

SHF NEWS

Monday 9th 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.*

What a **smooth smart** to the new school year for our children — which is more than can be said about the weather! I started the week wearing a T-shirt for our inset day but by Friday needed to dig out my winter boots and coat! It was so lovely to see the smiling and eager faces of our children come through the gates once again and today we welcomed the newest, youngest members of our school. It is with great thanks to **Friends of Fermor (FOFs)** for hosting their new parent welcome event this morning.

It was wonderful to be back at **Church** for our first worship of the academic year at All Saints. A take-away for me was how sometimes new starts are determined for us, such as the beginning of a new school year. However, like Zaccheaus the tax collector (Luke 19: 1-10) we can be in control of making our own new beginnings — such as when we have strayed from a positive path. The children have started focusing on growth mindset as our value for this month (read more about this later in the newsletter).

Thank you to **Phoebe and Josh L** for volunteering to lead the church worship on Wednesday. It can be nerve-wracking to face around 400 people but you successfully overcame this challenge - well done to you both for already evidencing growth mindset!

We look forward to welcoming you to our Meet the Teacher sessions this week!

Safeguarding

My name is Miss Decker and I am the Deputy Headteacher at our school. This year I am going to be our schools Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL). I am supported in my role with five Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads (DDSL); Mrs Edwards, Mrs Price, Mrs Fielder, Mrs Piper and Miss Greenwood.

All of the safeguarding team wear an orange 'Safeguarding Lead' lanyard and we explain to the children about how if they have any concerns, they can talk to an adult with an orange lanyard.

Introducing the Safeguarding Team at
Sir Henry Fermor:



DSL
Miss Decker



Mrs Edwards
DDSL



Mrs Price
DDSL



Mrs Fielder
DDSL



Mrs Piper
DDSL



Miss Greenwood
DDSL

Key Dates

Monday 9th September

First day for EYFS starters (Owls and Hedgehogs)
FOFs EYFS new starters welcome meeting

Tuesday 10th September

Meet the Teacher Years 1 and 4

Wednesday 11th September

Meet the Teacher Years 5 and 6

Thursday 12th September

Meet the Teacher Years 2 and 3

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

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

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

Theme of the Month: Growth Mindset

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

This month's focus is Growth Mindset and why it is so important to nurture this in our children. "In a growth mindset, people believe that their most basic abilities can be developed through dedication and hard work—brains and talent are just the starting point. This view creates a love of learning and a resilience that is essential for great accomplishment." (Dweck, 2015)

A child's mindset significantly impacts their learning experience. Children that hold a fixed mindset give up when they can't solve a problem and admit defeat. This can be detrimental to children's future efforts and leads to limited student growth. With a growth mindset, children continually work to improve their skills, leading to greater growth and ultimately, success.

How we interact and encourage students affects their attitudes toward learning.

Phrases for Parents to Practise to Promote Development of a Growth Mindset in Young Children

Instead of	Try
You're so smart!	You practised so much, and now you've got it!
Don't worry, I'll do it.	Try another strategy.
This is too difficult for you.	This may take some time to learn.
Look, your sister can do it.	What can you learn from your sister?
You can't because you don't know how to ____.	You can't because you don't know how to ____ yet.
Why do you always get this wrong?	Let's practise this a bit more.
You're so good at singing!	You're sounding great!

Subject in the Spotlight: The Curriculum

Each newsletter will take a deeper look at the different subjects on offer at SHF but you can see an overview of our curriculum on our [website](#).

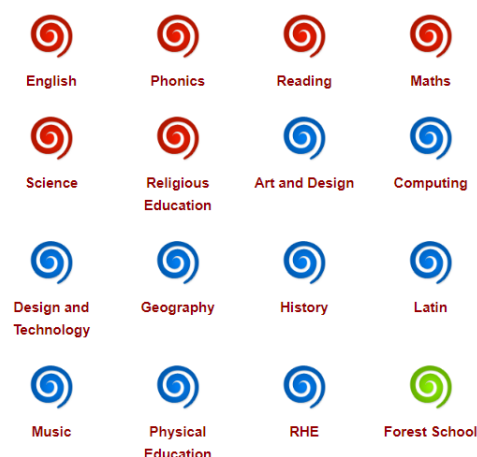
Once on our website, you can explore what your child is learning either for the year group or through each subject to see how the learning fits in with the overall sequence.

Curriculum Overviews by Year Group



"The school has designed an ambitious and well-sequenced curriculum. They have considered the important information that pupils need to learn thoughtfully. The school ensures that pupils have opportunities to revisit and build on their prior learning effectively."
Ofsted April 2024

Curriculum Overviews by Subject





Uniform

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

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:

1R: Mabel for constructing her own exciting sentence and reading it aloud.

2K: Cody and Tommy for completing all the summer work set.



Friends of Fermor



Welcome back! We hope everyone is settling well into the new term. It was lovely to meet the parents of some of our new starters this morning to share in the excitement of their new chapter and offer a small insight into what FoFS is all about!

We are delighted to start the year with some fantastic news - we have met our fundraising target to purchase a class set of laptops! We know this is a resource that will benefit all of your children for years to come and we are so grateful for your support over the last year to make this possible. **The summer fair alone** (which feels a long time ago now Christmas fair plans are well underway!) **raised an impressive £4089** thanks to the support and generosity of the school, and wider, community.

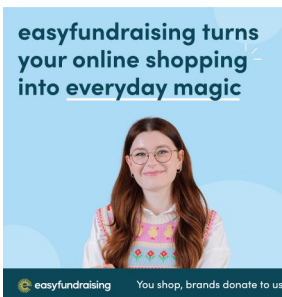
The Autumn term is always a busy one for FoFS and we hit the ground running with a **Bag2School** collection on **Tuesday 24th September**. We will be collecting your bin bags of donations, including:

- Men's, Ladies' and Children's clothing
- Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around)
- Handbags and Hats
- Scarves and ties
- Jewellery
- Household bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers)
- * Socks and Belts
- * Soft toys
- * Household linen, curtains and towels

The more your donations weigh, the more they pay - let's make it our best yet!

We are sure you'll agree that after a long summer - and Bag2School decluttering! - we have all earned a night off! **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.

Much as we love to run events, FoFS are also always looking at avenues for passive income and you can help with this too! **There are a couple of really easy ways to support us** - without any cost to you and while simply doing your shopping.



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. (This one is new and only donating to PTAs until the 30th November so apologies in advance for all the reminders!)



Finally, 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...

- **Reports and Books**

If you were unable to collect your child's report and books from last year before the end of term, please don't worry as these have been kept safely at school for you.

- **Fermor Bear**

Thank you to Mrs Russell for our very own Fermor School Bear. You may spot our bear in the entrance foyer or on adventures throughout this academic year. The next step is to give our SHF Bear a name!



- **Staffing**

Please say hello and welcome to some new faces at Fermor:

- ◇ Miss Barnes is working with 2C as their morning TA temporarily.
- ◇ Mrs Slater has joined the MDSA team.
- ◇ Mr Barclay is a visiting teacher working alongside Mrs Jeffs in 3J.
- ◇ Mrs Baker works in the main office as our new Admissions and Attendance Officer.

- **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.

Photo Gallery

