

# SHF NEWS

## Monday 17th 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.



We had another fantastic week of learning with a particular focus on science. This started on Monday where **Year 5** had a visit from a **STEM ambassador**, Kerry. She kindly shared the following feedback about our children:

*"I was really impressed by their behaviour and it was delightful that children came up on their own accord and said thankyou - that meant alot. The questions they asked were really good as well particularly one who asked whether you can stop a Tsunami with a Tsunami - whilst its not really possible at this stage, this is such an insightful question and shows a lot of thought had gone into it."*

We continued to celebrate **science** week with our own **Fermor Science Day** on Thursday. We are so lucky to have such a passionate science leader; Miss Fuller organised a wonderful collaborative day and shared our successes with our community governor, Karran Hill.

As we enter the second half of Term 4, I want to share our plans for the end of term. **Parent consultation evenings** are taking place in the final week on Tuesday and Thursday, with the exception of 5N where theirs will be Monday and Thursday (due to the Lets Dance Competition that Miss Newman is leading). Booking is planned to open this Thursday 20th March at 4.30pm (with Friday as back up should there be any internet issues!).

*Have a lovely week!*

### Safeguarding

Year 5 and 6 were very lucky to have a visit from two of our local Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs). They were invited to speak to the children about online safety and acceptable conduct online (in particular when gaming) and on social media (primarily Whatsapp). The children listened attentively and asked some fantastic questions.



### Key Dates

**Monday 17th March – Friday 14th March**  
Assessment Week

**Monday 17th March**  
Year 6 SATS talk for parents 6pm

**Tuesday 18th March**  
Year 6 visit from Southern Water

**Friday 21st March**  
Staff and Parent Prayers 8.20-8.30am  
Red Nose Day (own clothes)

**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

**Wednesday 30th April**  
Year 1 leading service at All Saints Church

**Monday 5th May**  
BANK HOLIDAY

**Wednesday 7th May**  
KS2 Swimming Gala 12.30pm

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



## Uniform

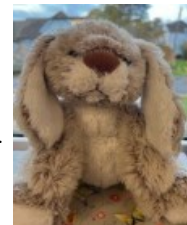
Well done to Charis in 2C who received the **Uniform Unicorn** this week for setting the high standard of wearing smart uniform. See the [website](#) for more information.

## Attendance

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

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

**2C** (97.1%), **4M** (96.9%), **3J** (96.5) and **6F** (96.1%).



## Gold Book

Well done for your fantastic learning:

**3B:** Theo for writing a fantastic diary entry.

**3J:** Judah for using excellent descriptive words in a class discussion;  
Finley for fantastic formation of letters during phonics.

**4M:** Rosie and Poppy for answering "solve" questions during their maths work on fractions.

**5N:** Olivia for great vocabulary and handwriting used in her adaption of the model text.

## Subject in the Spotlight: Science

Science has been high on the agenda at Fermor this week to coincide with the celebration of British Science Week.

This annual event provides opportunity for children to participate in learning activities based around a specific topic with a focus on STEM subject areas (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics).

This year's topic of "**Change and Adapt**" provided fantastic links to many different areas of the curriculum, so gave the children various chances to use their scientific skills as well as to ask and answer curious questions and to collaborate with one another.

The school has been abuzz with children showing great enthusiasm for Science, recognising the importance of it in our daily lives. Varied opportunities for questioning, experimenting and research have included learning about how we can adapt games for different needs, how our heart rate and circulation adapts in different situations, how animals can be camouflaged or adapt for different habitats; and much more.

Children have also enjoyed the opportunity to work collaboratively, building skills of communication and cooperation. This has enabled us to generate data and artwork which we plan to use to create a display highlighting how we change as we journey through Primary School.

## 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 on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March**. The concert should last about an hour and we will welcome one or two adults per family to be part of the audience.

- 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.

- Wooden Spoon Winners**

Thank you for all the wonderful entries displayed in our entrance. Congratulations to our winners: Harvey for KS2 and Esther for KS1.



## 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 unrighteousness.'** 1 John 1:9

The effects of not forgiving others on us:

*'For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.'* Matthew 6:14

All offenses are not the same, and some are much harder to forgive than others. Learning to forgive is an ongoing lesson for children and adults.

It is important to consider the consequences of choosing not to forgive someone. Bitterness can take a toll on your physical body as well as your emotional state. Anger triggers the body. The adrenal glands flood the body with stress hormones, such as adrenaline and cortisol. The constant flood of stress chemicals and associated metabolic changes that go with ongoing unmanaged anger can eventually cause harm to many different systems of the body.

Unforgiveness directly affects our relationship with God. As we hold on to anger and hurt, those heavy emotions make it difficult for us to feel the Holy Spirit's nudges or hear God's voice in our lives.

When you forgive, it has a very liberating effect, mending hurts and bringing you closer to the other person.



### Friends of Fermor



**Final call for sponsored pancake flip money!**

If you haven't already done so, please transfer your child's sponsorship money directly to the FoFS account:

Friends of Fermor School  
Account number: 36880068  
Sort code: 30-90-89



This year's summer fair is on **Saturday 28th June, 1.30-4.30pm**. This will include our grand raffle so 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).

Finally, if you haven't already, please do give us a follow on Facebook!



The FoFS Team

# Teaching and Learning: Photo Gallery

