

SHF NEWS

Monday 3rd 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.



Well done to the children in Years 4-6 for giving a warm Fermor welcome the author, **Dev Kothari**, who visited our school for the day last Monday. She was really inspirational, demonstrating how a love for reading developed into a passion for writing. We look forward to our next visitor, Kevin Graal, who is a story teller speaking to the whole school to promote oracy in advance of World Book Day.

In response to our previous parent survey, where parents felt they would like to know more about what the children are learning, we are introducing **termly drop in sessions** to look at the children's work. Teachers will be present but this is a time to discuss learning with your children. They will take place next week:

Mon 10th: 3-3.15 for 1P and 2K

Tues 11th: 2.50-3.10 for Owls and Hedgehogs

Wed 12th: 2.50-3.10 for Owls and Hedgehogs; 3.15-3.30 for 3J, 4WG, 5N and 6JP

Thurs 13th: 3-3.15 for 1R and 2C; 3.15-3.30 for 3B, 4M, 5M and 6F

Year 3 are busy finalising rehearsals for their **church service** this Wednesday. Parents and carers of children in Year 3 are invited to stay for priority seating although all are welcome to join us.

Have a wonderful first week of February!

Safeguarding

Childnet works directly with children and young people from the ages of 3-18, as well as parents, carers, teachers and professionals, finding out about their real experiences online and the positive things they are doing. Childnet then use this information to create resources to support children to understand how they can keep themselves safe online.

Top tips:

- Finish homework and chores before going online.
- Don't charge devices in your room overnight.
- Put devices down whilst they charge to give yourself a break.
- Plan breaks from online activities and stick to them.

Please do explore this charities website, there are lots of resources linked to different topics to support conversations with children.



Key Dates

Monday 3rd February – Sunday 9th February
Children's Mental Health Week

Wednesday 5th February
Year 3 leading the service at All Saints Church 8.45am
Year 5 & 6 Indoor Athletics

Friday 7th February
EYFS visiting Morrisons Number Day

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)

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)

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

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



Uniform

Well done to Aurelia 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 **4M** for their attendance of 98.8% this week.

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

4WG (96.6%) and **1R** (96.1).



Gold Book

Well done for your fantastic learning:

Hedgehogs: Orla and Charlotte for independent writing about sun bears;

Arlo for sounding out long words;

Riley M for continuing his discovery learning over 2 days;

Thomas for a fantastic code "window" in Drawing Club..

Owls: Teddy T for his polar bear facts.

3B: Maryam for discussing her thinking in maths.

4WG: Nafeesah, Mia, Finley C, Lexie, CJ, Max, Dora, Esme and Cordelia for use of similes and metaphors in their poetry.

5M: Amelia C for writing her hot task from two perspectives;

Alexis for following all steps to success in his writing;

Simon for a well-presented story about Nepal.

5N: Charlie and Lily P for a systematic write-up of their science investigation into different materials;

Jack for recalling strategies previously taught to help find equivalent fractions;

Matthew and Johnny for perseverance with fractions.

6JP: Jack H for powerful adjectives used in a description;

Cody-Jay for alternative vocabulary used and excellent presentation in English.

Subject in the Spotlight: Children's Mental Health Week

To have a positive mental health, we need to know how to build resilience, and grow & develop by understanding who we are. The children will be engaging in different activities throughout the week but see the calendar → for ideas that children might like to try at home, remembering to also be kind to themselves!

Additionally, positive mental health can include being mindful of how much time is spent in the digital world at the expense of the real world. The internet can be an enjoyable experience but it is also important to be mindful that too much time online can be unhealthy resulting in withdrawing socially from others and thus not showing kindness to oneself or those around them.

Write a kind note for someone			Have a screen-free day			Help tidy up without being asked to
♡	♡	♡	♡	♡	♡	♡
♡	♡	Ask someone how they are and really listen to their answer	♡	♡	Write down 3 things you love about yourself	♡
♡	♡	♡	♡	♡	♡	♡
♡	Spend time doing something that you love	♡	♡	Give a loved one a hug	♡	♡
♡	♡	♡	♡	♡	♡	♡
♡	♡	Spend at least an hour out in nature	♡	♡	Do something kind for someone in your household	♡
♡	♡	♡	♡	♡	♡	♡
Have a sort out of your clothes, toys and books and donate anything you don't need to charity.	♡	♡	♡	Plant some bee-friendly flowers	♡	Write a thank you note for someone who has helped you
♡	♡	♡	♡	♡	♡	♡

This week, the children will explore how a mindset of empathy can create a kinder world.

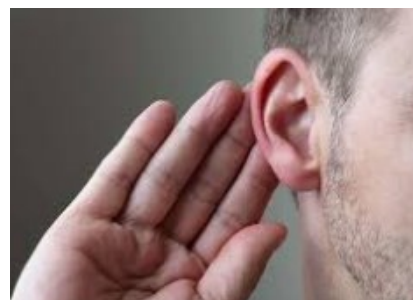
Theme of the Month: Wisdom

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

Wisdom is good judgment and an understanding of that which is true or good.

One of the key responsibilities we have as adults is to instil wisdom in our children. When the hard times come, we want our young people to be grounded in something bigger than themselves. That something bigger is wisdom, and for Christians, God is the source of all wisdom.

How do we learn about wisdom? There is a saying that God gave us two ears so we'd listen twice as much as we speak; listening and thinking before we speak certainly makes us wiser.



The Bible has a lot to say about wisdom; that God gives wisdom, 'For the Lord gives wisdom, from his mouth come knowledge and understanding' (Proverbs 2:6); and that if we listen to his teaching, we will become wise, 'Listen to advice and accept instruction, that you may gain wisdom in the future' (Proverbs 19:20). Most assuring is that if we ask the Lord for wisdom, He's happy to give it to us, without judging us or questioning, 'If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you' (James 1:5).



Friends of Fermor



Our **NEON Disco** is **next week, on Thursday 13th February**. The cost is £5 per child. In addition to the disco, children will receive a small gift and snack. Please let us know any food allergies when you purchase your ticket(s). Dress code is party outfits - think neon/fluorescent colours! **Tickets must be purchased this week so book your tickets on ParentPay now!**



We are **still looking for volunteers** to help on the night so if you'd like to join us please sign up here: <https://signup.com/go/MBwVHEZ>

We are also looking for volunteers for our **sponsored 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>



Finally, if you would like to join the FoFS team, we would love to hear from you! We meet once a month and **our next meeting is this Wednesday - 7.30pm at the White Hart**. If you'd like to join us, drop us an email at friends@fermorschool.org.uk.

In Other News...

- **Taking photos**

Please remember that we ask for no photos to be taken during our church services. This isn't because we want to be miserable but we do have children that have no photo consent and could be placed in a vulnerable position should a photo be taken. We will provide opportunities for you to take photos of your children afterwards. Thank you for your continued understanding to keep our children safe.

- **Parking**

We are fortunate to have access to the All Saints Church car park for drop offs and collections. If you are parking in the local area, please ensure this doesn't cause disruption for our neighbours. It is really important that the entrance to nearby roads remain clear for the safety of everyone. Don't forget we do have a 10 minute window for drop off and collection, with the initial rush dispersing quite quickly! Please also be mindful of parking on church service days so as to cause the least disruption as possible on the main road. Again, there is a window from 8.45-8.55 for dropping off. If children are waiting outside All Saints, they should remain respect of the environment around them.

Teaching and Learning: Photo Gallery

