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## Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2026 – Term 5 - Newsletter 1

### *Our Christian Value this term is 'Service'*

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to term 5, I hope you all had a restful Easter.

At the end of term 4, we enjoyed lots of different performances. Years 3 and 4 brought history to life with their Egyptian-themed plays, where each class took the lead for one performance while the others supported with singing and encouragement. Every show was a huge success, showcasing not only the children's growing confidence on stage but also the depth of knowledge they had gained during their history topic. We also enjoyed Mrs Newman's drama club productions of 'Finding Nemo,' which were equally fantastic. In all the plays and performances, children showed great dedication in learning their lines and rehearsing, and their hard work truly paid off. Well done to everyone who took part in the Year 3 and 4 plays and the drama club – you were all amazing! Thank you also to the staff who supported the productions. We are also very grateful to parents and carers for helping children practise at home and for supporting them throughout.



Thank you to all the parents and carers who took the time to review and respond to the draft PSHE policy that was shared last term. We really appreciate your thoughtful feedback and engagement. Mrs Hodge is currently putting together a short Q&A document to address some of the questions raised, which will be shared via email next week.

### **School Values**

This term, we are focusing on the Christian value of **Service**. At school, we will be learning about what it means to help others selflessly, both in our school community and beyond. Children will explore how small acts of kindness and generosity can make a big difference in someone's day. We encourage families to have conversations at home about how they can serve others with love and compassion.

### **Uniform**

A reminder that our school uniform is as follows:

- Navy sweatshirts or cardigans
- Pale blue shirts, blouses or polo shirts
- Grey or black school-style full-length trousers, skirts or pinafores
- Navy fleece
- Plain black or brown school shoes (no trainers, please)

As the weather (hopefully!) improves, children may also wear blue and white checked or striped dresses, as well as plain grey or black school-style short trousers or culottes (please note that ¾ length fashion trousers or leggings are not permitted).

All children are expected to wear a PE kit to school on PE days. The following kit should be worn on PE days in school:

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- T-shirt (in house colour)
- Dark navy sweatshirt / hooded top
- Plain dark coloured shorts or tracksuit bottoms and trainers.

Football shirts should not be worn as PE kits or for clubs. We would also kindly ask that children do not wear very short cycling shorts for PE or as part of their school uniform.

Thank you for your support in helping maintain a smart and consistent standard of dress across the school.



## Smartphone-Free Childhood at Update

Dear FCCE Parents,

### Survey Results: 40 Responses Show Strong Support for Delay

Our recent parent survey received 40 responses. Key takeaways: 78 percent of respondents (31 out of 40) say none of their children have smartphones. Top worries include screen time, mental health such as anxiety and depression, cyberbullying, harmful content, grooming and sleep loss. Strong backing for our parent pact: over 60 percent want to sign or have signed it. Parents plan smartphones around Years 9 to 11 (social media later), but feel peer pressure and want help with coordination, controls, and strategies.

### Government Momentum: Legal Ban on Phones in Schools

As reported by BBC on April 20th, the government will introduce a legal ban on smartphones in English schools via the Children’s Wellbeing and Schools Bill. This gives schools clear authority to enforce phone-free days, building on existing guidance.

### SFC National News

Smartphone Free Childhood (SFC) is gaining traction, with over 100,000 parent pacts signed nationwide including some celebrity parents joining the movement.

Get involved to help reduce peer pressure and keep our kids safer. Questions? Email [SFCFCCE@gmail.com](mailto:SFCFCCE@gmail.com).

Thanks,

Kris  
SFC School Organiser



## Mrs Fisher’s Shout Outs

- A massive well done to George W, who spent the Easter holidays raising money for the charity Young Lives vs Cancer. He took on their Spring challenge, which involved walking, running or swimming at least a mile every day for 14 days. He managed well over 20 miles in total and raised more than £300. This is an incredible achievement, George, and for such a fantastic cause—well done!
- Well done to Alfie and Harry for creating a fantastic Greek temple out of Lego – their creations are always incredible!
- Inspired by the class topic and play, Eliza worked incredibly hard over the Easter holidays researching Ancient Egypt, where she produced a detailed and fantastic report to showcase her knowledge. Well done for taking so more pride and effort with your extra



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learning.

- Jackson for consistently going out of his way to hold the door open for others.
- As a school we raised an incredible £146.50 for Children's Mental Health Week 2026. Thank you to everyone who donated towards this.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend and enjoy the sunshine.

Mrs Debbie Fisher  
Headteacher

### Coming up ... Dates for your diary 2025/2026

<b>Spring Term</b>	
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> April 2026	Rags to Riches clothes collection
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> April 2026	Anti-bullying workshops for the whole school
W/B 11 <sup>th</sup> May 2026	Key Stage 2 SATs week
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> May 2026	Enrichment Day – Information has been sent out – Please sign your child up on Arbor
<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2026</b>	<b>Last day of term 5</b>
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2026	INSET – school closed to children
<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026</b>	<b>First day of term 6</b>
W/B 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2026	Year 6 Residential to Manor
W/B 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2026	Year 4 Multiplication Check starts
W/B 8 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> July 2026	Sports Day – more information to follow
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> July 2026	Year 6 end of production 1.30pm and 6pm
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2026	Year 6 end of production 1.30pm and 6pm
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2026	Pupil reports sent home
<b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2026</b>	<b>Last day of term 6</b>
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2026	INSET Day – school closed to children
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2026	First day of term 1 (2026/2027)
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> September 2026	Happy's Circus – more details to follow

INSETS for 2026/2027:

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2026

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2026

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2027

There are another two dates to be confirmed.

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