

SHF NEWS

Monday 20th 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.*

We held our first child-led church service for 2025 on Wednesday. Well done **Year 4** for a **lovely service at All Saints about kindness**. Unfortunately I was unable to attend but heard really positive comments from parents and lovely to see so many people walking back holding their white tulips. Miss Decker was particularly impressed by the 'Bucket Story' used as an example to explain the importance of showing kindness to others. This linked nicely to last week's school challenge to use our gifts and talents from God to help spread kindness and Year 4 set a further challenge to see if everyone could fill each other's imaginary buckets. God loves us and is ready to forgive us when we are sorry for the unkind things we do to others. God loves us unconditionally and we need to try and share kindness to others.

Our buckets will definitely need filling next week as we sadly say goodbye to **Amber** in the kitchen. Although employed by Chartwells, both children and staff alike would also say that she is a member of the SHF family and she will be greatly missed. We wish her the best of luck as she begins her journey in a new career direction. It is also **Mrs Williams'** last day on Wednesday as she takes her maternity leave.

On Wednesday at 7.30pm, the **FOFS AGM meeting** is being held at the school. This is a great opportunity to find out about the impact of all the hard work completed over the last year and also find out about the exciting future plans. It is so important to keep this partnership going for the succession of the school - the additional funding they raise is very much needed for our children - so if you are interested in becoming a **committee member, volunteer or just interested** to find out more, please do join us!

Have a lovely week!

Safeguarding

If you have a concern about a child or teenager in East Sussex, you would call 999 in an emergency. Otherwise, if you are worried that a child or teenager might be at risk of harm and you need advice straight away contact the:

Single Point of Advice (SPoA) Phone: **01323 464222**

If you feel that the child or teenager is not in immediate danger but you are still worried you can also: **email SPoA**
Monday to Thursday 8.30am to 5pm. Friday 8.30am to 4.30pm.

Out of hours

For a serious concern about a child that cannot wait until the next working day, contact the Emergency Duty Service.

Weekdays from 5pm to 8.30am. Also weekends and bank holidays.
01273 335906 or 01273 335905

If you have a **safeguarding concern** about a child at our school and you are unable to successfully complete a referral, or you don't have the details needed, please share your concern with us via our DSL email address dsl@fermorschool.org.uk.

Key Dates

Wednesday 22nd January
Parents watching EYFS phonics 9.10-9.30am
FOFS AGM 7.30pm

Thursday 23rd January
Parents watching EYFS phonics 9.10-9.30am

Monday 27th January
Years 4, 5 and 6 author visit—Dev Khotori

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

Friday 7th February
Number Day

Monday 10th February
3-3.15pm 1P and 2M Parent/Carer book look

Tuesday 11th February
Safer Internet Day
2.50-3.10 EYFS Parent/Carer book look

Wednesday 12th February
Choir nursery visit
2.50-3.10 EYFS Parent/Carer book look
3.15-3.30pm 3J, 4WG, 5N and 6JP Parent/Carer book look

Thursday 13th February
FOFS Discos
3-3.15 1R and 2C Parent/Carer book look
3.15-3.30 3B, 4M, 5M and 6F Parent/Carer book look

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

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



Uniform

Well done to Jasmine 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 **3B** for their attendance of 99.2% this week.

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

6JP (98.9%), **Owls** (98.2%), **1R and 3J** (97.9%), **4M** (96.9%), **Hedgehogs** (96.5%) and **4WG** (96.3%).



Gold Book

Well done for your fantastic learning:

1P: Bertie and Enzo for independent work writing their bee facts.

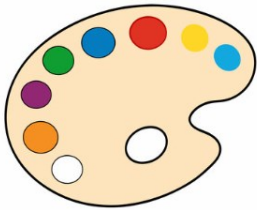
1R: Muku for forming numbers to 10 independently and applying phonics skills in his writing.

2C: Edward and Ethan for descriptive writing about robins.

6F: Phoebe for deliberate repetition and conveying emotion in her poem;

James for including varied sentence lengths in his writing.

In Other News...



- Artist of the Month**

We are excited to announce an art competition to design an "Artist of the Month" award certificate for both KS1 and KS2 students! This competition is a fantastic opportunity to celebrate your creativity and to reignite the [Artist of the Month](#) awards as we begin a new year. We invite all students to submit their designs, with two winning certificates to be chosen—one for KS1 and one for KS2. You

have two weeks to submit your entries, so get creative and let your artistic talent shine! Please ask your teacher for a template and submit by any entries by Friday 31st January back to your teacher. The winners will be announced in celebration worship on Friday 7th February. Good luck!

Subject in the Spotlight: RHE

Hands up if you have made a New Year's Resolution? Thinking about what changes you can make for the better sums up [RHE](#). Relationships and Health Education is all about being the best we can be for ourselves and towards others. It is taught weekly across the school as well as dipping in and out when the needs arise, particularly playtimes.

Our new Picture News Worships also centre around RHE but on a wider scale; thinking about current affairs and how events around the world affect us. With Picture news, we are able to focus on discussion, empathy, and giving our opinion which is central to all RHE.



REASONS FOR TEACHING THE NEWS

1

Real-life learning opportunities for something happening RIGHT NOW meaning potentially children can influence and bring about change – both locally and globally!

2

What's going on in the news can directly link to nearly every area of the curriculum and allows children to use fresh and exciting content!

3

The news can bring the world closer to children's everyday lives through making them more aware and understanding about the world they live in.

Theme of the Month: Creativity

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

Creativity comes from God because He is the Creator. Whether you are a painter, seamstress, designer, musician (or something else) we all have some level of creativity since we are all made in the image of God. Our gifts and abilities are unique to us, and they reflect a God just as extraordinary. *"For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."* Ephesians 2:10

One of the more difficult, but necessary creative tasks is to learn how to be quiet and alone so that our creativity can blossom. While he may not have been a creative in our modern sense of the word, Jesus did make being alone a priority in order to recharge and reflect. *"But the news about Jesus spread all the more, and great crowds came to hear Him and to be healed of their sicknesses. Yet He frequently withdrew to the wilderness to pray"* (Luke 5:15-16). Jesus set aside specific time to pray and we should set aside specific time to be quiet for our creativity to flourish. This is not selfish; it is self-care. We are investing in ourselves so that we are 'full' and can then offer something of ourselves to others.



Friends of Fermor



What a fun Make the Rules Friday we had last week! Thank you, as always, for your support!



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** and tickets must be purchased in advance on **ParentPay**. 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 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 looking forward to welcoming as many of you as possible to our **AGM on Wednesday evening** (you will have received an email about this). It is great to have the input of the whole school community in celebrating the charity's achievements, setting fundraising goals and planning our upcoming events.

We have been asked by a few people when our next Bag2School collection is and the short answer is, there isn't one. If you have been keeping clothing donations aside for this, please do feel free to clear your clutter and pass them on to another good cause. On the subject of which, our **Unwanted Gift and Wrap Amnesty** will continue to run up to half term - please pop any donations to the box in the office.



Finally, if you're able to volunteer at 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!

Teaching and Learning: Photo Gallery

