

**MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER**

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Thames Hospice Fundraising**

An enormous thanks to all of you who have given generously to our fundraising efforts. To exceed £10,000 in such a short space of time is a tremendous testament to the importance of the cause and the kindness of the Furze Platt community.



I know that we would all like to raise as much as possible for Thames Hospice so please do keep donating. We are all keen to give as much as possible to this amazing local charity. More details are on page 2 of this newsletter.

**Geography Fieldwork**

Members of our community may well have seen Year 11 students in town this week completing their GCSE fieldwork. This is an important part of their course to support their work in class and their exam. Many thanks to anyone who has stopped and helped our students complete their work.

**Year 10 PPEs**

Congratulations to all Year 10 students who have tackled their PPEs with thought and maturity this week. I hope that students get the results their efforts deserve.

**Year 11 PE moderation and Language Speaking Exams**

Finally, the concluding assessments for Year 11 continue to take place. Following Food and Nutrition last week, we had PE moderation this week, with mock speaking exams in French, German and Spanish about to happen. Good luck to Year 11 with these vital assessments.

Take care,

Dr Andrew J Morrison (BA Hons, PGCE, MA, PhD)

**UPCOMING EVENTS****ALL EVENTS****TERM 4 EVENTS**

<b>SAT 2</b> MARCH	DofE Silver Training Day	9am-2pm
<b>THU 7</b> MARCH	Year 8 Parents & Students' Consultation Evening	3.45pm-7.45pm
<b>FRI 8</b> MARCH	Late School Start	9.15am
<b>THU 21</b> MARCH	Year 10 Parents & Students' Consultation Evening	4.15pm-7.15pm
<b>TUE 26</b> MARCH	Spring Concert	7-9pm
<b>THU 28</b> MARCH	<b>END OF TERM (TERM 4)</b>	12.30pm finish
<b>FRI 29 - FRI 12</b> MARCH - APRIL	<b>EASTER HOLIDAYS</b>	
<b>MON 15</b> APRIL	<b>START OF TERM 5 (Week 1)</b>	

**SCHOOL TERM DATES****SECONDARY SCHOOL NATIONAL OFFER DAY**

**Deadline for Acceptance: Friday 15th March**

Secondary school places were sent out today to parents and carers. Acceptances need to be made via RBWM by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March. More details via the link below.

We look forward to meeting all our new students starting in September!

**RBWM - MOVING UP TO SECONDARY SCHOOL****LATE START (9.15AM)****FRIDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

Following our Year 8 Parents Evening on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March, all students will start at 9.15am on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March. Students should go straight to their first lesson that day instead of Form time.



## YEAR 8 PARENTS EVENING

**THURSDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 3.45-7.45PM**

On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024 there will be an opportunity for the parents/carers of students in Year 8 to meet their subject teachers. Face to face appointments are available between 3.45-7.45pm in the Theatre and Main Hall.

The appointments are available to book now and close on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March at 2pm.

Parents' Evenings are very important events that allow you to gain helpful insights into your child's progress, discuss upcoming assessments and find out how families can support students with revision, therefore we would you request that you attend the appointments with your child.

School Cloud is a platform whereby you will have an opportunity to book your appointments with your child's subject teachers in advance. To book appointments and for full instructions, either follow the link below or go to the Parents' Evening Bookings link under 'News & Events' on the front page of the school website.

### PARENTS' EVENING BOOKINGS

Appointments have been capped at seven appointments initially per child; this is to allow every parent access to speak to subject staff. Our primary goal is to ensure that every parent has fair and equal access to feedback from their child's subjects. With children studying more than 10 subjects, a completely unrestricted booking system could lead to a scenario where only a small percentage of parent's secure appointments, leaving many without the opportunity for valuable feedback. By implementing a limit, we aim to distribute these opportunities more evenly among parents. Closer to the evening we will release remaining appointments slots for parents to potentially access more subjects.

To maintain the efficiency and punctuality of the event, we have also enforced a five-minute travel time between appointments. This buffer helps ensure that each meeting runs smoothly and stays within the allotted time frame.

We look forward to seeing you on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March.

Best wishes,

Miss R Lake, Deputy Headteacher



## YEAR 10 SILVER AWARD TRAINING DAY

**SATURDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> MARCH 9AM-3PM**

**\*\*Please note this event is mandatory\*\***

We will be holding our Silver Award Training Day for Year 10 students on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 9am to 3pm in the Humanities block.

Students will need to bring a packed lunch and drinks. Some of the day will be outside so please dress accordingly.

Letters were sent out in the last week of term to parents and carers of students doing their Bronze and Silver Awards, with expedition details of dates, venues, kit, cookery/food, medical and much more.

If you have any queries regarding the expeditions please email Mr Randall, Outdoor Education and Enrichment Coordinator ([david.randall@furzeplatt.net](mailto:david.randall@furzeplatt.net)).

Alternatively, please see our website for more information:

### DOFE AWARDS



### FURZE PLATT FUND RAISING FOR THAMES HOSPICE

Led by Deputy Headteacher James Sheppard (pictured far left), 17 teachers have volunteered to be gunged by students at Furze Platt on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March, with five putting themselves forward to have their heads shaved. Students at the school who donate will have their names put into a hat, with winners being selected to either tip the buckets of gunge or wield the clippers to shave their teachers' heads.

Mr Sheppard writes:

'Thank you so much to everyone who has donated so far, such incredible generosity! To have reached not only our

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£8,000 target for both gunging and head shaving but over £10,000 (including gift aid) quite so quickly is simply amazing. What a community we have! How brilliant would it be if we could get to £15,000 or more? Every penny we can raise goes to supporting the wonderful Thames Hospice. We are sharpening the clippers and readying the gunge for the 20<sup>th</sup> March.'

£12000 could fund:

a Nurse for 3 months - or provide 10 days of InPatient Services for a Patient at Thames Hospice.

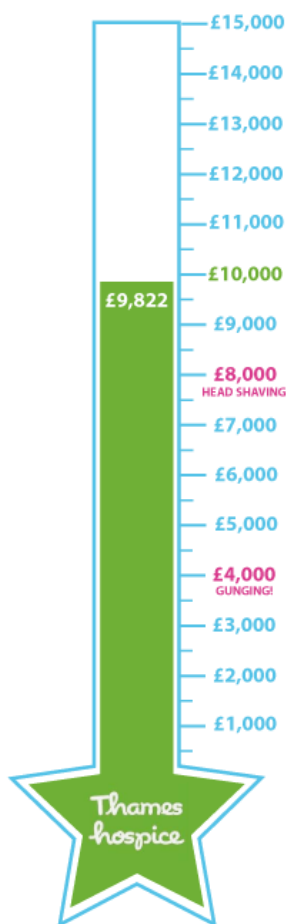
Thank you for your support.

OUR THAMES HOSPICE  
WEBPAGE

FURZE PLATT X (TWITTER)

FURZE PLATT FACEBOOK

[WWW.JUSTGIVING.COM/PAGE/FPSS-THAMES-HOSPICE](http://WWW.JUSTGIVING.COM/PAGE/FPSS-THAMES-HOSPICE)



## TERM 4 CLUBS 2024

Parents and carers may wish to sign up to My EVOLVE for an overview of clubs, what's on etc – you can do this from the club or academic support clinic emails sent to you in two easy steps:

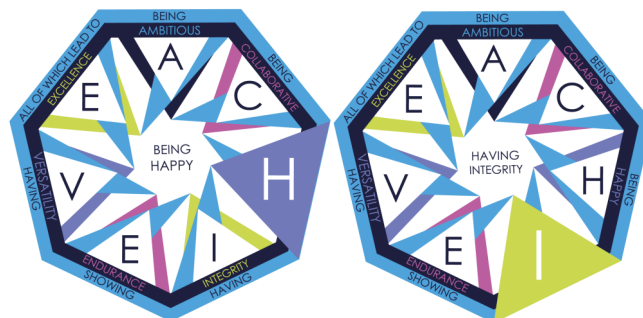
1. Click on the link in the email as usual to see clubs/clinics
2. Click 'create account' button.

Please note:

\* once in the list of clubs or academic support clinics, click on the name of the activity or session you wish to book and press confirm (please do not duplicate club bookings per session)

Thank you.

## SCHOOL CLUB LIST



## So who might you want to get their head shaved?



Mr Gill



Dr Graham



Mr Harrison



Mr Wright



Mr Sheppard

20 MARCH  
2024  
HEAD  
SHAVING



## So, who might you get to gunge?



20  
MARCH  
2024  
GUNGING

## VISIT TO MAIDENHEAD REPAIR CAFÉ

Our Year 9F Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award class had a great session volunteering at Maidenhead Repair Café this morning (Friday)!





## 200 CLUB

Winning numbers for Draw 26  
on Tuesday 27th February 2024



Thank you to those who supported our latest PTFA meeting and congratulations to our three lucky winners who will all be receiving a £200 cash prize!

Our PTFA is a registered charity No 287878.

## HOW CAN YOU SUPPORT YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL?

### Your PTFA needs YOU!

All parents, carers and staff of Furze Platt Senior School are automatically members of the PTFA.

Please consider joining the 200 club, which is our main fundraiser. For just £5 a month you have the chance to win £200 at one of our quarterly prize draws. Please sign up here:

## 200 CLUB - MONTHLY DONATION

**TEAM**  
TOGETHER EVERYONE ACHIEVES MORE

Contact us Email: [ptfa@furzeplatt.net](mailto:ptfa@furzeplatt.net)  
facebook.com/fpsstfta Website: [click here to access](#)

## AND FINALLY...

Year 7 will have Wayne Dixon in their Philosophy and Religion lessons over the next few weeks.

Wayne will be introducing the new topic with a story of people Jesus met. Here is Wayne rapping his 'Zach rap' that he has been performing for the past 30 years!

On behalf of team PR and Year 7, thank you Wayne!



**YEAR 9**

**MINI HOUSE COMPETITION**

Write a poem about your recent trip to the Imperial War Museum.

It could be about something you have seen in the museum or about your day as a whole.

**PRIZES:**

- 50 house points for the winner
- 25 points for 2 runners up
- 5 points for each entry

**Deadline: 21st March 2024**

Submit your poem in person or by email to your Head of House.

**POETRY COMPETITION**

**Get writing and good luck!**

**EAGLE** **FALCON** **HAWK** **OSPREY**



## HR Officer

EDV/2024/FPSS/47324

We are seeking an experienced HR professional who is dedicated to maintaining effective HR systems and providing operational support to a dynamic team.

- 📍 Maidenhead, Berkshire, SL6 7NQ
- 🕒 Permanent | Full-Time
- 💷 £31,464.00 Annually (FTE)

**10 Days Remaining** • Apply by 09:00am, Monday 11th Mar, 2024 • Job start: ASAP



[Apply Now](#)

## Exam Invigilators - Casual

EDV/2024/FPSS/16576

Term time only. Casual contract.

- 📍 Maidenhead, Berkshire, SL6 7NQ
- 🕒 Casual Contract | N/A
- 💷 £14.15 Hourly

**30 Days Remaining** • Apply by Midnight, Sunday 31st Mar, 2024



[Apply Now](#)

## Cover Supervisor

EDV/2024/FPSS/04579

Usually 32.5 hours a week with a start time of 8.30am and finish time of 3.30pm (including half hour unpaid break) Monday to Friday, term time only plus two INSET days. Part time/Job Share/Flexible...

- 📍 Maidenhead, Berkshire, SL6 7NQ
- 🕒 Permanent | Full-Time
- 💷 £19,600.00 - £21,000.00 Annually (Actual)  
depending on experience and pro-rate if part time.

**30 Days Remaining** • Apply by Midnight, Sunday 31st Mar, 2024



[Apply Now](#)

## Cleaner

EDV/2024/FPSS/90053

Permanent, full time, up to 37 hours per week, term time only. Additional hours may be available during the school holidays. Available shifts: 6am-9am/3pm-7.30pm Monday to Friday (early finish on...

- 📍 Maidenhead, Berkshire, SL6 7NQ
- 🕒 Permanent | Full-Time
- 💷 £18,415.00 Annually (Actual)

**30 Days Remaining** • Apply by Midnight, Sunday 31st Mar, 2024



[Apply Now](#)



Elevate Education's Spring Term

## Parent Webinar Series

Elevate Education delivers high-impact workshops to our students that help to develop their study skills, motivation, and exam preparation. Over the next term, you're invited to join their parent webinar series, where you can help support your child at home by reinforcing the skills they're learning at school.

### ***How to Help Your Child Improve Their Note Taking***

23rd January 6:00pm

### ***How You Can Make Technology an Ally***

6th February 6:00pm

### ***How You Can Help Your Child Prepare for Exams***

5th March 6:00pm

### ***How You Can Support Your Child During Exams***

19th March 6:00pm

Register today at: <https://go.elevateeducation.com/ukschoolwebinar>

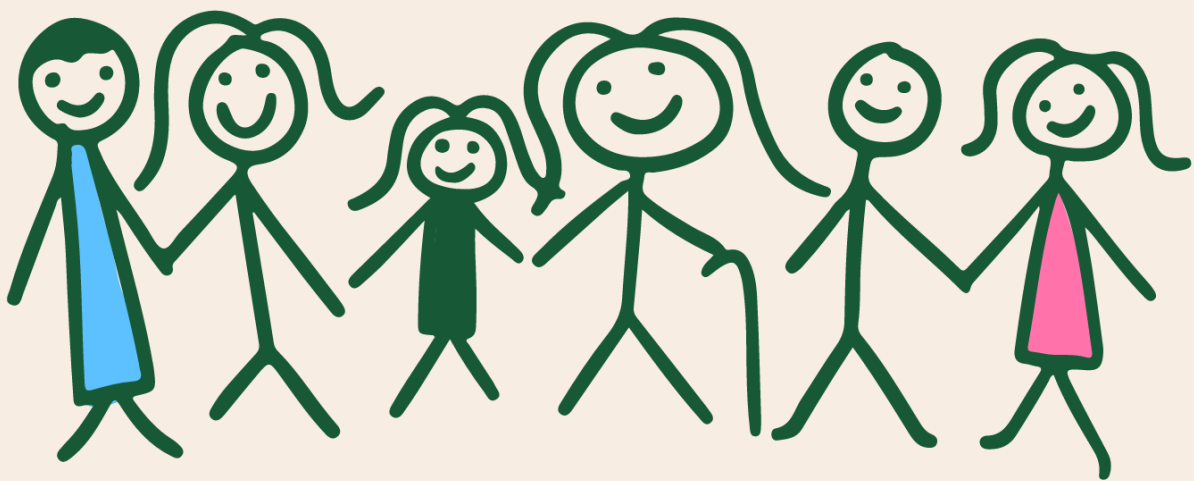




# Little literacy lessons for families

A research project for refugee families from Ukraine

Навчаємо батьків організовувати  
захоплюючі заняття з читання та  
грамотності вдома, аби діти навчалися  
читанню граючи



<https://littleliteracylessons.org>

### **Call for refugee families from Ukraine with primary-school-aged children.**

The [Little Literacy Lessons for Families](https://littleliteracylessons.org/) research project is a training programme empowering families to lead their own reading and writing activities at home and support their children to develop their literacy skills.

#### **Why take part?**

- To learn more about how your child learns to read and write and feel more empowered to support them.
- To boost your child's motivation to read at home doing fun activities inspired by their interests.
- To connect with other families sharing similar interests, wanting to boost their children's literacy skills or their own confidence in supporting their children.

#### **What will happen if I take part?**

- One **Saturday afternoon** a month, from March to the end of **May 2024**, the families will meet with the project team in the Ukrainian Community Centre in Reading for **group training sessions**.
- The training will be delivered by expert educators from the University of Reading with long experience of teaching and researching reading and writing development with young multilingual learners.
- A member of the project team will **guide, advise and support you** to lead reading and writing activities with your child at home for the duration of the programme.
- We will ask your views and experience of family training at different times during the programme.

#### **How do I take part?**

- To take part, you must be a Ukrainian refugee family with a primary-school aged child moved to the UK in the last 2 years, and willing to learn more about how to support your child with reading and writing at home.
- You don't need any prior knowledge to join and live interpreting will be available for the duration of the programme. Childcare during the sessions would be available as well.

#### **What families have said about the [Little Literacy Lessons for Families](https://littleliteracylessons.org/) programme**

"It was great to have suggested activities as sometimes it is difficult to come up with engaging activities that have a clear goal to achieve."

"I liked: The range of activities, the fact that I could find different activities that suit me and my child. Learning through play."

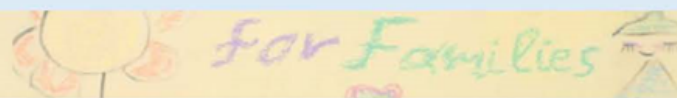
"It made me think that there are more activities to try out and to keep finding the ones they find interesting/engaging."

"Spending time with just me and my daughter and seeing her progress and enjoy herself."

WATCH VIDEOS OF FAMILIES SHOWCASING THEIR HOME ACTIVITIES

<https://littleliteracylessons.org/>

To take part, please email project's assistant [d.svitailo@student.reading.gmail.com](mailto:d.svitailo@student.reading.gmail.com)





# SPORTS AND ACTIVITY CAMP

For 8 to 13 Year Olds  
**Easter Holidays**

**02.04.24 - 12.04.24**

**08:00 - 18:00**



**Bouldering Room**

**Football**

**Basketball**

**Dodgeball**

**Basketball**

**Orienteering**

**Bubble Football**

**VR Games Room**

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**SCAN ME**



# What my diagnosis means to me



**Have you or your child recently been diagnosed with Autism or ADHD ?**

**Would you like to understand more about what this means?**

We are running virtual workshops which will give participants an opportunity to share their experience and understand more about their diagnosis in a safe setting

The session will run for up to 1 hour and 30 mins and will have a maximum of 10 attendees.

The cost is £20 plus booking fee per session (This event is non refundable).

Sessions are running on the following dates:

Adults 18+ with ADHD - Monday 4th March, 7-8:30pm

Teenagers ages 13-16 with Autism - Tuesday 19th March, 4:15-5:45pm

Teenagers ages 13-16 with ADHD - Wednesday 20th March, 4:15-5:45pm

**Sign Up**

You can view all our events under this link -  
[www.ticketsource.co.uk/gems4health-autismandadhdsupport](https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/gems4health-autismandadhdsupport)  
or contact: [Gems.4Health@nhs.net](mailto:Gems.4Health@nhs.net)



ST JOSEPH'S PARISH  
MAIDENHEAD

**Maidenhead / St Joseph's, St Edmund Campion, St Thomas Moore**  
**Youth Ministry Worker / Coordinator**

We are looking for an experienced Youth Ministry / Coordinator to join our team and help us achieve future growth in the parish in the spirit of 'Let us Dream'.

As the Youth Ministry Worker/Coordinator you will co-ordinate Parish Youth Groups and introduction of new programmes as approved by the Senior Leadership Team.

You will work with young people aged 7 – 18, to fully equip them as missionary disciples of Jesus Christ, rooted in the community of His Body, the Church, so that, empowered by the Spirit, they are willing to share the joy of the Gospel with others in word and deed, serving as Jesus serves and loving as he loves. To develop youth groups across the Parish

This role will ensure that our various youth groups act together seamlessly and provide an environment in which their Faith will grow and expand

Based at the Parish Offices at St Joseph's, Maidenhead, you will work on an annualised contract basis of 1040 hours per annum (average working hours of 20 per week). Flexibility is required as the role requires some weekend and evening working.

Salary: up to £13 per hour.

Appointment to this role will be subject to receipt of a satisfactory DBS clearance.

For further details and full job description please contact: [recruitment@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

For an informal discussion about this role please contact:

Michael Kennedy

Email: [mtkennedy@btinternet.com](mailto:mtkennedy@btinternet.com)

Tel: 07778803475

Closing date for applications: Friday 29 March 2024