

SHF NEWS

Monday 25th November 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.*

Brrr...it seems winter has officially arrived as the temperature really dropped last week—thankfully we have avoided the snow arriving just yet, other than a couple of flurries. I hope you were all able to stay safe and warm over the weekend with the arrival of Storm Bert.

Staffing Updates:

Exciting news! Mrs Williams is expecting her second baby but this means she will be leaving us to go on maternity leave shortly after Christmas. I'm pleased to share that Mr Morris has successfully been appointed to lead 4WG alongside Mrs Golding for the remainder of the school year. He is a familiar face to the school and is looking forward to returning bringing a passion for maths in particular.

Sadly, as you know, Mrs Harris fell on the KS2 playground on Wednesday. She is thankful for all the kind words and speedy recovery wishes. She has unfortunately broken her ankle so it is important she rests and continues to follow medical advice.

Mr Woods will also be absent from school due to an accident at home and sustaining an injury to his back. This unfortunately means that forest school will not be able to continue for the rest of this term.

On a more positive note, congratulations to Mrs Mintram and her husband on the birth of their baby daughter on Friday. I'm sure it won't be long before Penelope Dorothy Mintram visits school for some cuddles. I love that our ethos of The Lost Sheep features on her blanket!



We look forward to seeing you at our Christmas Fair this Saturday 12-3pm!

Safeguarding

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matters.org

With Christmas may come new technology for your children, as well as new games and apps. We have previously shared tips for monitoring your child online, but the following guides are packed with useful advice to help keep you and your family safe during the festive season:

[What parents need to know about inappropriate content? | Internet Matters](#)

Key Dates

Wednesday 27th November

Year 5 leading the service at All Saints Church
New EYFS 2025 open afternoon

Thursday 28th November

FOFS Christmas Wreath Workshop

Friday 29th November

Staff and Parent Prayers 8.20-8.30am
Choir singing at Christmas Cracker event in town 5-5.20pm

Saturday 30th November

FOFS CHRISTMAS FAIR 12-3pm

Monday 2nd December

Year 3 Volcanoes Stem Visit
Year 5 Space Stem Visit

Thursday 5th December

Choir singing at Town Carol Service, All Saints 7.30pm

Friday 6th December

EYFS Nativity 2pm

Monday 9th December

KS1 Nativity pm (Time TBC)

Tuesday 10th December

KS1 Nativity am (Time TBC)
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

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



Uniform

Well done to Jude in 4M who received the **Uniform Unicorn** this week for setting the high standard of wearing smart uniform. See the [website](#) for more information.

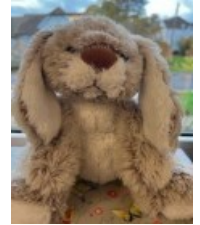
Attendance

Congratulations to **3B** for their attendance of 99.1% this week.

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

Owls (98.9%), **4WG** (97.8%), **6F** (96.9%) and **5N** (96%).

Keep it up!



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:

Hedgehogs: Olivia and Louise for sounding out 3-letter words.

2K: Daniel for independently completing an ordinal number activity.

3B: Cody, Florence, Titus, Nila, Theo, Jewel and Krystyna for effective descriptions of a volcano.

3J: Frankie for excellent progress with prosody.

5N: Maximus for sustaining beautiful joined handwriting.

6F: Bradley for independently writing 2 pages about India.

6JP: Thomas and Leyton for their reports about India using accurate features and research.

Subject in the Spotlight: Art



We were very excited to see all of the children's Christmas Card designs in print. It was wonderful to see lots of different mediums being used, each design being unique to the artist. We have extended the deadline until **Tuesday 26th November** for you to be able to order the designs.

So far we have 72 orders with a commission of £255 — thank you so much for your support.

In Other News...

• Opera Singer Visit

We had an opera singer from Glyndebourne opera house visit school on Wednesday to support the choir in their preparation for the One Voice festival they will be taking part in at Christmas. He sang to us in worship and took questions before leading a workshop for the choir. It was such a privilege to hear a real opera singer and hear all about life at Glyndebourne. It has made us very excited for when we sing on that stage in December!



Theme of the Month: Courage

'Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid, do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.' Joshua 1:9

Some Ways To Show Courage Every Day

Being courageous can be demonstrated in many different ways. We don't have to save lives or defeat giants; we can show courage in some simple ways too.

Face Difficulties Head-On

When we face things head on, we teach ourselves that we have what it takes to overcome obstacles and set the example and demonstrate courage for others.

Challenge the Status Quo

Speaking up for ourselves or someone else can be intimidating but when approached with respect, confidence and courage, we can make a difference to our lives and the lives of others.

Stand Up For Your Values & Beliefs

Showing pride for our values and courageously exemplifying these in our daily lives to inspire others shows courage. We may even be criticised for what we believe in.

Ask For Help

Asking for help when we need it is one of the most courageous things we can do. Not only do we create opportunities for collaboration and new insight, we also show others that it is okay to lean on one another.

Do The Right Thing

By simply choosing to courageously do the right thing each time, we create a better world for ourselves and those around us.



Friends of Fermor



Thanks so much for all your **Mystery Bags** - they looked fab! While teachers will have tallied them up today - watch this space for the winning class! - we would still welcome any more bags to be sent in as this is consistently one of our most popular fairs at the fair!

We are also still welcoming volunteers to help the day run smoothly. Can you or a family member spare some time? Sign up now at [FoFS Christmas Fair 2024 – Signup Sheet | SignUp.com](#)

We are also still welcoming donations of clean jars, children's books and - most importantly - **cakes!** Regardless of your baking abilities (or lack of!) we would love your donations. Home baked or shop bought cakes and treats are both equally welcome. Donations can be brought to school on Friday, or on the day itself. Please include a full list of ingredients with your donations and no nuts please!

Today is the last day to purchase Christmas Fair Games Cards on ParentPay at the discounted price of £4.50 for 10 games (£5 on the day). We have found these a great way for the children to be able to participate in games on the day with less queuing etc. The children collect 'wins' to then exchange their card for a prize from the prize stall (generously sponsored by Linden Homes).

Raffle tickets are also available on Parentpay now for £1 each with prizes including tickets for Elf the Musical, family days out and a £100 cash prize!

Father Christmas in the Forest tickets will be appearing on

ParentPay soon for his visit on Friday 13th December, with our Secret Shopping event following on Monday 16th.

If you would like to join FoFS, drop us an email at friends@fermorschool.org.uk. We'd love to have you on the team!



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Teaching and Learning: Photo Gallery

