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SHF NEWS

Tuesday 5th May 2026



Inspire, Believe, Achieve

Headteacher's News

I hope you all had a lovely bank holiday weekend!

With the upcoming **swimming gala** first approaching this Wednesday, I want to extend a big thank you to Mrs Russell for leading additional swimming sessions before school. It is wonderful to see the commitment the children are showing towards extra-curricular opportunities.

We are looking forward to showcasing these opportunities and our school on Friday when we welcome **Grandparents** for some tea and cake at 2pm, then there's a chance to spend time in classes from 2.30pm.

Year 6 continue to make the most of their learning time before completing their **Standard Assessment Tests (SATs)** next week. This is an exciting time for the children to show off their learning across KS2, although part of that excitement may be the bonus breakfast and chocolate brain food! It is an important milestone and we know that it can be a nerve-wracking time, however, in true Fermor style we continue to keep a broad curriculum and celebrate all that makes each child individual, beyond their academic achievements.

Enjoy the shorter week!

Safeguarding

Children's Wellbeing Tips:

- Enjoy stress-free weekends with fun activities to help children relax.
- Children are reminded that tests do not define their worth.
- Engage in conversations about worries and listen to concerns - this can help to find a solution or put a worry into perspective.
- Children are reminded of their talents and skills, including those not measured through tests such as kindness, generosity and being a good friend.
- Replace negative language with growth mindset language, e.g.: "I can't do this!" becomes "I am going to work hard to get better at this."

Key Dates

Friday 8th May

FOFS Grandparents' Day
2pm

Monday 11th - Thursday
14th May

Year 6 SATS week

Friday 15th May

2K Music Festival at the
Community Centre

Year 6 SATS treat to
the park

Wednesday 20th May

EYFS leading the service
at All Saints Church
8.45am

Year 6 Heatree Talk for
Parents 6pm

Friday 22nd May

FOFS Pyjama Day
(toy/bottle donations)
Last Day of Term 5

Monday 25th May

Bank Holiday

Tuesday 26th May -

Friday 29th May
Half Term Break

Monday 1st June

First Day of Term 6

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

Gold Book

Well done for your fantastic learning – just the one entry this week:

1P: Kalila, Joseph and Penny for their great progress working on individual targets, including using conjunctions and keeping handwriting a consistent size.

3B: Chester, Teddy and Daniel for completing their sentences independently in class. Well done for editing them and using accurate punctuation;

Clara for a well-constructed and thoughtful diary;

Todd for his perseverance when editing his paragraphs and using prepositions & adjectives well.

3R: Rory for using his phonics to sound out words during his independent writing.

Attendance



Congratulations to **5M** for their attendance of 99.4% this week! Reggie Rabbit is hopping over to you. **Owls** were very close with 99.3% - great job!

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

5N & Hedgehogs (98.6%), **1P** (98.3%), **3B** (98.1%), **2K** (96.8%) and **3R** (96.1%).

Awards



Uniform Unicorn: Well done to Sabrina in 5N for setting a high standard of wearing smart uniform.

Fermor Merit: Jewel in 4J received the £5 book token this week, kindly donated by FOFS, for singing well in choir.

Musicians: Well done to all of 6F for showing great focus and dedication when learning the songs for their end-of-year production.

Inspire Believe Achieve

Theme of the Month: Interacting Politely

'Tell them not to speak evil of anyone but to live in peace with others. They should be gentle and polite to everyone.' Titus 3:2

Like in all things as parents and carers, teaching children to interact politely involves modelling the actions we want to see. Children learn by observing and imitating their parents. If we speak kindly using polite language; use good manners and model good behaviour; and show respect to others, then it is more likely that our children will do the same.

It is essential to teach children basic courtesies like "please," "thank you," and "excuse me" and encourage them to use these words consistently. We also need to teach children how to greet others with a smile, make eye contact and offer a firm handshake when appropriate.

This week in worship I spoke to the children about table manners so I do hope that they are amazing you with their dining etiquette! We discussed washing hands before a meal, making conversation with others at meal time but not talking with food in your mouth, asking for things to be passed to you instead of stretching over people and asking to be excused from the table when they had finished their meal.

Mrs Price

TABLE MANNERS

GOOD MANNERS MAKE MEALTIMES BETTER

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| 1. WASH HANDS FIRST <ul style="list-style-type: none">Always wash your hands before meals.Keep yourself and your food clean.  | 7. RESPECT OTHERS' FOOD <ul style="list-style-type: none">Don't reach across the table.Don't comment negatively about others' food.  |
| 2. USE KIND WORDS <ul style="list-style-type: none">Say "please" and "thank you."Use polite language at the table.  | 8. CLEAN UP AFTER YOURSELF <ul style="list-style-type: none">Wipe your area and throw away the trash.Help clear the table if needed.  |
| 3. SIT PROPERLY <ul style="list-style-type: none">Sit up straight in your chair.Keep your elbows off the table.  | 9. BE GRATEFUL <ul style="list-style-type: none">Say thank you to the cook.Appreciate the food and time shared.  |
| 4. WAIT YOUR TURN <ul style="list-style-type: none">Wait until everyone is served.Don't interrupt others while they're speaking.  | 10. STAY SEATED <ul style="list-style-type: none">Don't leave the table without asking.Stay until everyone is done eating.  |
| 5. USE UTENSILS CORRECTLY <ul style="list-style-type: none">Hold your spoon, fork, and knife properly.Don't play with your utensils.  | 11. USE AN INDOOR VOICE <ul style="list-style-type: none">Keep your voice low and calm.Avoid shouting or being too loud.  |
| 6. EAT NEATLY <ul style="list-style-type: none">Take small bites and chew with your mouth closed.Don't speak if your mouth is full.  | 12. ENJOY MEALTIMES <ul style="list-style-type: none">Have pleasant conversations.Share laughs and build happy memories!  |

In Other News...

- **All Saints Church:**

You're invited! Join us at All Saints Church on **May 5th 4:30-5:30** for our Heroes (F-yr2) Pirate themed party or Adventurers (yr3-5) pizza making! We will play loads of games, make crafts, have lots of fun and hear a true story about Jesus from the Bible. Booking is essential - don't miss out! If you're in year6 come and try out All Saints Youth Group - every Tuesday 6:30-8:00 in the main church.

Heroes: <https://allsaintscrowborough.churchsuite.com/events/k4ulmvm3>

Adventurers: <https://allsaintscrowborough.churchsuite.com/events/d0n8d8ny>



- **Parent Survey:**

Don't forget to complete the first every Tenax Trust parent survey. Please follow this link to our Survey webpage <https://survey.tenaxschoolstrust.co.uk/> and then select your child's/children's school. **The survey closes on Tuesday 12th May.** Thank you for taking part!



Friends of Fermor



Grandparents Day is this Friday 8th May at 2pm. We would love donations of cakes - homemade or shop bought welcome, but no cream or nuts please. Please bring any donations to the office on Friday morning. We appreciate that not every child has grandparents to attend. Please rest assured that the drop-in nature of the afternoon ensures that nobody is excluded.

We have a **pyjama day coming up** before half term too - children are invited to wear their pyjamas to school for the day. In return, we ask that you bring a donation for the Summer Fair tombolas...

Early Years and Key Stage 1 - please bring a toy for the children's tombola.

Key Stage 2 - Please bring a bottle for the bottle tombola.

Please ensure that any bottle donations have a use by date no earlier than July 2026.

Year Group in the Spotlight: Year 1 (Herstmonceux)

We had an exciting and memorable trip to the **Science Observatory**, full of curiosity, discovery and hands-on learning.

We began with an engaging science show about Tim Peake's journey into space. The children were fascinated to learn he enjoys curry and were amazed to see a real tin he took with him! They also explored friction, watched Zoey glide on a hover, and enjoyed an explosive demonstration using petrol, air and fire (although the bang was smaller than expected).

While one group attended a workshop, the other explored Discovery Park, using their senses to investigate objects and taking part in interactive exhibits that encouraged curiosity and discussion. A real highlight was testing different science activities, including lifting each other with a Henry Hoover—though, sadly, it couldn't quite lift Miss Podlasin!

At lunchtime, the children ate well and showed excellent manners, which was lovely to see.

In the afternoon, we joined a spacesuit workshop, linking to our recent learning. The children worked in teams to design a suit using materials that were strong, flexible and comfortable. Kalila presented the final design brilliantly, showing great teamwork.

We also learned fascinating space facts. The children discovered that astronauts have a reduced sense of smell due to fluid shifts, so food needs strong flavours. They were especially amazed that water is recycled in space, even from urine, although this made some reconsider becoming astronauts!

We are incredibly proud of the children. Their behaviour was excellent throughout: they were enthusiastic, respectful and a credit to our school. It was wonderful to see their learning brought to life in such an inspiring setting.



Photo Gallery

