

SHF NEWS

Monday 18th 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.



Friday afternoon was full of laughter and a wonderful time to bring the school family together. The staff modelled team work and a competitive spirit as they raced around the playground on various 'wheels' for **Children in Need**. Thank you to Mrs Price for coordinating such a fun event for a worthy cause. Thank you for your generous donations—raising a total of £408 (as of this morning).

A further thank you for attending our **Scholastic Book Fair**. Reading is such an important skill and we will always continue to raise a high profile for the love of reading.

Have a wonderful week!

Safeguarding

During the winter months, when it feels so much darker, it can make some people feel more tired than usual and slightly 'out of sorts.'

The 5 Ways to Wellbeing Framework have some great ideas to regain your enthusiasm and motivation, and help you feel more 'you' again:

Connect: with nature and with friends. Perhaps go for a woodland walk.

Learning: making can give you a huge sense of achievement. Now may be the time to channel your "Bake Off" skills.

Take Notice: the cooler air and frosty feel can make it feel less tempting to go outside, but doing so will refocus your energy on taking notice of everything around you. Dip in the sea anyone?

Give: something small like smiling at someone you see every day but never speak to might just give them that extra boost.

Active: moving around never fails to boost those endorphins. Maybe walking to school or dancing in the kitchen.

Sometimes you just have to be creative!



Key Dates

Thursday 21st November
Phonics lessons for parents—KS1 only

Wednesday 27th November

Year 5 leading the service at All Saints Church
New EVFS 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
EVFS 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
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

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



Uniform

Well done to Bonnie 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 **3J** for their excellent attendance of 100% this week.

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

4M (99.1%), **6JP** (97.3%), **4WG** (97.1%), **Owls** (96.8%), **1R** (also 96.8%), **6F** (also 96.8%) and **5N** (96.4%).

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: Olive for hearing and writing the middle sounds in words.

1P: Bertie for beautiful handwriting in his story book and Enzo for amazing progress with letter formation.

1R: Teddy for writing his own chapter book.

3B: Archie B for his handwriting and Jimmy for sharing fantastic ideas during paired work.

5M: Effy and Nesiah for their fraction work showing how to apply different skills and great logic.

6JP: Jack P for additional home learning creating a poster about India.

Subject in the Spotlight: Cross Country

On Wednesday was the next round of the cross-country qualifiers for year 5 and 6. Well done to all 13 that competed as individuals, we heard the conditions were tough but you all did brilliantly!

Another big well done to Molly in year 5 for coming 2nd in her race!



In Other News...

- I-Rock**

Our amazing IRock teacher Jacob has been offering free taster sessions over the last few weeks to children who have shown an interest in playing in a band! More children will also be offered sessions over the coming weeks. If you are interested in signing up for IRock lessons for your child, or just want to find out more, please click this link: <https://www.irockschool.com/>

- Scholastic Book Fair**

The Scholastic Book Fair was very well attended and it has raised funds for our book corners and library with over £500 of rewards to spend. If you are awaiting a book, they have been ordered and should arrive by Friday. If there are any further queries about orders, please speak to your child's teacher. Thank you.

- Smart Phones**

Technology can bring so many benefits but there can also be disadvantages. There is no guidance from the government or NHS around when children should get smart phones but children are getting younger and younger with a fifth of 3-4 year olds owning a device and 24% of 5-7 year olds. We only allow for children in years 5 and 6 who walk to or from school to bring their phones in. They are turned off throughout the day. If you require support to say no to buying your child a phone then we are happy to help. You can find more information here if parents are keen to come together to delay buying smart phones: smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk

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



Gladys Aylward - A Story of Courage

Gladys Aylward was born into a working class family in London in 1902. She was determined to go to China to be a missionary so she saved the little she earned as a maid until she had enough to buy her train ticket to get there. When she had saved enough she left England on a journey that took her across Europe and Russia. At the time Japan was at war with Russia and China, which made travelling in the region dangerous. She finally reached Yangcheng, China, in November 1932.

Gladys worked at an inn providing food and shelter for people travelling over the mountains and took in orphaned and abandoned children. War came and the Japanese started bombing the mountain villages in the area where Gladys lived. Soon it was too dangerous for her to stay in Yangcheng so Gladys and over 100 children that she cared for, had to leave.

She started on a dangerous journey of over 100 miles on foot that took them across mountains, over the Yellow River and around enemy soldiers. The journey took 27 days but Gladys led the children safely to the province of Sian, where she continued her missionary work. Gladys died on 3rd January 1970. She was known as the "Virtuous One" in China.



Friends of Fermor



The Christmas Fair is less than two weeks away and we need your help! To make the day a success we desperately need more volunteers, particularly for the second half of the fair. Can you or a family member spare some time? Sign up now at [FoFS Christmas Fair 2024 — Signup Sheet | SignUp.com](#)

There are also lots of other ways the whole school community can help to make the big day a success, including:

- Filling and decorating your 'mystery bag' for our hook a bag stall
- Sending preloved children's books in for the book stall
- Donating a raffle prize, or asking your company to
- Bringing jars to the office for the craft stall
- Baking (or buying) a cake to bring on the day

Mystery bags came home on Friday, and the class with the most bags returned by Monday 25th November will win a class prize! **Please return to class teachers so they can ensure your child's bag is included in the class total.**



You may have spotted our **Christmas Fair Games Cards** available now on ParentPay. 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. **Bought in advance these are £4.50 for 10 games (£5 on the day).**

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!

More information on our **Father Christmas in the Forest** and **Secret Shopping** events coming soon...

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!



FOFS FACEBOOK

Teaching and Learning: Photo Gallery

