing respect to our neighbours. Unfortunately, it has been brought to our attention that a select few are ignoring the private parking signs. We continue to ask that respectful parking is shown. Remember that we have a staggered dropping off and collection time so traffic in the immediate area does normally ease quite quickly. We are also fortunate to be able to use the car park at All Saints.

Have a wonderful week!

Safeguarding

YOUNGMINDS offer tailored information, advice and support to parents and carers who are concerned about their child or young person's mental health. You can speak to members of the team over the phone, or chat to them online.

You can use their Helpline service if you are the parent or main carer of a child or young person aged 25 or under. Our service is available across the UK. It is free and confidential.

Call our Parent Helpline for free on 0808 802 5544 (Monday - Friday 9:30am - 4:00pm) To chat online, click on the chat icon in the bottom righthand corner of your screen. When they are closed, you can still leave a message by clicking on the chat icon in the bottom righthand corner of your screen. You will receive a reply in 3-5 working days.

[Parents Helpline](#) | [Mental Health Help for Your Child](#) | [YoungMinds](#)

Key Dates

Thursday 27th March

6F Beyond the Drain (Peacehaven)
EYFS Space Day
Cross Country finals 10.30am-1pm
Spring Music Concert 6pm

Monday 31st March

Parent Consultation Evening 3.30-6pm **5N ONLY**

Tuesday 1st April

Let's Dance Competition
Parent Consultation Evening 3.30-6pm (**NOT 5N**)

Wednesday 2nd April

I-rock Concert 2.15pm
World Autism Awareness Day

Thursday 3rd April

6JP Beyond the Drain (Peacehaven)
Parent Consultation Evening 4.30-7pm

Friday 4th April

Easter Service at All Saints Church 8.45am
Last day of Term 4

Monday 7th April –

Monday 21st April
Easter Holiday

Tuesday 22nd April

First day of Term 5

Wednesday 23rd April

9.15am Initial Safeguarding Volunteer Training
Year 1 to the Pocket Park

Friday 25th April

Staff and Parent Prayers 8.20-8.30am
FOFS Dress Down Day—pyjamas (TBC)

Wednesday 30th April

Year 1 leading service at All Saints Church

Monday 5th May

BANK HOLIDAY

Wednesday 7th May

KS2 Swimming Gala 12.30pm

Thursday 8th May

Choir singing at VE Day 4pm

Friday 9th May

Staff and Parent Prayers 8.20-8.30am

Monday 12th May –

Thursday 15th May
YEAR 6 KS2 SATS WEEK

Friday 16th May

FOFS Dress Down Day—summer theme (TBC)

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



Uniform

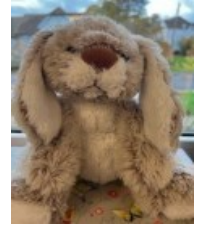
Well done to Olivia in 3J who received the **Uniform Unicorn** this week for setting the high standard of wearing smart uniform. See the [website](#) for more information.

Attendance

Congratulations to **6F** for their attendance of 98.3% this week.

A further congratulations to **6JP** for their attendance of 96.2% - these were the only two classes above our target of 96% attendance.

I'm sure we will see more classes on the list next week.



Gold Book

Well done for your fantastic learning:

3B: Rory B for great ideas and handwriting used for his comic strip

5M: Lucie for a well-structured retelling of a story (Thor).

6F: Kaiden for an amazing and humorous explanation of the journey of a red blood cell.

Subject in the Spotlight: Geography

Our [Geography](#) curriculum aims to equip children with the **geographical knowledge, vocabulary** and **fieldwork skills** needed to become **globally aware citizens**. From Year 1 in KS1 until Year 6 in KS2, children are taught Geography concurrently using a different topic each term and in EYFS children begin to learn Geographical skills through their Understanding of the World activities and discussions.

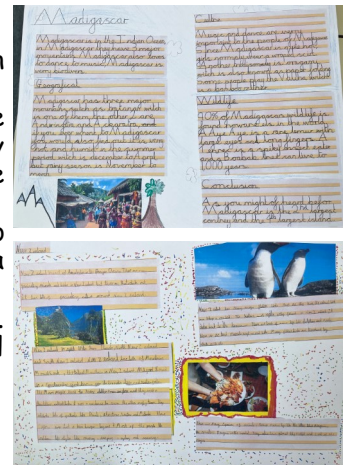
~ [In EYFS](#), their space topic began with them thinking about where they fit in, in the world. They drew their home and also something they liked in Crowborough.

~ [Year 1](#) have been thinking about weather, climate and the seasons. They have compared the weather back to their observations in Term 1, during Science. They also discussed how the weather may not be the same all over the UK at the same time.

~ [Year 4](#) have been writing some amazing non-chronological reports. They had to carry out their own research and then use the information to create a report on a country.

~ [Year 5](#) had a visiting STEM ambassador to talk about earthquakes and tsunamis. The children saw large models being used to replicate the effects of these natural disasters.

~ Year 6 were joined by a member of the team from Southern Water who led a water workshop ahead of their visit to the Peacehaven Wastewater Treatment centre over the next couple of weeks.



In Other News...

- Spring Music Concert**

Don't forget that our annual music concert is taking place in the Key Stage One hall at **6pm this Thursday 27th March**.

- Wellies**

As the drier weather approaches, we are able to open up our wooded area to more children. However, if there has been a small amount of rainfall, we still enable children to go into the woods if they have their wellies. Therefore, please could children continue to ensure they have **wellies in school** should they wish to go into the woods and avoid sharing wellies as this is when items get lost. The children have also been reminded to walk when in the woods.

- Sponsorship**

We are still looking for some sponsors of our netball and/or football kits. Please spread the word!

Theme of the Month: Forgiveness

'If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all un-righteousness.' 1 John 1:9

An extract from 'The Jailer' a poem by Monika Languth

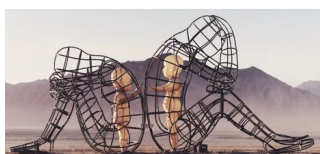
I chose a soul not to release
For he had caused me pain,
And yet my soul did not have peace
But wrapped itself in chain.

I have the right not to forgive
For this one did me wrong
And by my choice I, too, would live
And drag this chain along.

Yet still I felt it was my right
To hold one in this cell
The chain around my heart grew tight
In my created hell.

Remembering the written word
Forgiveness is a choice
I thought forgive? That is absurd
But then I heard a voice.

I forgave your past . . . didn't I?
Yes. . . all your dirty sins
If forgiveness you deny
You'll find that no one wins.



You've locked a soul within a cell
A jailer you've become
And so you too are in your hell
For you must hold the one...
That you have chosen to refuse
To set free from his debt
And so in truth you really lose
Because you will not let...
The debtor go. . . set this soul free
Forgive this person's debt
Unlock the cell now with your key
And freedom you will get.

That was the day I was set free
From my own selfish pride
I threw away my jailer's key
And opened the cell wide

For who am I to hold a grudge
And not let one go free
For God alone each man will judge
And He can, too, judge me



Friends of Fermor



What came first, the chicken or the egg? We're not sure either, but at next week's **pop-up shop** we will have both on sale as an Easter treat! Mrs Oram's **hand-crafted chicks with a chocolate egg** will be available to buy after school on Thursday and Friday!



With the summer fair on the horizon, we are looking for **volunteers to host an estate agent's board** in their front garden to advertise the event. Not only does this raise the profile of the fair in the wider community but Peter Oliver also give us a donation for every board! If you (or a local grandparent) are willing, please drop us an email at friends@fermorschool.org.uk with your full address.

Also, a very specific request! Our trusty tombola drum is getting a little wobbly and needs some TLC from someone with metal work/welding skills. Can you help?! Please get in touch if you can (friends@fermorschool.org.uk).



We have started collecting prizes for the 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.

Finally, If you haven't already done so, please transfer your child's sponsorship money for the pancake flip by the end of term:

Friends of Fermor School
Account number: 36880068
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The FoFS Team



FOFS FACEBOOK

Teaching and Learning: Photo Gallery



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