

# FURZE PLATT FOCUS

Weekly Newsletter - Issue #67.7



## MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER



Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

### Our New Behaviour Systems

At the start of the week, I had the pleasure of touring classrooms and awarding vouchers to the eight students who had gained the most ACHIEVE points in the previous week.

Rewarding the many students who continuously get things right at FPSS is key to our new behaviour system. Tutors shared the various rewards students can receive with students earlier in the week. I look forward to giving out many more prizes in the weeks to come.



On the flip side, the new system is also highlighting to staff, parents and carers those students whose behaviour needs to change. Thank you to all parents and carers who are reinforcing these messages at home.

If you are a parent or carer yet to download the App please do so in order that you can track rewards your child is receiving, as well as be informed of any negative points. A reminder, that the link to the App details can be found here:

[CLASS CHARTS LOGIN](#)

### Year 10 University Visits

Last week, I enjoyed hearing from some of our Year 10 students returning from Royal Holloway University. For many students the visit had evidently lit a flame and they are keen to pursue a university career. Equally, for others, the visit helped confirm their intention to seek apprenticeships and employment.

I hope that the rest of Year 10 either attending the University of Reading or Sussex visits next week have an equally positive experience.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

[ALL EVENTS](#)  
[SPORTS CALENDAR](#)

### Next week (Week 2)

**THU 23 JUNE** INSET DAY - School closed

### Forthcoming Events

<b>MON 27 JUNE</b>	Year 5 Open Morning <i>Call 01628 625308 to book</i>
<b>WED 29 JUNE</b>	Year 11 Graduation <span style="float: right;">4-6pm</span>
<b>THU 30 JUNE</b>	Year 11 Prom
<b>FRI 1 JULY</b>	INSET DAY - School closed

### PTFA Events

<b>TUE 28 JUNE</b>	PTFA Meeting and AGM (Library) <span style="float: right;">7.30 -9pm</span>
<b>SAT 2 JULY</b>	PTFA Nearly New Sale (Music Dept) <span style="float: right;">11am - 2pm</span>

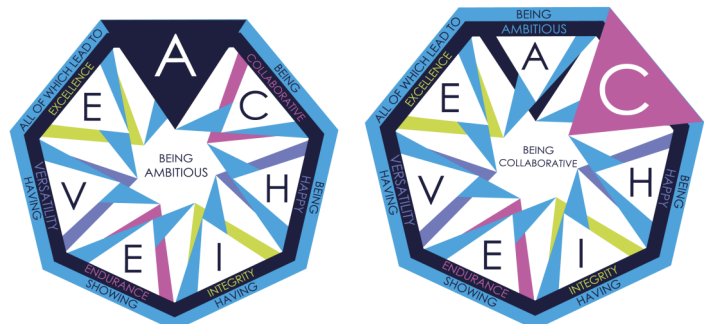
**SCHOOL TERM DATES**

### Athletics

Finally, congratulations to our Year 7 and 8 students who represented FPSS in athletics this week and good luck to all our competitors in the District Athletics Championship next week.

Take care,

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



## REMINDER

### INSET DAYS THIS TERM

**THURSDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> JUNE AND FRIDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> JULY**

School will be closed to students in all year groups on both Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June and Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July (except for those taking exams on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June).

### YEAR 9 AND 10 GIRLS FOOTBALL

On Tuesday our Year 9/10 girls' football team competed in their first football tournament of the year and played admirably throughout to finish in 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

The team showed fantastic sportsmanship throughout, and the integrity they displayed throughout represented Furze Platt in a very positive light.

There were some stand out performances from many players - Alex Delahaye in goal making a number of impressive saves, particularly in the sudden death penalty shoot-out, and Lily Gibson scoring a fantastic goal to give Furze Platt a win over Burnham Grammar.

The team:	Grace Gibson
Holly Bray	Lily Gibson
Amelia Russell	Courtney Harris
Sophie McLachlan	Grace Parkin
Alex Delahaye	Zara Webb



### MEAT FREE MONDAY

**MONDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**

On Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June we are trialling a 'Meat free Monday' in the café. There will be a whole selection of delicious vegetarian dishes to try. Students are encouraged to come along and support Furze Platt's first ever Meat free Monday.



**Having at least one plant-based day a week is a fun and easy way to do something good for the planet and our future.**

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**It can take 30 bathtubs of water to produce just one beefburger**

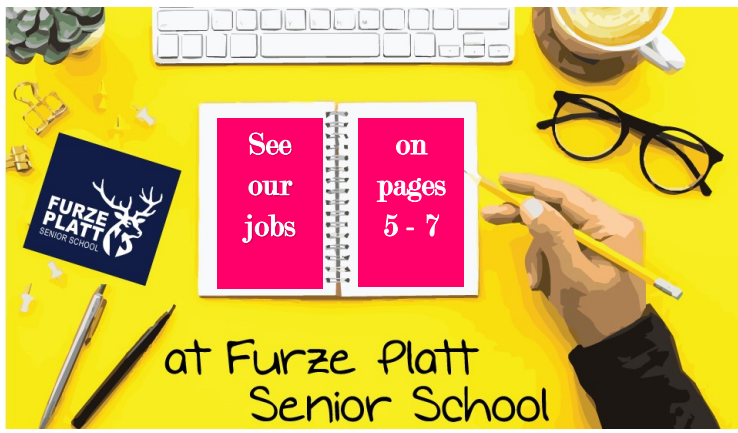
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**An area of rainforest the size of a hundred football pitches is cut down every hour to create room for grazing cattle**

# 1/3

**Almost a third of all land on Earth is used for livestock production**

Please support Meat Free Monday on 20<sup>th</sup> June to do your bit for the planet!



## OUTSTANDING LIBRARY AND TEXTBOOKS



If you have any outstanding school library books or textbooks, please can they be returned to Main Reception as a matter of urgency.

We are also missing a number of copies of 'Private Peaceful' and 'A Monster Calls' - if you have either please do return them so all our students can have their own copies to study. Thank you.



## SCHOOL FUNDRAISING EVENT

THURSDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> JULY



Maidenhead Concert Band (our local community band) will be performing together with our own students and staff for a fun toe-tapping evening with a great variety of live music. This is a real community event and it would be fantastic to make this a sell-out.

TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED HERE

or via the QR code here:



If you can help with Silent Auction or Raffle prizes please bring any donations into Main Reception or contact Catherine Johnstone: [catherine.johnstone@furzeplatt.net](mailto:catherine.johnstone@furzeplatt.net).

### FURZE PLATT SUMMER CONCERT

Maidenhead  
Concert  
Band  
Conductor  
Richard Whennell

Featuring Staff  
and Pupils

Thursday 14 July at 19:30  
Doors Open at 19:00

Tickets available  
online -  
£8 and £5 for  
concessions

www.ticketsource.co.uk/furzeplatttheatre

Furze Platt Senior School  
Furze Platt Road Maidenhead  
SL6 7NQ  
Raffle-Silent Auction(shh!)-Free Parking-Bar

## TERM 6 CLUBS

You may wish to sign up to My EVOLVE for an overview of clubs, what's on etc – you can do this from any of the club emails sent to you in two easy steps: 1. Click on the link in the email as usual to see clubs 2. Click 'create account' button at the top of your screen.

Every Friday afternoon the list of clubs for the following week is updated on our website here:

## SCHOOL CLUBS AND ACADEMIC SUPPORT CLINICS SCHEDULE 2022

### SUPERVISED STUDY

(Homework Club)

Do you need a place to

- Revise
- Do homework
- Do school work?

3.15pm – 4.30pm

16<sup>th</sup> May – 24<sup>th</sup> June 2022

Monday – IT2

Tuesday – IT3

Wednesday – IT2

Thursday – IT2

Friday – IT2

Sign up on EvolveClubs or talk to Miss Gorton in RA







Parents, Teachers  
& Friends  
Association



TOGETHER EVERYONE ACHIEVES MORE

Contact us

Email: [ptfa@furzeplatt.net](mailto:ptfa@furzeplatt.net) | Facebook: [facebook.com/fpsstfta](https://www.facebook.com/fpsstfta)  
Website: [click here to access](#)

Charity Number 287878

# IT'S BEEN A **SIZZLING** WEEK IN THE SUN LET'S MAKE THE NEXT FEW WEEKS **SIZZLE** WITH YOUR HELP...EVERY LITTLE BIT HELPS!

**TUESDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2022 – 7PM FOR 7.30PM**

PTFA AGM AND GENERAL MEETING - SCHOOL LIBRARY - ALL WELCOME!

At least **6 individuals are required** to attend the AGM so Nominations are constituted as Chair, Treasurer and Secretary. To stand as an Officer or to Nominate someone, please get in touch before June 28<sup>th</sup>: [ptfa@furzeplatt.net](mailto:ptfa@furzeplatt.net)



**PLEASE COME ALONG TO HEAR OUR RESULTS AND MEET US; WE WON'T GIVE YOU A JOB, PROMISE!**

**STILL REQUIRED: 200 CLUB ADMINISTRATOR – EMAIL US: [ptfa@furzeplatt.net](mailto:ptfa@furzeplatt.net) OR MESSAGE US: <https://www.facebook.com/fpsstfta>**

**SATURDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> JULY 2022 – 11AM-2PM**

NEARLY NEW UNIFORM SALE

**Logo'd uniform in clean and saleable condition required via school reception. Year 11 families – please drop in uniform after the exams!**



**STILL REQUIRED: 8 HELPERS TO SET UP ON FRIDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> AND ON SATURDAY 2<sup>ND</sup>.**

**HOW MUCH TIME CAN YOU OFFER? EMAIL US: [ptfa@furzeplatt.net](mailto:ptfa@furzeplatt.net) OR MESSAGE US: <https://www.facebook.com/fpsstfta>**

**THURSDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2022 – 7PM**

BAR FOR THE THEATRE PERFORMANCE - MAIDENHEAD CONCERT BAND

**8 HELPERS REQUIRED TO SET UP, RUN THE BAR AND CLEAR UP**

**IT'LL BE A SUPERB COUPLE OF HOURS! WHEN CAN YOU HELP?**



**FEEDBACK AND IDEAS WELCOME - YOU KNOW WHERE TO FIND US!**

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## Site Assistant To start as soon as possible

Permanent Full time, 37 hours a week. A start and finish time is negotiable and includes a half hour unpaid break. Monday to Friday, all year round, 28 days paid annual leave plus Bank Holidays

Actual salary £19,905 - £20,304 pa depending on experience

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We are looking for a Site Assistant to join our well-established site team who work together to ensure that our school buildings and school estate are maintained to a high standard and remain secure at all times. This is a varied role where you will work with the team to ensure that the school estate is kept safe, tidy and to a good level of aesthetic standard, by keeping exterior roads, paths, steps and walkways clear and safe in all weather conditions. Grounds maintenance duties such as disposal of rubbish, and clearing gutters is also important.

As well as the above you will support with external lettings and other events. This will include liaising with staff and hirers to meet their needs, setting up rooms and halls for a variety of events and moving furniture. Cleaning and minor maintenance work such as installations, renovations, and redecoration as also a fundamental part of this role. We offer training and lots of opportunities to acquire new skills that will help you to develop in this role.

We are interested in applicants who may have some experience in working in a maintenance role or who are able to undertake minor maintenance activities such as gardening, repairs and painting. You must also be physically fit, and able to move furniture and lift and use step ladders. Good organisational and time management skills are a must as well as the ability to meet deadlines and work in a flexible manner. If you are a team player who would relish the opportunity to work in a community/environment where no two days are the same, then we would love to hear from you. Start and finish time is negotiable

For further information about this role and to complete a **Support Staff Application Form** please refer to our school website [www.furzeplatt.com](http://www.furzeplatt.com). Application forms should be returned to [joanne.latham-brash@furzeplatt.net](mailto:joanne.latham-brash@furzeplatt.net). Only applications submitted on the school application form will be considered.

Furze Platt Senior School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and we expect all staff to share this commitment. This post is subject to an enhanced disclosure via the Disclosure and Barring Service.

**Closing date: 15<sup>th</sup> July 2022**  
**Interviews will take place as suitable applications are received**

## Science Technician Level Three - Chemistry To start 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022

Permanent, Part time, 35 hours a week, start time 8.30am, finish time 4pm (includes a half hour unpaid break). Monday to Friday, term time only  
Actual salary £17,575 - £19,025pa depending on experience

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The science technician team at Furze Platt currently consists of six staff members who work across two science prep rooms. We are looking for someone to join the team and contribute to the provision of technical support to members of the science teaching team to enable them to achieve the targets set out in the Science Department Plan.

You will be involved in a whole range of tasks primarily with a focus on the chemistry side of science including preparing Key Stage 3 to Key Stage 5 practical lessons and taking a lead in ensuring the prep rooms are kept in a tidy condition and that all preparations for practical lessons meet safety requirements. You will prepare paper resources for Key Stage 4 and Key Stage 5 start of topic criteria resources, and end of topic tests, oversee safety checks, and keep up to date records as well as prepare and co-ordinate cover work for Cover Supervisors in the absence of teachers. You will take responsibility for the management of the prep rooms, including safety elements on the rare occasions that the Lead/Assistant Lead Technicians are absent. Training will be provided where there are gaps, and you will be surrounded by a supportive team.

If you have a GCSE or equivalent in chemistry, have acquired knowledge and an understanding of chemistry through working in an educational environment and would enjoy working in a school where every day brings new challenges, and provides an opportunity to grow your already established skill set then we would love to hear from you. You need to have good communication skills and be able to work effectively as part of a team. An ability to prioritise and work under pressure to meet tight deadlines is paramount as well as a sense of humour and team spirit.

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**Interviews will take place: as soon as possible after the closing date**



## Learning Support Assistants To start asap

Permanent, Part time, 30 hours a week, start time usually between 8.45/9.15am, finish time between 3.15/3.45pm (includes a half hour unpaid break). Monday to Friday, term time only

Salary Scale 2c - Actual salary £13,900 - £14,195pa (pay award pending) depending on experience

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We are looking for enthusiastic and reliable individuals to join our core Learning Support team to provide targeted support to our students with Special Educational Needs, and our Shine team who support students with ASD (Autistic Spectrum Disorder).

You would be working under the direction of classroom teachers and, in line with any agreed special needs and other specialist plans, to provide support to individual students in the completion of a wide range of learning activities at all key stages. Supporting small groups of students for interventions and mentoring nominated students is also a part of this role. You will help students develop their social and communication skills and gain access to the curriculum by ensuring effective use of differentiated instructions and tasks provided by teachers.

We are looking for team players, who can communicate sensitively and confidently with staff, students and parents. This role would suit someone who is able to use their own initiative and who has strong organisational and time management skills. We would love to receive applications from anyone who is working with or has worked with students in a school setting and gained experience or knowledge of SEN (Special Educational Needs) or ASD (Autistic Spectrum Disorder).

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**Closing date: Ongoing**  
**Interviews will take place as suitable applicants apply**



# INTERNSHIPS



Are you an undergraduate who is interested in finding out how exciting it is to be a teacher of Maths, Physics or Computing?

Would you like to spend time in one of our five impressive partnership schools in Maidenhead?

Would you like the prospect of shadowing a teacher, a student and sharing your experiences with others also keen on pursuing a teaching career?

Would you like the opportunity to speak with a newly qualified teacher about their first year in school?

Then please read on ...



# TEACH MAIDENHEAD



## Interested in training to teach?

TEACH  
MAIDENHEAD

is now recruiting for September 2022 in many subjects.

If you are passionate about working with young people and enriching their lives, then why not consider a career in teaching?

Imagine how you could develop their knowledge of the fascinating worlds of science, arts, technology, languages or humanities when you become an inspiring teacher.

Information on the courses available can be found at: [www.teachmaidenhead.co.uk](http://www.teachmaidenhead.co.uk)

[Find further advice for prospective applicants on the Get into Teaching website.](#)

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CURRENT VACANCIES





**Come along to our next Open Day event at Maidenhead Fire Station on Sunday 19 June.**

Starting at **10am**, the day will include live demonstrations from the crews and our emergency service partners. Guests will be able to go behind the scenes at the Station and get an up close experience with fire engines and the Service's new Aerial Ladder Platform.

You will be able to **learn more** about what it's like to be an **On-Call Firefighter** in Berkshire.

We'll also be holding a raffle supported by local businesses, offering food and refreshments and setting up a play firehouse for children to have a go at being firefighters.

All money raised will be split between **The Fire Fighters Charity** and **The Brett Foundation**, a Maidenhead based Charity.





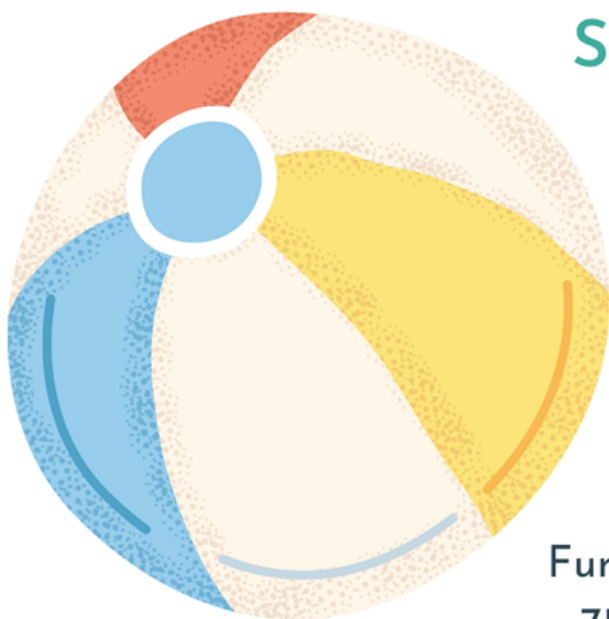
# Little Fishes Preschool

## SUMMER FAIR



Entry: Adults £1  
Children under 16  
FREE

**Sunday 3rd July**  
**11.30am - 2pm**



Spectacular Raffle Prizes

Welcome Refreshments

Summertime Stalls

Tasty Hot Dogs

Furze Platt War Memorial Hall  
75 Furze Platt Rd, SL6 7NG  
Tel. 01628 639593

Registered Charity Number: 1070343



**FREE SPACES**



# SUMMER HOLIDAYS



## MULTI-SPORTS CAMP

ST. LUKE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

MONDAY - THURSDAY

1ST - 25TH OF AUGUST

9AM - 1PM

FOUNDATION TO YEAR 7  
BOYS & GIRLS

**Free Spaces Are Limited  
So Book Soon To Avoid  
Disappointment!**

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**£19.50  
PAID OPTION**  
IF YOU AREN'T ELIGIBLE  
FOR A FREE SPACE

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### MULTI-SPORTS (MIXED)

A mixed range of sports and activities with 3 or 4 different sports delivered every day. Sport timetables will be made available on our website.

### FREE HAF SPACES

Government funded spaces are available at our camp for children who receive pupil premium free school meals. View our website to find out how to claim your space.

**FOR MORE INFO** [U-SPORTS.CO.UK/ST-LUKES-FUEL](https://u-sports.co.uk/st-lukes-fuel)



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RED ROSES' INTERNATIONAL PLAYERS!**



# **RUGBY -IT'S FOR GIRLS!**

## **FREE TASTER SESSION**

for beginners or anyone  
wanting to improve  
their skills and fitness  
- and to have fun!

**11:00AM  
SUNDAY 19 JUNE 2022**

**AGES 10,11,12,13,14,15 WELCOME**



**At Maidenhead RFC, Braywick, SL6 1BN**

For further info and to register mail us at : [MRFCgirlsrugby@gmail.com](mailto:MRFCgirlsrugby@gmail.com)

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# Open Day // 18th June

Join us at ASC Reading on 18th June for our annual Open Day!

This is the perfect opportunity to give our activities a try before the summer season. Book a space on a 2 hour taster session or pre-register for a 30 minute drop-in session.

Come along to try:

- Sailing
- Windsurfing
- Wingsurfing
- Paddleboarding

Booking via the QR code or email any questions to [reading@andrewsimpsoncentres.org](mailto:reading@andrewsimpsoncentres.org)



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