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SHF NEWS

Monday 18th May 2026



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Headteacher's News

A huge congratulations to Year 6 for their perseverance and positive attitudes throughout last week's **KS2 SATs week**. It was lovely to see the buzz of conversation each morning during breakfast and the smiles after the completion of each test - you did it! We extend our thanks to Mrs Clark (on the Local Committee) and all the staff, particularly as we borrowed from across the school to enable our smaller-group approach to work.

We had a wonderful response to the **Tenax parent survey**; by extending the deadline, we added a further 50 responses! We are also in the process of analysing the results from our recent pupil survey - we look forward to sharing these with you next term.

There's no rest for Year 6 this week as some are participating in **bikeability**. We have certainly seen an increase in children using their bikes and scooters since installing the new shelters.

We say farewell and good luck to **Miss Harman** at the end of the week as she embarks on a new role. Ms Harman has worked at the school since November 2024 and has been of huge support to the children she's worked alongside. We wish her all the best for the future.

We look forward to EYFS leading their first service at All Saints on Wednesday!

Key Dates

Monday 18th - Friday 22nd May

Year 6 Bikeability

Wednesday 20th May

EYFS leading the service at All Saints Church 8.45am

Year 6 Heatree Talk for Parents 6pm

Friday 22nd May

FOFS Pyjama Day (toy/bottle donations)
Last Day of Term 5

Monday 25th May

Bank Holiday

Tuesday 26th May -

Friday 29th May
Half Term Break

Monday 1st June

First Day of Term 6

Monday 1st - Friday 12th June

Year 4 MTC

Tuesday 2nd June

Year 3 Trip - Wakehurst

Wednesday 3rd June

Initial Volunteer
Safeguarding Training

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

Safeguarding

To keep children safe before and after school, please advise them to avoid running along the banks near the EYFS gate/outside KS1 classrooms. This is because the ground is uneven.

We are really pleased to see so many children walking their bikes and scooters sensibly on school grounds, taking particular care during our peak times. We hope this sensible behaviour is extended across the local area to ensure all are staying safe.

Gold Book

Well done for your fantastic learning:

1MG: Sian and Nathanael for wonderful improvements in their handwriting, using highlighted lines to keep their letters smaller;

Riley Y for improved handwriting.

4M: Oscar for very detailed labelling of the digestive system;

Hannah for careful blending of watercolours;

Thomas for writing clear definitions and giving examples of consumers, predators and food chains (building on Year 2 learning).

5N: Henri and Asher for their creative performance poems using great expression for direct speech and keeping a good rhythm when rapping.

6F: Isabelle W for her great note-taking on adoptions.

Attendance



Congratulations to **1MG** for their amazing attendance of 100% this week! Reggie Rabbit is hopping over to you.

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

5M & 6F (97.6%), **4J & 3B** (97%), **Hedgehogs** (96.4%) and **2C** (96.3%).

Awards



Uniform Unicorn: Well done to Mia L in **5M** for setting a high standard of wearing smart uniform.

Fermor Merit: Florence W in **5N** received the £5 book token this week, kindly donated by FOFS, for stepping in as Head Girl during KS2 SATs week.

Musician: Well done to Naya in **5N** for being focused and ready for all music clubs, showing dedication and commitment.

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Theme of the Month: Solving Problems by Talking

'Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.' Ephesians 4:29

David and the King's Big Talk

Long ago, in the hills of Israel, a young shepherd named David was hiding in a cave. King Saul, who used to like David very much, had grown jealous and thought David wanted to take his throne, so Saul chased him from place to place.

One hot afternoon, Saul came into the very cave where David was hiding. David's friends whispered, "This is your chance! You can stop him forever!" But David shook his head. "No. Hurting him won't make things right. He is still the king." Quiet as a shadow, David crept forward and snipped off a small piece of Saul's robe. Then he hid again.

When Saul left the cave, David stepped out into the sunlight and called, "My king!" Saul turned in surprise. David held up the piece of cloth. "I could have harmed you, but I didn't. I don't want to fight. I want peace." Saul looked at the cloth, then at David. His face softened. "You are a better man than I," he said. "I have treated you badly, but you have shown me kindness."

The two talked for a long time. David explained he only wanted to serve God and help the people. Saul listened, and for the first time in many days, he believed David's words. They agreed to go their separate ways in peace. Saul returned home, and David continued his journey, knowing that sometimes the bravest thing you can do is speak the truth kindly.

And so, in the quiet of the hills, a problem that could have ended in anger was solved with words, respect, and a little courage.

Mrs Price



In Other News...

- **Health and Safety:**

Thank you to children, parents and carers for not using the climbing equipment after school. This makes it much safer when waiting to collect children and when exiting the site. Please can we ask that children also refrain from jumping off the walls by the Year 3 classroom. The ground is actually a lot lower than children initially think!

- **Year 3 Visitor:**

Year 3 welcomed Chris from the NHS Foundation Trust on Friday, where he gave a talk on keeping fit and healthy as part of the RHE curriculum.



- **All Saints Church:**

Join us at All Saints Church on **June 9th 4:30-5:30** for our joint Heroes (F-yr2) and Adventurers (yr3-5). Fun for all the family with bouncy castles, crafts, activities and a free café with homemade cake!

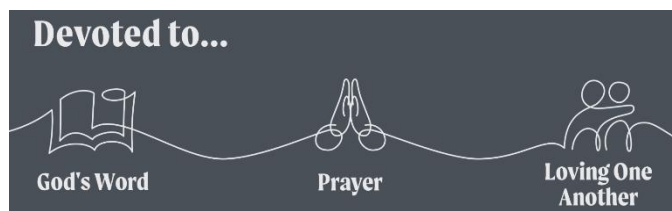
Parents and siblings stick around for the fun!

Heroes:

<https://allsaintscrowborough.churchsuite.com/events/odrmxtpt>

Adventurers:

<https://allsaintscrowborough.churchsuite.com/events/oltxp3ff>



Subject in the Spotlight: Music

Year 2 music enrichment visit

On Friday 2K were lucky to have the opportunity to take part in a World Premiere of a piece composed especially for children called "The Old woman who lived in a Vinegar Bottle". This was devised and organised by our local music hub "Create Music". The children walked beautifully to the community centre where they joined with 5 other local schools to perform the songs they had been learning as part of a community performance. It was an amazing sound when all the schools came together to show their singing and their movement work alongside a professional band and storyteller. 2K have worked so hard in preparing for this event and they behaved brilliantly from start to end. Thank you to all the adults that supported us so we were able to take the children. It was an amazing experience for them and we are very proud of each one for joining in so wonderfully.

Mrs Greening



Friends of Fermor



Pyjama Day is this Friday, 22nd May. Children are invited to wear their pyjamas to school for the day. In return, we ask that you bring a donation for the Summer Fair tombolas...

Early Years and Key Stage 1 - please bring a toy or game for the children's tombola.

Key Stage 2 - Please bring a bottle for the bottle tombola. This can be anything you like; wine, spirits, shower gel, soft drink, anything goes as long as it has a use by date no earlier than July 2026.

Thank you to those of you who are registered with easyfundraising. We have just received £26.07 from them but we could easily be raising a lot more! Did you know that whenever you buy anything online - from your weekly shop to your annual holiday - you could be raising money for FoFS? There are over 8,000 retailers on board ready to make a donation - including eBay, Argos, John Lewis & Partners, ASOS, Booking.com and M&S - and it won't cost you a penny extra to help us raise funds. All you need to do is:

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2. Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first to find the site you want and start shopping. After you've checked out, the retailer will make a donation to FoFS, and we will be really grateful for your donations!



Photo Gallery

