

SHF NEWS

Monday 13th January 2025



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Headteacher's News

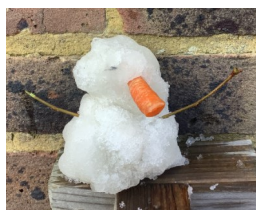
Sir Henry Fermor enables everyone to succeed; as Jesus teaches through the parable of The Lost Sheep: no one is left behind. **Inspiring** children and adults, **believing** in God at the heart of all we do, through Christ's love and guidance; all in the Sir Henry Fermor family flourish, **achieving** fullness.



Welcome back everyone and welcome to the new families joining us.

Only one week in and already there has been a lot of excitement! At the end of last term we finished the first SHF Gold Book (originating from 2018) so we unveiled our new **Gold Book** and started it this term.

EYFS started their swimming lessons and 1R have already had their first visit to Beacon to participate in a **multi-sports** activity. Thank you for the parental support to ensure this visit could go ahead. All classes have taken a "trip around the world" as we delved straight into our **culture and languages celebration**—you can read more about this in our "Subject in the Spotlight" section. In addition, it was the week for **stunning starts** to launch new learning for this term ranging from an inspirational David Attenborough video in **Year 5** to a full day dressing and acting as Victorians in **Year 6**. Don't forget you can find out about your child's learning each week on the [class pages](#).



And, as if that wasn't enough, we all contended with the snow and were really impressed with the sensible behaviour displayed by our children. Our adverse weather plan can be found [here](#).

We held our final new EYFS open afternoon last Wednesday as the deadline for applying for places is the 15th January, but if you know anyone still looking for a place in September, or other year groups, we continue to hold our tours on Tuesdays at 11am.

We look forward to **Year 4** leading the service at All Saints Church on Wednesday so please remember to always park considerately and refrain from taking photos until the end.

We hope you've had a wonderful start to 2025!

Safeguarding

Online gaming support for children

We are very aware that many children enjoy gaming online, often with their friends. It is really important that children have a really secure understanding of how they can help keep themselves safe online and what they should do if something worries them.

The Childline website has a section dedicated to supporting children with strategies to help them stay safe online. If your child enjoys gaming, you could use this website to have open discussions with your child.

Online gaming | Childline

Make sure your nickname does not include your: . full name; school's or college's name; date of birth; address or the town you live; mobile number; If you're able to use a profile picture, try using an avatar that doesn't show your face.



Key Dates

Wednesday 15th January
Year 4 leading the service at All Saints Church 8.45am

Friday 17th January
Staff and Parent Prayers 8.20-8.30am
FOFS Make The Rules Day

Monday 27th January
Year 5 and 6 author visit—Dev Khotori

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

Wednesday 5th February
Year 3 leading the service at All Saints Church 8.45am

Tuesday 11th February
Safer Internet Day

Wednesday 12th February
Choir nursery visit

Thursday 13th February
FOFS Discos

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)

All term dates are available on our [website](#).



Uniform

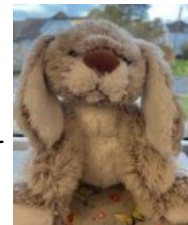
Well done to Matthew in 5N who received the **Uniform Unicorn** this week for setting the high standard of wearing smart uniform. See the [website](#) for more information.

Attendance

Congratulations to **4WG** for their attendance of 99.4% this week, despite the snowy weather!

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

2C (97.5%) and **Owls** (96.7%).



Gold Book

Well done for your fantastic learning:

Hedgehogs: Oliver, Isaac and Riley M for their hard work with code writing and Amine for her colourful flags.

Owls: Eli for fantastic writing and impressive maths knowledge (knowing the meaning of circumference!).

3J: Finley for improving his handwriting.

5N: Bertie for accurate multiplication of 2-digit numbers using a formal written method.

6F: Flo G for a thoughtful, rhyming poem.

6JP: Jacob J and Flo H for their descriptive work using sophisticated vocabulary choices.

In Other News...

• Sponsorship Opportunity

It has been a busy and exciting time for sports at Fermor so far this year, with the development of our boys and girls football team and our netball team. The children on the teams have been proud to represent Fermor and have enjoyed their training sessions and the matches even more.

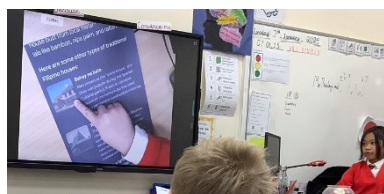
Now that our teams are up and running, we are keen to give them a smart, new kit to represent Fermor. We would like it to include the Fermor logo and be in the school colours so that the team are all wearing the same. In order to do this, we kindly ask for any businesses or companies that could potentially 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.

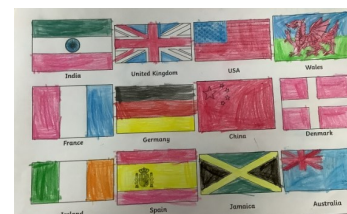
Subject in the Spotlight: Languages and Culture Celebration

Did you know that we have 23 different languages, in addition to English, spoken at Fermor? This term started with a 3-day celebration on languages and culture to build a secure sense of belonging and being able to make a contribution to the school community.

Research shows that an inclusive culture brings happiness, a feeling of safety and being part of a community. This then impacts positively on learning, both in the classroom and beyond. Ultimately, children are then prepared to flourish and feel truly included in society. (*Education Endowment Foundation*)



Learning included: looking at different ways to say "hello" in different languages, exploring Google Earth to "see" other countries and flag matching activities. In 3J, Kimberly and Abby presented information about what their houses looked like in Hong Kong and the Philippines.



Theme of the Month: Creativity

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

Children have unlimited creative potential: they are curious, playful, imaginative and open to new experiences. They express their creativity through play, paintings, problem solving and the mismatched outfits they insist on wearing wear to the supermarket. As parents, carers and teachers we do not need to teach children to be creative (all children have creative potential), it is our job as adults to provide them with the time, materials and enthusiasm to explore and learn and create things for themselves. They will also need a place that feels safe to express ideas that are unconventional, and encouragement to explore the unknown so they can discover what they enjoy and unlock a universe of possibilities.

Luckily, for us adults, creativity is not a fixed quantity but rather a renewable resource that can be improved and nurtured by optimizing the environment that allows an individual's creative potential to blossom. So we could take up a creative hobby even as adults and become good at it!



Friends of Fermor



Happy New Year! Now the festivities are over, we can all take a breath and get organised for 2025! For many, this means a declutter and we would love to help! Do you have unwanted Christmas gifts and/or leftover wrapping paper or gift bags you are keen to rehome? You're in luck! **We are having an Unwanted Gift and Wrap Amnesty** - Please pop any donations to the box in the office.

Aside from prepping for next Christmas(!), FoFS are hitting the ground running for the new year with our much-loved **Make the Rules Day next Friday!** Look out for the rules coming home - as usual, the children will be invited to change the usual order of things and give a monetary donation for each rule change!

We are also looking for more members to join the committee so please consider if you could spare some time in 2025 to get involved. Additionally, 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 with planning events and supporting with them on the day. Disco and Sponsored Pancake Flip - both fab to volunteer at! - are also coming up in the Spring Term so watch this space.

Finally, a reminder that our **AGM is on 22nd January** (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.

The FoFS Team

Teaching and Learning: Photo Gallery

