

SHF NEWS

Monday 7th October 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.



How lovely to have not the pleasure of just one Harvest Festival, but TWO last week! Well done to Isla-Rose and Oscar for leading these two worshipers at All Saints and thank you for your generous charitable donations for the Crowborough Food Bank. Sarah explored the different words that could be made from Harvest, including: rest, share, have. It was a very busy Wednesday as Years 2 and 6 were also visited by the NSPCC for some special workshops. Meanwhile, Year 5 enjoyed their Mayan experience. Well done to the children for continuing to show exemplary behaviour even when normal routines are disrupted.

Thank you to FOFs for their Saturday Bingo Night—we hope that everyone enjoyed themselves. This Friday, our parent consultation evening slots will go live — watch out for further communication as to how to sign up

Have a fantastic week!

Safeguarding

World Mental Health Day 2024 - 10th October

On World Mental Health Day, let's all come together to talk about mental health and show everyone that mental health matters. Talking about our mental health can help us cope better with life's ups and downs. So, on World Mental Health Day and beyond it, why not check in with your friends, family, peers, or colleagues? (NSPCC, 2024)

The NSPCC have created a booklet for parents, focusing on 'Positive Parenting'. If you are experiencing challenges at home, there may be a few ideas that could support you.

<https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/media/1195/positive-parenting.pdf>



Key Dates

Thursday 10th October
World Mental Health Day

Tuesday 22nd October
Parent Consultation Evening
3.30–6pm

Thursday 24th October
Parent Consultation Evening
4.30–7pm

Friday 25th October
FOFs pyjama dress-down day (bottles)
Last day of Term 1

**Monday 28th October–
Friday 1st November**
Half Term

Monday 4th November
INSET Day

Tuesday 5th November
First day of Term 2

Wednesday 6th November
New EYFS 2025 open evening.
Year 6 leading the service at All Saints Church

Friday 8th November
FOFs colourful dress-down day (chocolate)

Monday 11th – Friday 15th November
Anti-bullying/Friendship Week

Wednesday 13th November
New EYFS 2025 open afternoon

Friday 15th November
Children in Need
Staff and Parent Prayers
8.20–8.30am

Wednesday 27th November
New EYFS 2025 open afternoon
Year 5 leading the service at All Saints Church

Friday 29th November
Staff and Parent Prayers
8.20–8.30am

Saturday 30th November
FOFs CHRISTMAS FAIR
12–3pm

Friday 6th December
EYFS Nativity TBC

Monday 9th and Tuesday 10th December
KSI Nativity TBC

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

Theme of the Month: Compassion

'Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.'
Ephesians 4:32

Compassion V Empathy

Compassion literally means "to suffer together." It is defined as the feeling that arises when you are confronted with another's suffering and **feel motivated to relieve that suffering**. Compassion is not the same as empathy. While empathy refers to our ability to take the perspective of and feel the emotions of another person, it doesn't always end in helping others.

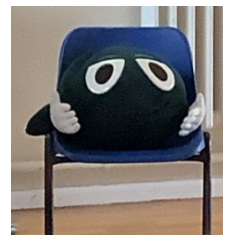
On a biological basis research has shown helping others really helps us too! When we feel compassion, our heart rate slows down; we secrete the "bonding hormone" oxytocin; and regions of the brain linked to empathy, caregiving, and feelings of pleasure light up; which often results in our wanting to approach and care for other people.



Subjects in the Spotlight: RHE and English



This week, Year 2 were lucky enough to finally meet Buddy in the NSPCC workshop- Speak Out! Stay Safe. The children were engaged throughout and were eager to answer all the questions about Speak Out! Stay Safe! After the workshop, the children spent some time with their booklet from the NSPCC, thinking about comfortable adults they can speak to in and out of



school. We then finished the lesson by looking at the Buddy Zone on the NSPCC website which you can explore by clicking below.

[Buddy Zone | Childline](#)

There was a wonderful celebration of reading in Friday's worship when 38 pupils received their certificates for completing the Summer Reading Challenge. From July to September, the children visited Crowborough library to participate in 'Marvellous Makers' which promoted the importance of creativity - discovering new stories, joining in with free activities at the library, and exploring their imagination - from creating junk modelling to music, from dance to drawing and painting. They had to select and read at least 6 books - a big well done to those that finished it!



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: Kylo for writing independently.

Esther for forming 'p' correctly.

Holly for the quantity of simple sentences written.

Bleu for using 'and' in her sentences.

Margot for recognising the types of language she wanted to use in her writing.

Eva and Layla for their prepositions used.

3J: Ebony for her labelling in geography.

5N: Isabella for answering reading comprehension questions in detail.

George for using rich vocabulary.

6F: James for carefully chosen vocabulary used in his poem.



Uniform

Well done to Leah in 2K 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 outstanding attendance of 100% this week!

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

6JP (98.4%), **6F** (97.9%), **2K** (97.6%) **5N** (97.5%) and **1R** (96.7%).



Friends of Fermor



A huge thank you to all who came along to our first bingo night on Saturday - such a fun evening! **We made a good profit to add to the £142.20 already raised through Bag2School this term.** What a great start to the year, and the autumn term is set to get a lot busier!



Our next adult-only event is our **wreath night on 28th November**. Led by the wonderful Natalie of Cottage Cuttings, you will have the opportunity to make a stunning wreath to hang on your door for the festive season. Tickets are £35 each and you can buy them by emailing friends@fermorschool.org.uk. Friends and family are welcome too!

The **Christmas Fair is on Saturday 30th November, 12-3pm**. There are lots of ways you can help make the fair a success so keep an eye out here, and on our facebook page, for ways to get involved. At the moment, **we are collecting jars** for a Christmas craft activity. Please take your clean jars, with



labels removed, to the office.

We are also looking for volunteers to have an estate agent board outside their home advertising the Christmas fair. In addition to providing advertising for the fair, we are paid per board so this is a great profit booster for FoFS! Please drop us an email (friends@fermorschool.org.uk) if you are willing and able to host a board.

A huge thank you to those of you who have already signed up to **easyfundraising** and **ASDA Cashpot for Schools**. If you haven't, please do! Every signup makes a difference, even if you aren't a big spender. **easyfundraising** - easyfundraising.org.uk/; **Asda Cashpot for Schools** - groceries.asda.com/event/asda-rewards.

Finally, if you would like to get more involved with FoFS, drop us an email at friends@fermorschool.org.uk. We'd love to have you join the team!



In Other News...

Boys Football: Headline News!

On Wednesday, Fermor took part in another football tournament, this time for year 3 and 4 boys. WOW - what an afternoon it was! Beacon hosted us again and we played 6 other local primary schools. The team played spectacularly and showed huge talents throughout the day, winning 6 out of their 7 games. Overall, the team game second, taking home a medal each!

Well done boys!



Teaching and Learning: Photo Gallery



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