

SHF NEWS

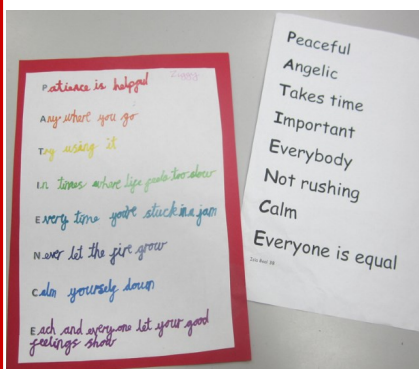
Monday 10th February 2025



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.



Congratulations to **Year 3** on their successful **worship about patience**. Again, Miss Decker was impressed by the confidence shown and important messages shared. **Reverend Steve** highlighted how God shows patience with us and modelled this through the Parable of the Lost Son. I know **Miss Decker** mentioned that I am often required to show patience when supporting her with any IT issues but demonstrating this value works both ways as she has certainly shown patience with me too.

There have been exciting developments this academic year watching our journey transforming the **school environment** not just a place to support learning but also to celebrate it. Following the launch of our sensory garden last year, Miss Podlasin is leading the children to sustain this through her gardening club. It was also a pleasure to show a new **Tenax Trustee** around the school where it was clear children and adults showed respect for the environment.

This week learning has been taken outside of the classroom through **Number Day** activities and the **EYFS** trip to **Morrisons**. Here they explored money, had to find particular items, identified places on a world map and even had a go on the tills!

Last Monday we had our **fire drill** and I am really pleased to share that we have improved, from an already respectable 2 minutes 53 seconds **announced** drill, to just 2 minutes 18 seconds for this **unannounced** drill. Well done everyone!

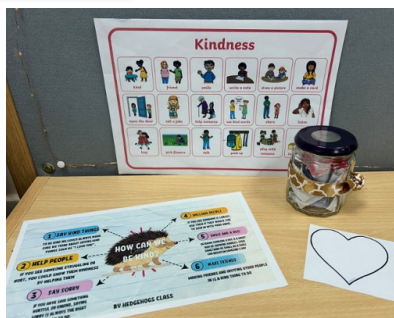
We hope to see you at the book look drop-in sessions this week and don't forget your tickets for the Neon disco on Thursday!

Safeguarding

Feedback from mental health week:

EYFS made a kindness jar, and filled it with various ways to show kindness. They also held a circle time session about this and made a spider diagram with their ideas.

Year 5 discussed friendship scenarios recognising different opinions and how to navigate these. They explored knowing how each other approach problems in different ways then applied respect when working together for group science experiments.



Key Dates

Tuesday 11th February
Safer Internet Day

Wednesday 12th February
Choir nursery visit

Thursday 13th February
FOFS Neon Discos:
EYFS/KS1 4.30-5.30pm
KS2 6-7pm

Friday 14th February
Staff and Parent Prayers
8.20-8.30am
Last day of Term 3

**Monday 17th February –
Friday 21st February**
Half Term

Monday 24th February
First day of Term 4

Tuesday 25th February
1.30pm safeguarding
training for new volunteers

Thursday 27th February
Visit from Kevin Graal
(story teller)

Tuesday 4th March
FOFS Sponsored Pancake
Flip

Wednesday 5th March
Year 2 leading the service
at All Saints Church

Thursday 6th March
World Book Day

Friday 7th March
Staff and Parent Prayers
8.20-8.30am

Monday 10th March
Year 5 STEM visit -
Earthquakes

Thursday 13th March
Fermor Science Day

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

Friday 21st March
Staff and Parent Prayers
8.20-8.30am

Thursday 27th March
6F Beyond the Drain
(Peacehaven)

Wednesday 2nd April
I-rock Concert

Thursday 3rd April
6JP Beyond the Drain
(Peacehaven)

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

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



Uniform

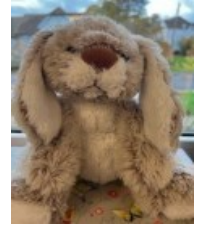
Well done to Elle in 2C who received the **Uniform Unicorn** this week for setting the high standard of wearing smart uniform. See the [website](#) for more information.

Attendance

Congratulations to **4M** for their attendance of 98.6% this week.

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

6JP (97%).



Gold Book

Well done for your fantastic learning:

3B: Rory for great blending and use of phonics to help with reading.

5M: Kyle for using full sentences and showing improved effort in his writing.

In Other News...

- Year 5 and 6 Athletics**

25 year 5 and 6 children attended the indoor Athletics competition at Beacon on Wednesday. They had to compete against 5 other schools in a variety of relay and obstacle races, along with field events like javelin, vertical, long and jump and the challenging speed bounce. The children thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon and came 5th overall.



- Number Day**

On Friday, the whole school acknowledged Number Day in different ways. EYFS incorporated number into their visit to Morrisons, year groups played games against each other, Year 5 held a maths scavenger hunt and Year 1 took their maths learning outside.

Subject in the Spotlight: Safer Internet Day

On Tuesday all children will be involved in [Safer Internet Day](#) activities where they will be focusing on the issue of scams online and how to protect themselves and others, as well as what support is available to them. It is so important that we work together to educate the children of the pitfalls of using the internet and chatting to strangers on online platforms such as gaming. For identity thieves, children are an easy target to trick into handing over sensitive information. For this reason, it's important that parents monitor their children's online activities and teach them basic rules for staying safe online.



Safer Internet Day 2025 Tuesday 11 February

Together for a better internet

better-internet-for-kids.europa.eu/saferinternetday

#SID2025



Safer Internet Day 2025 is on Tuesday, 11th February, and schools across the UK will take part in fun activities to learn about staying safe online. Pupils can take part in quizzes and create posters on how to be kind and responsible digital citizens. Role-playing scenarios and class discussions will help children explore how to spot fake news, deal with online bullying, and protect personal information. Let's work together to make the internet a safer and more positive place for everyone!

Theme of the Month: Wisdom

'Listen to advice and accept instruction, that you may gain wisdom in the future.' Proverbs 19:20

Practical Wisdom from the Bible: The Case of Solomon

If you want to know what wisdom in the Bible is, look no further than King Solomon, the Old Testament poster child for wisdom. He was the son of King David, and like his dad, he loved and followed God. When he became king of Israel, God appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, "Ask what I shall give you." Solomon asks for wisdom, and God gives it to him in abundance. You can read this story in 1 Kings 4:29-31 (NIV):

"God gave Solomon wisdom and very great insight, and a breadth of understanding as measureless as the sand on the seashore. Solomon's wisdom was greater than the wisdom of all the people of the East, and greater than all the wisdom of Egypt. He was wiser than anyone else, including Ethan the Ezrahite—wiser than Heman, Kalkol and Darda, the sons of Mahol."

The scriptures go on to explain that Solomon:

- Spoke 3,000 proverbs
- Wrote over 3,000 songs
- Had knowledge about plant and animal life
- Was sought out by kings from all over the world.



Friends of Fermor



Our NEON DISCO is on Thursday!

Drop off:

- ☐ EYFS and year 3 - Main entrance (yellow sign)
- ☐ Year 1 and year 4 - Year 1 entrance (blue sign)
- ☐ Year 2, year 5 and year 6 - Year 2 entrance (pink sign)

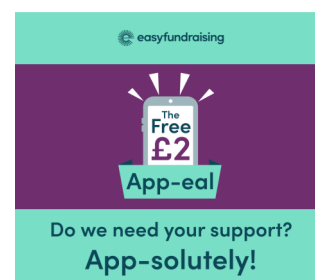
Pick up:

- ☐ EYFS - Main entrance (yellow sign)
- ☐ Year 1 - Year 1 entrance (blue sign)
- ☐ Year 2 - Year 2 entrance (pink sign)
- ☐ KS2 disco (years 3 to 6) - please come to main entrance to collect.

Please remember a water bottle, to take children's coats back home with you and no wheelies allowed! We also ask that you park considerately when dropping off and picking up. Please do not use the school park as this is reserved for volunteers and people attending swimming lessons.

FREE MONEY! Fundraising isn't always easy, particularly in the current climate, so we are always looking at ways to boost our income with minimal effort! **A big thanks to all who registered with ASDA before Christmas - we received almost £100.**

Easyfundraising is another easy way you can support FoFS; it's simple, shop with 8,000+ online retailers and we'll receive a free donation! **Even better, this month only, with their Free £2 Appeal, if you register to support us via their app, we'll get £2,** plus when 10+ of you register we'll unlock more bonus funding!



3rd-28th Feb

Imagine how much free money that could mean if every parent (and grandparent, auntie, uncle, friend...) signs up. Get the app now and choose to support Friends of Fermor School once installed: [https://](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/easyfundraising-app...)

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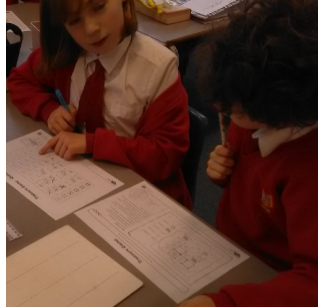
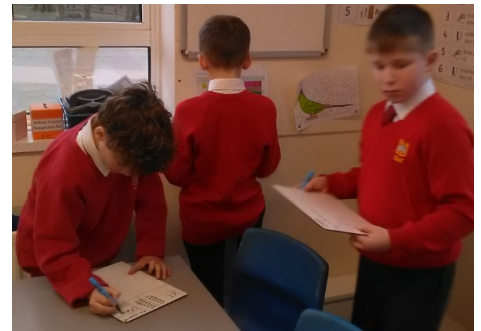
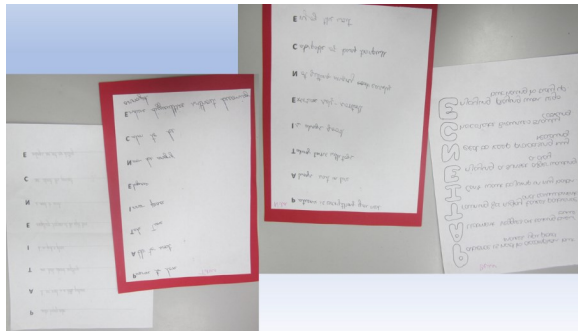
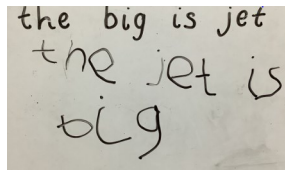
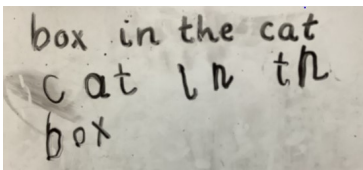


Finally, we still **desperately need volunteers** in order to run this year's pancake flip on **Shrove Tuesday (4th March)**. This event is during school hours. Please sign up for the morning or afternoon session here: <https://signup.com/go/CPJHaJR>

Have a lovely half term, when it arrives. Spring is just around the corner!

[The FoFS Team](#)

Teaching and Learning: Photo Gallery



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