

SHF NEWS

Monday 27th January 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.

Day	Staff	Club	Times
Monday	Miss Rose	KS1 Colouring Club in 1R	12:30 – 13:00
	Mrs Edwards	KS2 Writing Club in 6JP	12:30 – 13:00
	Mr Morris	KS2 Pokemon Club	12:15 – 12:45
Tuesday	Miss Decker	KS1 Craft Club in 1P	12:15 – 12:45
	Mrs Miller	KS2 Film Club in 5M	12:15 – 12:45
	Miss Jarvis	Maths Games and TTRS Club in 6JP	12:15 – 12:45
	Mrs Jeffs	Reading Club in the library	12:45 – 13:10

We are now halfway through Term 3 and almost at the end of January - the month that often feels the longest after the hustle and bustle of Christmas. Last week we encountered "Blue Monday" whereby many people start dreaming of an opportunity to get some summer sun, a far cry from the grey and drizzle that currently greets us outside our windows. For this reason, we have now published our **term dates**. For those of you who have friends or family in neighbouring Kent, please ensure these **term dates** are checked carefully as these differ for the October half term and Easter break.

To escape life in the office (and spend time with children!) I enjoyed a moment with **Year 2** as they were learning and practising the running stitch in prepara-

tion for making puppets. I was really impressed by their resilience when the needle needed rethreading or where their threads inevitably became tangled. I was struck by their support of one another and know that the **Year 2** teachers were very grateful for the volunteers who could also support in class.

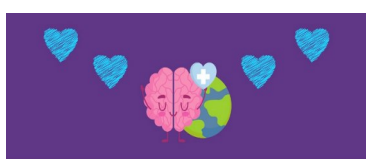
We continue to appreciate the voluntary time given by teachers over lunchtime to provide **lunch clubs** across the school. These **clubs** are run as drop-in sessions and as you can see, there really is something for everyone!

On Friday, we said goodbye and thank you to **Amber**, catering staff, during celebration worship. I'm surprised the round of applause didn't raise the roof off our KS1 Hall but this just shows how much she meant to everyone and we will greatly miss seeing her face every-day.

Wednesday	Mrs Koch	KS1 Film Club in 2K	12:30 – 13:00
	Miss Fuller	Knitting and sewing Club in 6F	12:15 – 12:45
Thursday	Mrs Crumble	Lego Club in 2C	12:30 – 13:00
	Mrs Price	KS2 Chess and Colouring club in 6JP	12:15 – 12:45
	Miss Matthews	KS2 Craft Club in 4M	12:45 – 13:15
	Mrs Burton	Shine Club in 3B	12:15 – 12:45
Friday	Mrs Price and Mr Barclay	KS2 Lego/Colouring and TTRPG Club in 6JP	12:15 – 12:45
	Miss Newman	Benchball Club in KS2 hall	12:15 – 12:45

Have a wonderful final week of January!

Safeguarding



CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

February 3rd – 9th, 2025

Next week is Children's Mental Health Week and the focus will be on 'kindness'. The children will be taking part in a range of different activities across the school. Next week we will share some of the learning different year groups have been doing.

DID YOU KNOW?

Kindness causes elevated levels of dopamine in the brain, helping us feel happier.

#MentalHealthAwarenessWeek

Key Dates

Friday 31st January
Staff and Parent Prayers 8.20-8.30am

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

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**.



Uniform

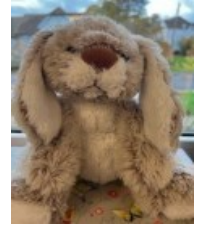
Well done to Lilly-Jane in 5N who received the **Uniform Unicorn** this week for setting the high standard of wearing smart uniform. See the [website](#) for more information.

Attendance

Congratulations to **3J** for their attendance of 99.1% this week.

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

1R (98.4%), **4M** (97.2%), **3B** (97%), **Hedgehogs** (96.6%) and **6F** (96.1).



Gold Book

Well done for your fantastic learning:

2C: Chester for writing on the line with smaller-sized letters.

2K: Cody, Tommy and Daniel for their use of capital letters and full stops writing instructions for a bird feeder.

3B: Rory for independent writing about their school trip;

Jimmy for improvements in presentation of his writing.

3J: Judah for improvements in his handwriting.

4WG: Finley A and Joel for transferring their punctuation skills from Early Bird lessons to the rest of the curriculum.

5M: Esmee for independent learning about long multiplication;

Alexis and Bethany for clear presentation showing the process required to answer long multiplication questions.

Subject in the Spotlight: DT (Design Technology)

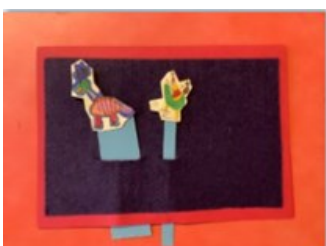
How many of you did the following over the Christmas holidays?

Cooking or baking? Building a shelter? Working as a team? Measuring and using scissors for wrapping? Lego or Meccano? Crafting? Needlework and sewing? Solving problems? If you did then you could be a future designer!

All these skills we use in our [Design and Technology](#) curriculum where we encourage the children to be creative critical thinkers and problem solvers.

Each year group covers three design units where the focus is on designing, investigating, making and evaluating different products. This year at Fermor we have already created our own books with moving and sliding parts (year 1), made healthy wraps for Father Christmas (year 2) explored seasonal ingredients to make a soup (year 3), adapted a recipe as part of our Roman Day experience (year 4), researched, evaluated and compared recipes to enable us to create our own beef stew (year 5) and used electrical systems including buzzers to create an automata toy (year 6).

What will the second half of the academic year bring...?



Theme of the Month: Creativity

'In the beginning, God created the Heavens and the Earth.' Genesis 1:1

If we didn't have creative people in the world, goodness it would be a boring place!



Dear God,

Let us use our creative talents for good. Thank you for the gift of creativity. Help us to nurture and develop it in all areas of our lives. Guide us to use our creativity to bring about positive change in the world, addressing challenges with fresh perspectives.

Amen



Friends of Fermor



We had a great AGM last week, celebrating FoFS' 2024/25 achievements and planning for future fundraising projects and events.

Our next event is our **NEON Disco on Thursday 13th February**.

There are 2 sessions:

EYFS and KS1 - 4.30-5.30pm

KS2 - 6.00-7.00pm

The cost is £5 per child. **Tickets must be purchased in advance so book your tickets on ParentPay now!** As well as 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!

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>.



If you're able to support our 2025 events and aren't already in our Volunteer group, we would love to hear from you at friends@fermorschool.org.uk. There is no pressure to volunteer for everything - we are all only human! - but more hands make light work!

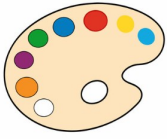


Our ever-popular **sponsored pancake flip** is coming soon, on **Shrove Tuesday, 4th March** so save the date if you would like to volunteer at that event which is always good fun for all involved!

Finally, please keep your unwanted Christmas gifts and leftover bags and wrapping paper coming in to the office! We will be collecting these up until half term.

Thanks, as always, for your support!
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In Other News...



- Artist of the Month**

Don't forget our art competition to design an "Artist of the Month" award certificate for both KS1 and KS2 students. We invite all students to submit their designs, with two winning certificates to be chosen—one for KS1 and one for KS2. Please ask your teacher for a template and submit any entries by Friday 31st January back to your teacher. The winners will be announced in celebration worship on Friday 7th February. Good luck!

- Sponsorship Opportunity**

We are keen to give our children a smart, new kit to represent Fermor during sporting competitions. We would like it to include the Fermor logo and be in the school colours so that the team are all wearing the same. In order to do this, we continue to kindly ask if any businesses or companies could potentially sponsor our football and netball kits. If this is something that you would be interested in doing, or would like further information, please let Miss Newman know via the office email address.

Teaching and Learning: Photo Gallery

