

SHF NEWS

Monday 16th December 2024



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.



Here we are, the final week of Term 2!

Last week was full of lots of excitement:

KS1 Nativity - a huge well done and thank you to all involved for the successful performances of The Fleece Force. It was wonderful to see the joy on the children's faces and their focus as they took on various characters to retell the story of the birth of Jesus.

Christmas Dinner - all the children were able to sit in the hall to eat their Christmas dinners together, pull a cracker and swap a joke or two! This year we were able to sit different year groups together so it was

lovely to watch children get an opportunity to talk to children they wouldn't normally see as much.

Father Christmas - this year the reindeer food seemed to last a lot longer as children took care not to overfill their bags; they also kept them away from a certain pesky reindeer! Two inflatable elves kept the children entertained through dance as they waited to visit Father Christmas in our outside classroom.

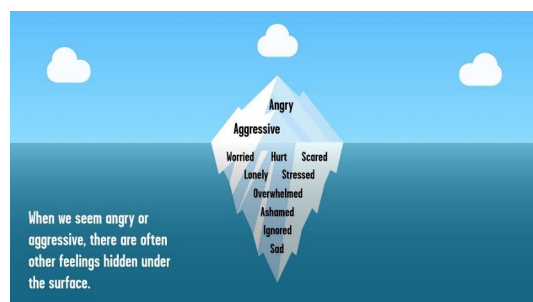
Check out the additional photo gallery page at the end of the newsletter to see what we have been getting up to!

We look forward to seeing you at our carol service (tomorrow) and/or Christmas service on Friday!

Safeguarding

YOUNGMINDS offers a 'Parents A-Z mental health guide' that gives advice on how to help children with their feelings and behaviour, as well as mental health conditions and life events. The website also shows you where you can get help.

[Parents' A-Z Mental Health Guide](#) | [Mental Health Advice](#) | [YoungMinds](#)



Key Dates

Monday 16th December
FOFs Secret Shopper Session

Tuesday 17th December
KS2 Carol Service at All Saints Church, 6pm

Wednesday 18th December
I-Rock Concert KS1 Hall, 2.15pm entry using the Year 4 door near swimming pool

Friday 20th December
Christmas Service at All Saints, 8.45am
Last day of Term 2

Monday 23rd December – Friday 3rd January
Christmas Holidays

Monday 6th January
First day of Term 3

Monday 6th–Wednesday 8th January
Culture and Languages whole school focus

Wednesday 8th January
New EVFS 2025 Open Afternoon 1.30pm

Thursday 9th January
Year 6 Victorian Day

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

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

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

Tuesday 11th February
Safer Internet Day

Wednesday 12th February
Choir nursery visit

Thursday 13th February
FOFS Disco TBC

Friday 14th February
Last day of Term 3

Monday 17th February – Friday 21st February
Half Term Break

Monday 24th February
First day of Term 4

Tuesday 25th February
1.30pm safeguarding training for new volunteers

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



Uniform

Well done to Vinny in 2C 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 **6JP** for their attendance of 98.5% this week.

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

2C (98.2%) and **Owls** (98.1%).



Gold Book

To ensure children can celebrate their Gold Book learning with parents/carers, we are photocopying the work, where possible, to be shared at home. Well done for your fantastic learning:

1P: Josie for progress in her writing and sounding out accurately.

3B: Isla B for excellent adjectives used in a setting description.

5N: Amy for her use of paragraphs.

6F: Ibby and Jake H for great collaboration to create a character description using figurative language.

Subject in the Spotlight: Music



Can you imagine Christmas time without music? No carols, no dancing round the tree to Mariah Carey, no Christmas Number One? [Music](#) is such an integral part of celebrating Christmas which is why we have been so busy at school over the last few weeks!

EYFS told the amazing story of Christmas through the wonderful "Hey Ewe" and we were kept in order by the "Fleece Force" from KS1. All the children were involved in learning and singing the songs and having a taste of a real performance to an audience.

KS2 children have been busy preparing carols for the service on Tuesday 17th December at 6 o'clock at All Saints where the school can come together in the church to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas.

And the choir have been the busiest! They are in high demand around the local community, singing at the Christmas Cracker light switch on in town and the Town Council carol service. Many of them also took part in the One Voice Celebration at the world-renowned Glyndebourne Opera House this week, where they were joined by 6 other schools to give a glorious Christmas concert. The preparation has been challenging as well as lots of fun, so they should be applauded for their hard work.

The new year will seem quiet in comparison, but orchestra, recorder club and choir will recommence in the week beginning 13th January. Please contact the school office for any further information.



Theme of the Month: Hope

'For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future' Jeremiah 29:11

Have you ever thought about the importance of hope or what it is?

Hope is about imagining and reaching for a better future for ourselves. Hope is both an emotion and a way of thinking. We experience it in our brain, but it comes from somewhere or someone outside ourselves. Hope is crucial in times of uncertainty and in dealing with adversity.

Hope is not just a warm and fuzzy feeling. It's a crucial emotional and psychological tool that can shape not only us but our children's perspective on life.

Resilience: Hope is the foundation of resilience. It empowers children to bounce back from set-backs, learn from their mistakes, and face challenges with determination.

Positive Mindset: Hope encourages a positive outlook. Children who have hope are more likely to find joy in everyday experiences and develop a "can-do" attitude.

Emotional Well-Being: A hopeful child is often a happier child. Hope can reduce stress and anxiety, making children more emotionally stable.

Achievement and Goals: Hope can be the driving force behind setting and achieving goals. Children who hope for a bright future are more motivated to work towards their dreams.

In Other News...

- **Taking photos**

Please remember that we ask for no photos to be taken during our church services and nativities. 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.

- **Year 2 learning**

Year 2 were busy last week making sure they had the skills and knowledge in DT to create a healthy snack for Father Christmas. Over the course of the term, the children learnt about celebratory feasts, food groups and which foods belong in which group to create a balanced diet, culminating in creating a tasty wrap for Father Christmas to enjoy and eat healthily. During the DT day, the children grated, sliced (using the claw), chopped (using the bridge or claw), snipped and spread ingredients before designing their wrap and then assembling. They then sat as a year group to eat their wrap before evaluating their work. The verdict was, 'tasty and yummy.'

- **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!



Friends of Fermor

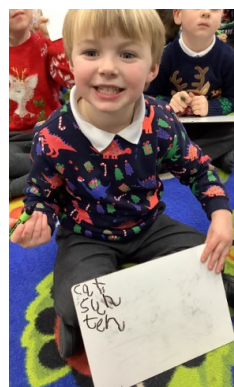


A huge thank you to the committee and volunteers of Friends of Fermor for giving up their time to make last week such a huge success. Christmas dinner is so much smoother when there are more people to serve, lay the table and collect up rubbish. We also valued the support on Friday where our volunteers spent much of the day outside to toast marshmallows and prepare reindeer food. We really couldn't do it without you!

Teaching and Learning: Photo Gallery



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*S*lowly slithering down the window
*N*ice children throwing snowballs
*O*utside building snowmen
*W*hite beautiful snow



Christmas Experiences: Photo Gallery

