

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcoming our New Year 7 Students

On Tuesday and Wednesday we had the pleasure of welcoming our new Year 7 students to FPSS for their Taster Days. Their enthusiasm and excitement was infectious. It was great to begin to get to know them and we look forward to welcoming them back in September.

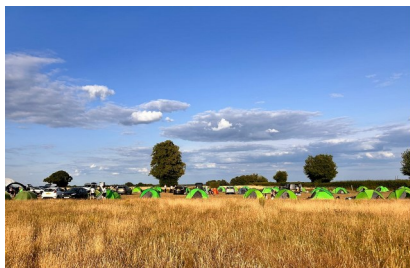


Performing Arts Showcase

On Wednesday I had the pleasure of attending our Performing Arts showcase. Our young talented students performed Drama and Music pieces with confidence and professionalism, and the excellent work on display bodes exceptionally well for future shows and concerts.

Duke of Edinburgh Bronze and Silver Awards

The last three days have seen over a hundred students undertaking their DoE expeditions. I am sure that they have returned tired, but hopefully with a sense of pride at what they have accomplished.



Many thanks to all those involved.

Sports Day

Congratulations to all our students who competed so well in Sports Day this week. It was great to hear the jangle of medals around students' necks. More significantly, it was fabulous to hear students supporting each other to ACHIEVE.



UPCOMING EVENTS

ALL EVENTS

TERM 6 EVENTS - WEEK 2

MON 7 JULY	Year 9 English trip to Tate Modern	All day
TUE 8 JULY	Gardening Club trip to allotments	3.20-5pm
TUE 8 JULY	Year 5 Open Morning (2)	
THU 10 JULY	Year 10 Travel & Tourism to Thorpe Park	All day
MON 14 JULY	Sports Awards	6.30-7.30pm
FRI 11 JULY	'It's a Knockout' & Non-Uniform Day	
FRI 11 JULY	Year 12 Design trip to 'New Designers'	All day
SAT 12 JULY	PTFA Pre-Loved Uniform Sale	11am-1pm
SUN 13 - WED 16 JULY	Year 12 Geography trip to Nettlecombe	
WED 16 JULY	Year 12 Criminology visit to London	All day
FRI 18 JULY	Last Day of Term 6	Finish 12.30pm
WED 3 SEPT	Start of Term 1 for Year 7 and 12	
THU 4 SEPT	Start of Term 1 for Years 8, 9, 10, 11 & 13	

SCHOOL TERM DATES 2025-26

Enrichment

As ever in Term 6 the trips and events keep happening. Our Year 10 students are currently out in Greece supporting Turtle Conservation and I look forward to seeing many parents and carers at our Science Fair on Monday. Finally, next week also sees our Year 9 and 10 enrichment afternoons which I hope students enjoy.

Take care,

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

GETTING READY FOR KEY STAGE 4

Our Year 9 students will be starting their exciting journey of GCSE studies in September.

Please click below see the letter below regarding resources and support your child may find useful.

GETTING READY FOR KS4

Mrs D Feather

Raising Achievement Manager

LOST PROPERTY

There are a number of unclaimed items in our Lost Property area opposite the library.

Students can come and retrieve their belongings during break times and before / after school.

This area will be cleared for the summer so if you think your son/daughter is missing something please do encourage them to come and look!

LOST PROPERTY**STUDYBUGS - NEW ATTENDANCE APP**

Please see below for details regarding a new Attendance App for all students.



Absences and medical appointments up until September can be reported on either Studybugs or Class Charts (our current system) but we would very much appreciate your assistance in registering for Studybugs ahead of September, so that any potential issues can be quickly resolved.

STUDYBUG - LETTER FOR PARENTS AND CARERS**STUDYBUG - USER GUIDE**

Thank you for your continued support..

Ms L Lewis, Deputy Headteacher and Attendance Lead

**NON-UNIFORM (MUFTI) DAY
AND****'IT'S A KNOCKOUT' FUNDRAISING EVENTS IN
AID OF THAMES HOSPICE CHARITY**

FRIDAY 11TH JULY

In addition to the It's a Knockout fundraising activity, we will be operating a non-uniform (mufti) day on the 11th July, for which we would ask for students wearing non-uniform to make a £2 donation wherever possible.

Payments for both events should be made via Parentmail - Payments - Shop.



While students will be wearing their own clothes, please be aware that we do expect them to dress appropriately. There should be no offensive slogans, crop tops, onesies, costumes, backless/halter-neck tops or camisole style tops. Skirts/shorts should be of a suitable length to the knee and shoes or trainers (not flip-flops or open back sandals) should be suitable for a day at school. We request no fashion or cultural headwear should be worn, only religious head coverings as per our usual uniform policy.

DONATIONS CAN BE MADE HERE**REMINDER: WATER SAFETY**

As the hot weather continues, please can families remind their children of the risks of our local rivers and their hidden currents.

We know from the local press that far too many young lives have been lost on the Thames during previous years.

Areas located near to Weirs and Sluices, the Government advises, are particularly dangerous sections of the river.

Thank you.



TO FURZE PLATT SENIOR SCHOOL'S SCIENCE FAIR FOR YEARS 7, 8 AND 9!

MONDAY 7TH JULY, 5PM, SCHOOL THEATRE

We are absolutely thrilled to invite you to the **Furze Platt Senior School Science Fair 2025**, taking place on **Monday 7th July at 5:00 PM** in the **School Theatre**.




Our amazing students have been working with enthusiasm, creativity, and scientific curiosity to design and deliver a wide range of exciting projects — and now it's time to celebrate their efforts!

- * From a student-built **augmented reality sandbox**...
- * To **plant growth under coloured light filters**...
- * To **experiments with cookie chemistry**...
- * And even a study investigating who can kick a football harder — boys or girls!

With over a dozen fascinating and imaginative projects on display, we know you'll be inspired by what our students have created.

We'll also be joined by a panel of judges, including a science teacher, a member of our senior leadership team, and (we hope!) a guest from the local community. Light refreshments will be available, and we warmly welcome members of the PTFA and school governors to join us.

We are incredibly proud of our students' innovation and dedication, and we'd love for you to be part of this exciting celebration of science.

 **Date:** Monday 7th July
 **Time:** 5:00 PM
 **Location:** School Theatre

Kind regards,

Dr Wyatt & The Science Team



THE WEEK AT FURZE PLATT

School Mural

It has been really exciting to see our second mural coming to life during Year 7 & Year 8 enrichment afternoons! Huge shoutout to Mrs Barnes & Mrs Hawkins for leading the creativity and our wonderful students for contributing!

Year 7:

Winney Hathorn

Ava Jones

Julia Evans

Ayda Rodi

Joya Abou Saleh

Imogen Robinson

Year 8:

Oliver Williams

Sam Symmonds

Junia Ezhil

Sofia Gruber-Mas

Harriett Gibbs

Jacqueline Magenes



PSHE

Year 10 are currently studying Relationships and Sex Education in PSHE, looking at healthy relationships, consent etc. Today we have been fortunate to have Gaby Laking in from Domestic Abuse Stops Here (DASH) in to talk to half of our Year 10 students about healthy relationships, and the law around unhealthy relationships and domestic abuse. Next Wednesday the second half of Year 10 will have this talk.



Careers

Our Year 8 students are diving into the world of careers as part of their Personal Development journey! Through engaging talks and discussions, they're exploring future pathways and learning about different professions.



THE WEEK AT FURZE PLATT

Enrichment Sessions

Big thanks to Ms Skyers for leading a fantastic Yr8 Jamaican Culture Appreciation enrichment session! Special shoutout to Mr Akers for an amazing live performance of "I Shot the Sheriff" by Bob Marley!



Year 12 Taster Days

It was fantastic to welcome our new batch of budding artists as they took part in life drawing during our Year 12 Taster Day! Even better - some of our talented Year 13 students and dedicated staff joined in to support and inspire. Amazing creativity all around!



Technology

Getting creative in Technology enrichment! Our students have been busy designing and making animal-themed lamps.



'Pupils are friendly,
courteous and polite.'

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OUT AND ABOUT THIS WEEK'S TRIPS AND VISITS

Our Year 10 students in Greece began their morning on arrival with a snorkel competency test and some drone flying practice. Then dove into presentations on turtle biology and data collection. They couldn't wait to get started - in the meantime, it was off to the beach!



RESIDENTIAL TRIPS FOR STUDENTS IN CURRENT YEAR 7

YEAR 7 - WALES

All Year 7 families are now able to make deposits via Parentmail for the St Davids, Wales trip.

Wales: deadline for deposits is Friday 11th July.



FOR DETAILS ON THE WALES TRIP PLEASE CLICK HERE

If you have any questions please contact Mr Randall, Outdoor Education and Enrichment Leader at david.randall@furzeplatt.net

Open Evening
Thursday 2nd October 2025
All welcome, no booking required.

Open Morning School Tours
Tours available on the following dates:

Monday 23rd June 9.05-10.10am
Tuesday 8th July 9.05 – 10.10am

SEN Specific Tours available:
Monday 23rd June 9.30-10.15am
Tuesday 8th July 9.30-10.15am

Please call **01628 625308**
to book a tour

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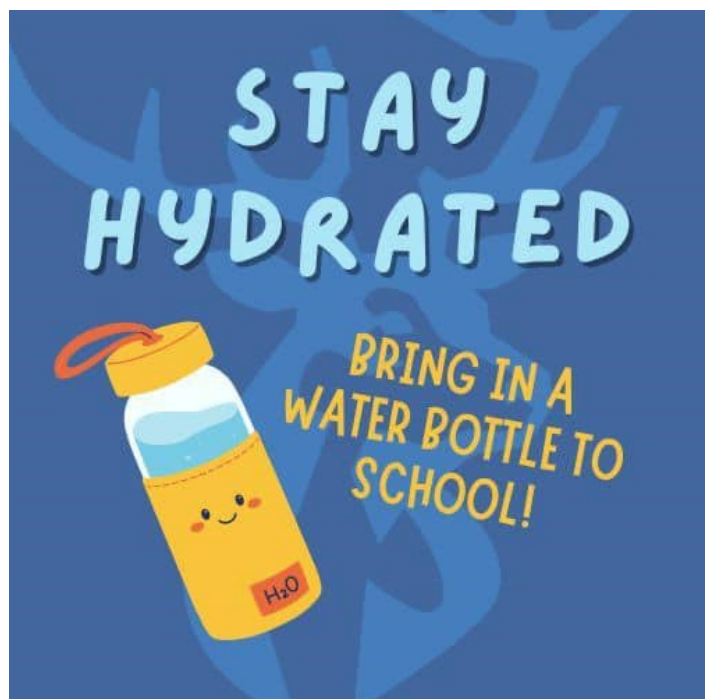
BRONZE AND SILVER DOFE EXPEDITIONS



PLEASE BRING WATER TO SCHOOL

Please encourage your child to bring a refillable water bottle to school each day.

Staying hydrated is important for your child's health and well-being.





This week we welcomed just over two hundred and sixty Year 6 students from thirty-nine different primary schools, who will be joining our Furze Platt Senior School community in September as our new Year 7 cohort.

Across the two days, students were given the opportunity to meet new staff and fellow students, participate in a wide range of taster lessons, complete a tour of the school, as well as competing in our ACHIEVE House competition in their newly assigned Houses.

Our Year 6s demonstrated our core values as a school and took every opportunity in their stride, and at the end of Day 2, we announced the winners of our ACHIEVE House competition:



1st - Eagles

2nd - Osprey

3rd - Hawks

4th - Falcons

We also announced our top students who received the most reward points from staff across the two transition days.



A huge congratulations goes out to:

Rory J

Hallie L

Zachary T

Emilia B

William V

Dominic C

Skye E

Ridda S

Emil M

Thomas A



We are thrilled with the way Year 6 participated in the transition days and we look forward to welcoming all new Year 7s in September.

FREE WEBINAR

TUESDAY 15TH JULY, 6-7PM

Next week, Elevate Education are holding a free webinar for parents and carers:

*** 'How You Can Set Your Child Up For Success' on Tuesday 15th July, 6-7pm**



To access this, please follow the link below.

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER FOR FREE WEBINAR

TERM 6 CLUBS

Parents and carers of students in all year groups should have received invitations to book clubs for their son/daughter this term.

We do encourage them to try as many as they are interested in – with nearly 50 clubs and academic clinics we are sure they will find a number of activities they really enjoy!

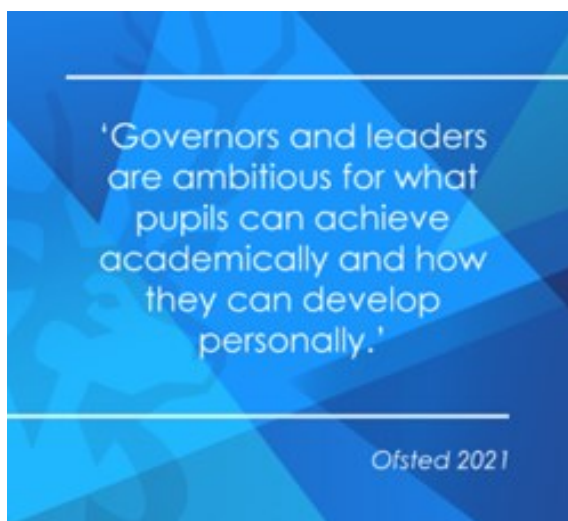
Clubs for September will be sent out on Friday 5th September.

A list of clubs is updated every Friday afternoon on our website here:

CLUBS LIST FOR TERM 6



This week we had the pleasure of watching our very accomplished Music and Drama students give some excellent performances in our annual Performing Arts Summer Showcase. Great work everyone, we were very impressed!



We're gearing up for our annual Uniform Sale - which this year includes revision guides - and takes place on from 11am-1pm on Saturday 12th July in the Music Block.

Come along and pick up a bargain!

We also urgently need helpers in order for the sale to happen.

- Helpers required to set up Friday 11th July from 5-7pm – even if you can't stay the whole time.
- Helpers required on the day to assist people finding the right item/size etc. 11am-1pm and/or some clearing up time afterwards.

Please email ptfasecretary@furzeplatt.net to let us know how you can help.

Thank you,

Your PTFA Team



SUMMER ACTIVITY CAMPS AT NORDEN FARM



CIRCUS CAMP

Tues 29 Jul - Fri 1 Aug | 10am - 4pm

FROM
£180

Led by And Circus. A week of learning incredible circus skills and performing. Learn to walk on stilts, ride a unicycle, walk the tightrope and perform on a trapeze!

Suitable for ages 7 - 14 years.

ART CAMP

Tues 5 - Fri 8 Aug | 10am - 4pm

Led by Lucy Carpenter. Combining art, movement and play to provide a stimulating and creative week of fun. With a sensational exhibition at the end of the week!

FROM
£145

Suitable for ages 8 - 11 years.



THEATRE CAMP

Tues 12 - Fri 15 Aug | 10am - 4pm

FROM
£145

Led by Sideways Drama. Make a Play in 4 Days! Dive into the world of theatre, writing, directing and star in a brand new play!

Suitable for ages 8 - 14 years.

ADVANTAGE CARD SAVINGS!
MORE DETAILS ONLINE

Norden Farm

Norden Farm Centre for the Arts | 01628 788997
Altwood Road, Maidenhead SL6 4PF | nordenfarm.org

NHS

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NHS Foundation Trust

Back to School Transition Webinars

Delivered by the CAMHS
Getting Help Team, RBWM

We are offering one-off webinars providing advice for back-to-school transitions.

The webinars are for **parents** or **school staff** and aim to support children and young people of **all ages** with any back-to-school transitions.



Please note: the three dates below will be the same webinar so you only need to sign up to one.



Tuesday
15th July
4-5pm

Wednesday
16th July
12-1pm

Thursday
17th July
9:30-10:30am



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To sign up, scan the QR code below the date of the webinar you wish to attend.



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