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An Inspiring Place to Grow, Believe and Achieve Life in All its Fullness.

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John 10:10

Head's Message

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

Throughout this half term, our collective worship has focused on the firm foundations needed for a **community** to truly flourish. At the heart of these foundations are our school values.

These core values not only strengthen our current work but also guide us in nurturing a school environment that prepares our pupils to thrive in both their local and global communities. How we use our talents to serve others has been a key reflection for our pupils and staff and so many of our successes this term are a direct result of us living out service of others before ourselves.



Looking ahead to the second half of the term, we're excited to host several **community** events that we hope will bring together friends and families in celebration of our wonderful school. Highlights include our **Year 5 and 6 production, Parent Workshops** and, of course, **Sports Day**—with the added joy of the SOFSA Celebration Afternoon.

We hope these events will be a reflection of what it means to grow with **love**, believe with **hope**, and achieve with **joy** in our school community.

With warmest wishes,

Mr J Cox

Our worships next half term will give our pupils and staff time to reflect on how

Truthfulness can bring joy not only to others but also to ourselves.

“Truth is complete, it needs no exaggeration“



Summer Term: Achieve with **JOY**

Service

Truthfulness

Hall of Fame

Each week on a Friday, we will celebrate children who have lived out our school vision. Those who have demonstrated growing with love, believing with hope and achieving with joy will be inducted into our Ferring Hall of Fame. Pictures of our school's wonderful role models will be on our Hall of Fame display in our school reception area and a certificate will come home to celebrate each child's individual achievement.



If your child has achieved something outside of school e.g. a swimming **certificate**, gymnastics **medal**, football **trophy**, cubs **badge**...then we would love to celebrate that too. To take part, children need to bring in their items to celebrate on a Friday morning and hand them to their class teacher.

Hall of Fame 8.5.26

Reception: Liam B

Year 1: Otto R

Year 2: Logan C

Year 3: Poppy D

Year 4: Finley P

Year 5: Marnie M

Year 6: Whole Class

Hall of Fame 15.5.26

Reception: Rome R

Year 1: Ezban C

Year 2: Azra A

Year 3: Thea W

Year 4: Oliver K

Year 5: Alaska B

Year 6: Matas K

Hall of Fame 22.5.26

Reception: Ava W

Year 1: Cora C

Year 2: Arlo S

Year 3: Parker G-B

Year 4: Evie N

Year 5: Stanley M

Year 6: Mrs Clarke

House Points — updated May 22nd 2026



Emerald
3245



Ruby
3098



Topaz
3246



Sapphire
3289



Sporting Supporter of SOFSA

Following in the footsteps of his teacher, Miss Wilcock, five-year-old Finley Brown took on a sporting challenge to raise money for SOFSA. Finley successfully completed his first triathlon, taking part in a swim, cycle, and run. Through his incredible effort and determination, he raised an impressive £265. Thanks to the generosity of Aviva, this amount was matched, bringing the grand total raised for SOFSA to an outstanding £530. The money raised, alongside other donations received by SOFSA, will help ensure the continued enjoyment of enrichment events for every pupil. We would like to extend our sincere thanks to Finley and his family for their support and congratulate our young sports star on such a tremendous achievement. We are incredibly proud of him!





Pinterest

You need to be at least 13 years old to use Pinterest. Pinterest is a social media app, where users can share images and videos (called Pins). Users can browse through the images based on their stated interests, for example cooking. Users can then 'pin' (save) these images to their own boards to revisit. There is content on Pinterest that is not suitable for young people to see. Also, did you know that there is a messaging element to it, so your child could be interacting with strangers? Therefore, if your child is using Pinterest, it is important to show your child how to use the blocking and reporting tools. You can find out more information, including how to set up parental controls here:

<https://help.pinterest.com/en/article/resources-for-parents-and-caregivers-of-teens>

Find out more here:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/news-blogs/what-is-pinterest-what-parents-need-to-know/>

Online Scams

It is important to be aware that scammers can target your child whilst online through social media, messaging apps and games. These scams often look genuine, and children may not have the digital literacy skills to question their authenticity.

This can happen across lots of platforms that your child is accessing, for example Roblox or TikTok.

Scams can include:

- Offering in game currency.
- Befriending your child, which can then lead to requests for money or account details/personal information.
- Phishing links, with the intention of sharing malware or requesting account details/personal information.

What can I do?

It is important to have regular conversations with your child about what they are doing online and remind them to:

- Never share passwords or verification codes.
- Speak to you or another trusted adult if they are unsure about anything.
- Ensure appropriate parental controls and privacy settings are in place.
- Talk to your child about the different scams that can appear online and remind your child to check links before clicking on them.
- Remind your child that if they do think that they have been scammed, then to tell you straightaway.

Further information

<https://parentzone.org.uk/article/how-deal-online-scams-parent-guide>

A Safer Community

Our community is coming together in more ways than one to help create safer streets around our primary school and village. Happy Shoesday was a tremendous success — thank you to all the families and friends who supported the event through their time, generosity, and donations.

We were also delighted to welcome two new members to our team of Traffic Champions (pictured below). These additions were made possible thanks to a generous contribution from Ferring Parish Council — thank you for your continued support.

Our school is a growing and valued part of the village community, filled with hope as we work together to make Ferring a place where everyone can flourish. Love, Hope, and Joy are the foundations of our school, not only for our pupils but for every member of our wider community. These values are reflected in the way we strive to be ready, respectful, and safe in all our interactions with one another.

If any concerns or conflicts arise within our community regarding safer streets, please contact the school office so that the appropriate members of our team can address the matter promptly and effectively.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Happy SHOESDAY

THANK YOU FOR BEING SHOE-PER-HEROES!

You raised
a whopping **£397**

Thanks to schools like yours, we are one
step closer to safer streets for all!



SOFSA

UPDATE FOR PARENTS



GOLDEN TIME – FRIDAY 5TH JUNE



Setup from 1.30pm,
activities start at 2pm.



We still **urgently need volunteers** for this event. Without a minimum of **14 helpers**, unfortunately we won't be able to go ahead. If you are able to help with one of the activities, please let us know as soon as possible.



RAFFLE TICKETS



We have sold over **450** raffle tickets so far – **thank you** so much for your support!



Please continue to share with friends and family. The money raised really will help shape the enrichment opportunities we can offer the children next academic year.

<https://sofsa.sumupstore.com>



NON-UNIFORM DAY – FRIDAY 5TH JUNE



Your child will come home with a small brown envelope on the first day back after half term. Please fill this with loose change for one of our new stalls at the Summer Celebration Afternoon.



In exchange, children are welcome to wear their own clothes for Golden Time on Friday 5th June.



SUMMER CELEBRATION AFTERNOON – FRIDAY 26TH JUNE



Lots of planning and preparation is happening behind the scenes to make this event a success.

A FEW REMINDERS AND REQUESTS:



Please bring in any clean glass jars (jam, pasta sauce or condiment jars).



If you are able to help with preparation on any of the dates below, please let us know. We need help adding raffle ticket numbers to bottles and teddies, and filling jars with sweets.

PREPARATION SESSIONS:

- Tuesday 2nd June 2.30–3.15pm
- Wednesday 3rd June 2.30–3.15pm
- Thursday 11th June 3.15–4.00pm
- Friday 12th June 3.15–4.00pm



Each class has been allocated a stall to help ensure we have enough volunteers to run everything smoothly.

We are asking for **two people** to sign up to each **30-minute slot** between 1.30–4pm – children are very welcome to help alongside you!



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT



Ferring CE Primary School: A Place to Grow

There is something very special happening at Ferring CE Primary School – and it is growing in more ways than one. As a school rooted in its community, guided by strong values, and filled with love, hope and joy, we are delighted to share two exciting developments that truly reflect what makes our school such a fantastic place to learn and flourish.

September Intake

Firstly, we are thrilled to announce that our September intake is now completely full, with a waiting list in place. This is a wonderful milestone and a clear testament to the continued growth of our school community and the dedication of our staff, families, and pupils in making Ferring CE Primary a place where everyone can thrive. A full cohort brings with it a buzz of excitement – new friendships waiting to be formed, new opportunities to be explored, and a sense of belonging from the very first day.

Starting school is a significant step for children and their families, and we are looking forward to welcoming our new starters to a series of transition events in the coming months, where they will begin to feel part of our school family before the academic year even begins. These early experiences help to build confidence, spark curiosity, and ensure every child has a flying start to their educational journey.

At the same time, we would like to extend our warmest wishes to the families currently on our waiting list. We truly appreciate your interest in our school and while we may not be able to welcome everyone this year, we wish you and your children every success and happiness as you begin your school journeys.

School Allotment

Our second exciting development reflects our commitment to nurturing the whole child – academically, socially, and emotionally. Thanks to the incredible efforts of our School Parents Association, SOFSA (Supporters of Ferring School Association), alongside dedicated volunteers from Aviva, we have recently created a brand-new school allotment space complete with a growing tunnel.

This fantastic outdoor learning environment is already making a meaningful impact, providing pupils with hands-on opportunities to connect



with nature and supporting key areas of the national curriculum, including science, geography, and design and technology. Through planting, nurturing, and harvesting, children develop a deeper understanding of the world around them, while also learning about sustainability, responsibility, and healthy lifestyles.

Beyond the curriculum, the allotment will play an important role in supporting pupils' wellbeing. It will serve as a therapeutic space where children can feel calm, engaged, and inspired. For some, it will offer a different way to learn –

one that recognises and celebrates individual needs, strengths, and

interests. This inclusive approach ensures that every child can be supported and challenged in ways that help them grow with confidence.

At Ferring CE Primary School, growth is at the heart of everything we do, whether that's welcoming new members into our community or planting the seeds for future learning in our allotment. We are incredibly proud of the journey we are on and excited for what lies ahead.

Ferring CE Primary truly is a place to grow – and we couldn't be more delighted to share it with our wonderful community.



A Window Into Our Curriculum



Newsfeed—Reach More Parents, Weduc

This term, teachers will use the 'Newsfeed' on Reach More Parents to give our school community a window into your child's learning and our school's engaging curriculum. This has replaced all communications on Class Dojo as we continue to use Reach More Parents, Weduc, as our sole communication platform to parents.



Ferring Church of England Primary School

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Summer Term 2026 Select Dates

START OF SUMMER TERM: Monday 13th April
PUPIL AND PARENT WORK CELEBRATION: Wednesday 15th April 14:30pm – 15:30pm
CLASS PHOTOGRAPHS: Friday 17th April
CHANCE TO SHINE CRICKET DAY: Monday 20th April
SOFSA ENRICHMENT STEM WORKSHOPS: Thursday 21st May
SOFSA ENRICHMENT STEM WORKSHOPS: Friday 22nd May
HALF TERM: Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May
INSET DAY 5: Monday 1st June
Y6 RESIDENTIAL 2026: Wednesday 10th June – Friday 12th June
SINGING PERFORMANCE ST ANDREW'S CHURCH: Tuesday 16th June
LEAVER SERVICE CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL Y6: Monday 22nd June
SPORTS DAY: Friday 26th June 8:50am – 13:30pm
SOFSA CELEBRATION AFTERNOON: Friday 26th June 13:30pm – 16:00pm
RESERVE SPORTS DAY: Friday 10th July
YEAR 5 & 6 PRODUCTION: Tuesday 14th July 18:00pm – 19:30pm
Y4 RESIDENTIAL 2026: Thursday 16th July – Friday 17th July
Y6 LEAVERS SERVICE @ St Andrew's Church: Wednesday 22nd July 14:00pm – 15:15pm
END OF SUMMER TERM: Wednesday 22nd July

Autumn Term 2027 Select Dates

NSET DAY 1: Tuesday 1st September 2026
INSET DAY 2: Monday 2nd November 2026
INSET DAY 3: Monday 4th January 2027
INSET DAY 4: Monday 22nd February 2027
INSET DAY 5: Monday 7th June 2027

Our School Vision

'Ferring Church of England Primary School is an inspiring place to grow, believe and achieve life in all its fullness' John 10:10

Our School Values

that underpin our Vision



Our School Motto

that drives us towards our vision

Grow with Love, Believe with Hope, Achieve with Joy: Life in all its Fullness

Our School Rules



Do I need to keep my child off school?

Chicken Pox

Until all spots have crusted over

Conjunctivitis

No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed

Diarrhoea & Vomiting

48 hours from last episode

Glandular Fever

No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed

Hand, foot & mouth

No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed

Impetigo

Until lesions are crusted & healed or 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics

Measles or German Measles

4 days from onset of rash

Mumps

5 days from onset of swelling

Flu

Until recovered

Scabies

Until after first treatment

Head Lice

No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed

Scarlet Fever

24 hours after commencing antibiotics

Threadworms

No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed

Slapped Cheek

No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed

Tonsillitis

No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed

Whooping Cough

48 Hours after commencing antibiotics