

SHF NEWS

Monday 16th September 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.



Last week we were really impressed to welcome our newest members of the Fermor Family who showed great resilience on their first day in EYFS. Already children in Year 6 are bursting at the seams to meet with their buddies!

Thank you to those who were able to attend our Meet the Teacher sessions—if you were unable to make it, the presentations are available on our website:

[Year 1](#), [Year 2](#), [Year 3](#), [Year 4](#), [Year 5](#), [Year 6](#)

Check out our teaching and learning photo gallery at the end of the newsletter where you may spot Year 5 in music and reading sessions and other learning opportunities from across the school.

Have a lovely week!

Safeguarding

We are very pleased to share that Sir Henry Fermor are taking part in the NSPCC's **Speak Out. Stay Safe. Programme** this term. A letter with further information has been sent out to all parents and carers containing a link - please visit this website if you would like to know more: www.nspcc.org.uk/speakout.

Years 2 and 6 will also be taking part in workshops led by two NSPCC volunteers on Wednesday 2nd October. The NSPCC have worked across schools in Crowborough to deliver this programme, which aligns with our RHE curriculum. If you have any questions, please do contact Mrs Fielder.



Key Dates

Friday 20th September
8.20—8.30am Staff and Parent Prayers

Wednesday 25th September
New EYFS 2025 open afternoon and evening

Wednesday 2nd October
Year 1-6 Harvest Festival at All Saints Church

Thursday 3rd October
Owls and Hedgehogs (EYFS) and Year 6 only Harvest Festival at All Saints Church

Friday 4th October
8.20—8.30am Staff and Parent Prayers

Saturday 5th October
FOFS Bingo Night

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
FOF dress-down day TBC
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

Wednesday 13th November
New EYFS 2025 open afternoon

Wednesday 27th November
New EYFS 2025 open afternoon

Friday 20th December
Last day of Term 2

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

Theme of the Month: Growth Mindset

'I have the strength to face all conditions by the power that Christ gives me.' Phillipians 4:13

How can I help my child to develop a Growth Mindset?

(Taken from <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/grownups>)

Set high expectations for your child: It is commonly believed that lowering our expectations promotes self-esteem in children (e.g. "never mind, let's try an easier one"), but this is not the case. Having high expectations works like a self-fulfilling prophecy. It shows that you believe they can do it, which in turn has a positive impact on their own beliefs, behaviour and outcomes.

Encourage children to be resilient and not give up, even when they find something difficult or frustrating: We now know that the brain adapts to new information and practises by creating new connections, so help your child to believe that challenge is a positive thing because it means they are growing their brains! This can help them to be comfortable with the times that they struggle and means that they see this as a sign of learning.

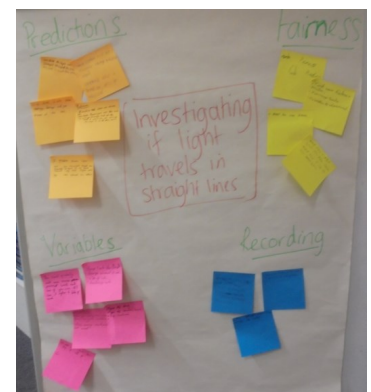
Celebrate mistakes! The fear of making mistakes and associated shame can stop children from giving something a go in the first place. We all make mistakes, so try to embrace these mistakes and use them as learning opportunities, rather than feeling embarrassed about them. If we are not making mistakes then we are not stretching ourselves.

Use inspirational role models: Think about your child's favourite athlete, musician or teacher and talk about their journey to success. We call this unravelling the talent myth. If someone has done well we have a tendency to think they were born that way. We need to show our children that this is not the case. Rather than focusing on somebody's 'natural talents', focus on their early efforts, strong work ethic, and the mistakes and learning that led them to where they are now.



Subject in the Spotlight: Science

Celebrating some fabulous learning in Year 2 with a sorting activity. The children worked out whether something was alive, once alive, never alive. It was lovely to see the children using the outside environment to continue their scientific enquiry. They were able to explore the how and the why that surrounds science in the world around us.



Year 6 have also been busy investigating how light travels.



Uniform

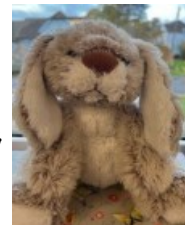
Well done to Leon in 3J who received the **Uniform Unicorn** this week for setting the high standard of wearing smart uniform. See the [website](#) for more information.

Attendance

Congratulations to both **3B** and **4WG** for their exceptional attendance of 100% this week.

Well done to 9 other classes who achieved over 96% attendance—off to a great start to take advantage of the learning on offer at Fermor.

Keep it up!



Friends of Fermor



Join us for our adults-only **BINGO** night on **Saturday 5th October** at the school from 7pm. Tickets are **£5 each** and include a **BINGO card** for each game (you can purchase more on the night). There will be fabulous prizes, a licenced bar and snacks on sale. **Purchase your tickets on ParentPay** or by emailing friends@fermorschool.org.uk.

A huge thank you to those of you who have already signed up to **easy-fundraising** and **ASDA Cashpot for Schools**. Perfect timing with the ASDA toy event but if you aren't a regular shopper, it is still worth it as every sign up earns us cash!



easyfundraising - Create an account and choose Friends of Fermor school, do your online shopping via their website or app and many stores will donate a percentage to us! [easyfundraising.org.uk/](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/)

Asda Cashpot for Schools - Download and set up an ASDA Rewards account, collect rewards for yourself and select Sir Henry Fermor as your school. For every person who chooses our school, ASDA will donate £1, plus 0.5% of your shopping value to our Cashpot! groceries.asda.com/event/asda-rewards.



Finally, a reminder that our **Bag2School** collection is **next Tuesday, 24th September**. The more your donations weigh, the more they pay - let's make it our best yet!

If you would like to get more involved with FoFS, either as a volunteer or committee member, please do drop us an email at friends@fermorschool.org.uk.



In Other News...

Walking Bus

We are continuing to offer our walking bus daily from All Saints Church 8.40am. We are so pleased to hear the positive impact this is having on families to support morning routines. As this becomes more popular, we would love to have some volunteers to support the supervision of children when walking to school. Please let the Office team or your child's class teacher know if you can help.

Teaching and Learning: Photo Gallery

