

SHF NEWS

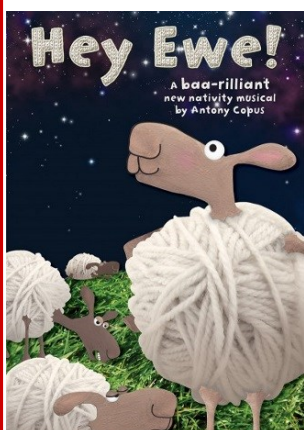
Monday 9th December 2024



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.



Well done to **Owls and Hedgehogs** for their wonderful performance of "Hey Ewe!" on Friday. The weather held out to take photographs in the outside stable (thank you JP Parnaby Ltd for delivery of hay bales) and enjoy some hot chocolate (thank you FOFs).

Grinning from ear to ear (and that was just the audience!) it was a wonderful opportunity for the children to apply their speaking and listening skills for a real life purpose! Of course it is always a little overwhelming to perform in front of an audience when you are only 4 and 5 years old, but it was so lovely to see such confidence and pride radiating from our youngest learners. This

week, we wish lots of luck to the children in KS1 (**Years 1 and 2**) as they perform their **nativity**.

Further staffing news: it is unlikely **Mrs Jeffs** will return until the new year. Unfortunately she had an accident last Wednesday (parents of children in 3J were informed), and although she returned briefly at the end of the week, it is important she follows medical advice to fully recover. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers.

As storm Darragh now passes, we hope you are all able to continue to keep the germs away and **wrap up warm**. Our whole school attendance is 93.3.% sitting under the national average of 94.8%. Just 2 weeks to go!

Have a lovely penultimate week!

Safeguarding

During the Christmas period, you may be taking and sharing more photos of your children online. Here are some **tips to share photos safely**:

1. Check the privacy settings on your social media account.
2. Have conversations with your friends and family about sharing photos of your child.
3. Double check photos don't show any confidential information, such as school logos and full names.
4. Get permission if other children feature in your photos.
5. Ask your child if they are happy for you to share the photo. It's never too early for them to give consent!



Key Dates

Monday 9th December
KS1 Nativity (2pm) 1R and 2K

Tuesday 10th December
KS1 Nativity (9.15am) 1P and 2C
Choir singing at Glyndebourne 7.30pm

Wednesday 11th December
New volunteers safeguarding training 1.30pm

Thursday 12th December
Christmas dinner and wearing Christmas jumpers

Friday 13th December
Staff and Parent Prayers 8.20-8.30am
Father Christmas in the Forest and wearing Christmas jumpers

Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th December
FOFs Secret Shopper Sessions

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

Wednesday 18th December
I-Rock Concert KS1 Hall

Friday 20th December
End of Year 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 EYFS 2025 Open Afternoon 1.30pm

Thursday 9th January
Year 6 Victorian Day

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

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

Wednesday 12th February
Choir nursery visit

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



Uniform

Well done to Mila in 1R who received the **Uniform Unicorn** this week for setting the high standard of wearing smart uniform. See the [website](#) for more information.

Attendance



Reggie will be busy this week as he will be visiting 2 classes! Congratulations to **2C AND 4WG** for their attendance of 97.4% this week.

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

5M (96.6%) and **4M** (96.1%).

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:

3B: Beau for his focus and use of finger spaces during a writing assessment.

3J: Dudley, Leon, Frankie C and Thomas H for wonderful animations during computing.

6JP: Tomas for his concentration and resilience thus improving his reading assessment score.

Subject in the Spotlight: Computing



This term at Fermor, we have all moved to the '**Teach Computing**' scheme to support our Computing curriculum. It's a great scheme where they continually evaluate the impact of the programmes, services and resources provided to ensure they are improving the learning experience for pupils. So far we've had: the Year 2s controlling Bee-bots, Year 4s creating codes from repeated algorithms and Year 6s experimenting with micro:bits. Throughout the year we'll be collecting feedback, from teachers and pupils, to ensure progression and enjoyment throughout our children's experience at Fermor. The enjoyment level for Computing has already shot up this term, as we now have thirty-two brand new laptops to support Computing, as well as other subjects! These were kindly funded by the wonderful Friends of Fermor. They have made a world of difference already, allowing each child in class to have access to a computer and login in record time! Thank you again for your efforts in fundraising - these laptops really will make a difference.

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 5 STEM visit**

We received lovely feedback from Kerry (Stem Ambassador) after the space session last Monday:

"I just wanted to write and say thankyou for having me to visit year 5 to talk to them about Space. I enjoyed working with them and was seriously impressed by their behaviour and the way they sat through the presentation part. I was also impressed by their reasoning for their answers. I loved their questions, they really kept me on my toes and showed they are thinking alot about this topic."

- **Year 2 learning**

In Year 2, the children used Lego to create a 3D, birds eye view map of their classroom. This is building on our map work in Geography, and Art where maps can come in different shapes and sizes. The children needed to use their knowledge of 2D and 3D shapes to help them create their classroom map as if looking down onto the classroom. This also linked in with our Maths learning of 2D and 3D shapes.

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

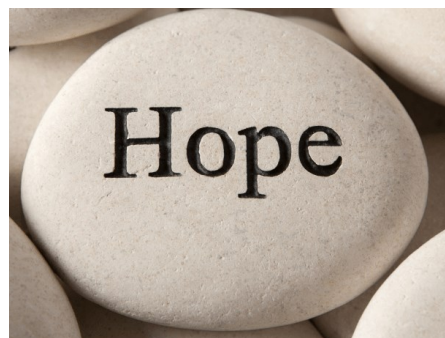
What hope means

Hope is a bright shining light which keeps darkness at bay,
Hope is a gentle cold breeze on a hot summer day.
Hope is to remain positive when the going gets tough,
hope is seeking more, when others think you've had enough.

Hope is dreaming of tomorrow,
Hope is simmering under sorrow.
Hope is keeping your sparkle even when tears are in our eyes
Hope is a beautiful thing & beautiful things never die.

Hope is as light as a feather,
Hope keeps all of us together.
Hope is ubiquitous and free of cost,
hope is the last thing ever lost.....

By Vineet Bansal



Friends of Fermor



We seem to be flying towards Christmas this year! A reminder that we still have two FoFS events to come...

Father Christmas in the Forest is on Friday 13th December (tickets priced at £4 on ParentPay). Children will have the opportunity to enjoy a toasted marshmallow, prepare magic reindeer food for Christmas Eve, receive a special gift, and even have a photograph taken with Father Christmas himself! **Please note that for children to have a photograph taken you will need to have given consent when you book on ParentPay.** Children are also invited to **wear Christmas Jumpers** to school on this day to add to the festive feel.

Next week, the **Secret Shopping Room is on Monday 16th December**. We invite each class in small groups, with children browsing the shopping room, and choosing what they would like to buy so even parents and carers can have a surprise under the tree! **Items are priced at 50p, £1, £2 and £3** and there are some really lovely items available. **We hope to welcome all children on one day this year** so children should bring their money in a named envelope on Monday, ready to visit with their class.



Finally, if you're able to volunteer at our 2025 events, or would like to get involved in the committee, drop us an email at friends@fermorschool.org.uk.

Teaching and Learning: Photo Gallery

