

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Sixth Form Opening

Many of you will have seen images from our newly refurbished Sixth Form during Term 1. On Thursday we were honoured to welcome Joshua Reynolds MP to officially open the space. As an ex-FPSS student, Josh offered insights and thoughts for future generations who will hopefully be inspired by his achievements.



You can see a short video of the event here (opens in Facebook):

**CLICK HERE TO SEE
THE OFFICIAL
OPENING OF THE
SIXTH FORM**

Remembrance

On Tuesday we stopped for two minutes to observe the silence in remembrance of those who have lost their lives in conflict. In a usually busy school, for 1700 students staff and students to fall silent is quite a moment.

Thank you to all who observed the silence with such respect.

University of Oxford Talks

This week we welcomed a guest from the University of Oxford to talk to some of our Year 10 and 11 students about university life and what to expect from studying at Oxbridge. What really struck home was the dedication, passion and desire to love learning. This includes working independently from secondary school studies to become an expert in your chosen discipline.

Good luck to all students inspired to follow this pathway.



UPCOMING EVENTS

[ALL EVENTS](#)

Term 2 (Week A)

THU 20 NOVEMBER	Year 12 Parents & Students' Consultation Evening	4.15-7.15pm
TUE 25 NOVEMBER	Careers Fair	6-8pm
THU 27 NOVEMBER	Sixth Form Open Evening	6-9pm
FRI 28 NOVEMBER	Late Start for all year groups (straight to first lesson, no form)	9.15am
WED 10 DECEMBER	Christmas Concert	7-9pm
THU 11 DECEMBER	Year 13 Parents & Students' Consultation Evening	4.15pm-7.15pm
FRI 19 DECEMBER	End of Term 2	12.30pm finish

SCHOOL TERM DATES

Year 13 PPEs

Well done to all our Year 13 students who completed their PPEs this week. I hope that you get the grades your work deserves and that students enjoy a well-deserved rest this weekend.

Year 11 PPEs

Next week is the turn of our Year 11! Good luck with these examinations.

Fundraising for those affected by Hurricane Melissa

Finally, thank you to everyone who has donated to today's charity appeal. So far we are at over £1700 (and still counting).

Take care,

Dr Andrew J Morrison, Headteacher

(BA Hons, PGCE, MA, PhD)

YEAR 12 REPORTS



Reports for Year 11 have been published on Go 4 Schools. Staying up to date is a great way to support your child throughout the year and celebrate their successes.



Please find the links below to help you access your child's report.

[VIEW REPORTS](#)

[GUIDANCE TO GRADING](#)

[HOW TO ACCESS GO4SCHOOLS](#)

SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING

THURSDAY 27TH NOVEMBER 6-9PM



We are delighted to announce our Sixth Form Open Evening will take place on Thursday, 27th November from 6-9pm. We are very much looking forward to seeing Year 11 students and their families and there is no need to register for this event in advance.



Our Sixth Form Open Evening is the starting point in the admissions process for the next academic year and the evening gives a great opportunity for students and their families to come to school, learn all about what subjects are like in the Sixth Form and have their questions answered from teachers, students and the Sixth Form team.

The structure for the evening is as follows:

SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING 2025 EVENT SCHEDULE

6.00-6.20PM	PRESENTATION IN THEATRE
6.30-6.40PM	MOVING TIME FOR PARENTS/CARERS AND STUDENTS FROM THEATRE TO PRESENTATIONS
6.40-8.40PM	SUBJECT PRESENTATIONS FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS
8.40PM	END OF THE EVENING

Parents/Carers should arrive at 5.50pm and make their way to the Theatre for the welcome presentation that will begin promptly at 6.00pm.

The main presentation for the evening will outline the key aspects of the Sixth Form and give important information regarding Sixth Form pathways and entry requirements, along with information on pastoral structure, extracurricular and general Sixth Form expectations.

Maps and room locations will be available when you arrive and should families wish, there will also be current Sixth Form students on hand to guide and advise you throughout the evening.

For more details please see our website:

[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION ON OUR SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING AND ADMISSIONS](#)

This will be followed by a late start on Friday 28th November for all year groups.

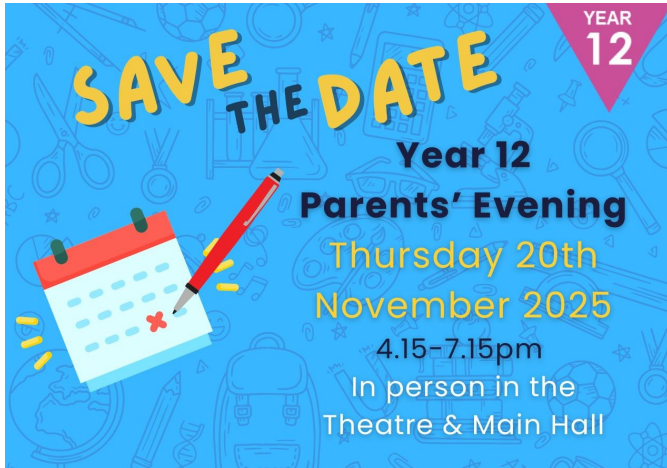
YEAR 12 PARENTS' EVENING

THURSDAY 20TH NOVEMBER, 4.15-7.15PM

Reminder: Please log on to School Cloud to book your child's Year 12 Parents' Evening appointment ahead of Thursday 20th November.

If you are unable to attend, please log on to record this on the system. Thank you.

[CLICK HERE TO BOOK YEAR 12 PARENTS' EVENING](#)

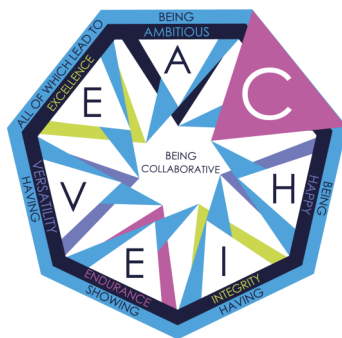


YEAR 13 PARENTS' EVENING

THURSDAY 11TH DECEMBER, 4.15-7.15PM

We also look forward to welcoming parents and carers to our upcoming Year 13 Parents' Evening.

Full details will be sent out in early December.



CAREERS AND HIGHER EDUCATION FAIR



TUESDAY 25TH NOVEMBER 6-8PM

Our Careers and Higher Education Fair is open to all students in Years 9-13 and their parents and carers.



This is always a fantastic opportunity for our students to meet people from the world of work, as well as hearing what life is like for those in further education..

There will be 25 universities, all the local colleges and over 40 stalls representing a wide range of careers from Architecture to Veterinary Science - and lots in between! Our website has further details including the careers programme; please click below to see more.

[CLICK HERE FOR CAREERS PROGRAMME](#)



Over 20 Universities & Colleges come to you!

So you can narrow down your favourites, ask questions about the courses that they offer and get an idea if University/College is the right path for you.

Maybe you have a new idea about what you want to do?

Ideas constantly change and evolve; the purpose of this Fair is to give you the opportunity to test out your latest thoughts by hearing from industry and university experts. If you've been before you can go again, our visiting experts are always changing.

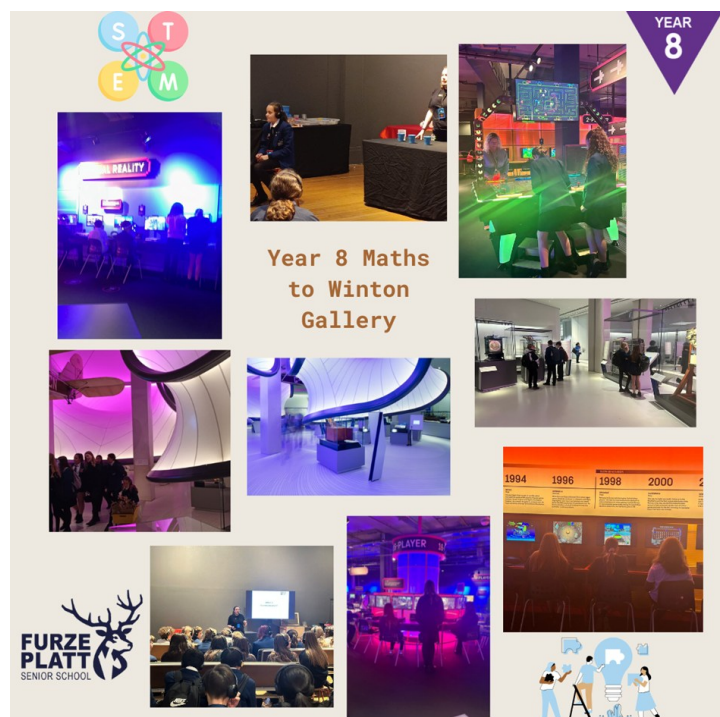
No booking required, just turn up!

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AROUND OUR SCHOOL THIS WEEK?

Year 8 Maths students have had a brilliant time this week visiting the stunning award winning Winton Gallery, part of the Science Museum. Students gained valuable exposure to mathematics, computing, and problem-solving skills, encouraging them to see links between history, mathematics, and computer science, sparking interest in STEM subjects.

In addition, students have been reflecting on themes of secrecy, teamwork, and ethical decision-making in wartime, helping them understand the human and moral dimensions of technological advancement.

Thank you to trip leader Ms Angyiembe and all staff who supported this visit.



Gardening Club really enjoyed visiting Nature's Haven Community Garden on Tuesday afternoon.

Many thanks to Aleks for sharing her plant knowledge and inspiring us, and for making us all hot chocolate with marsh-mallow sprinkles!

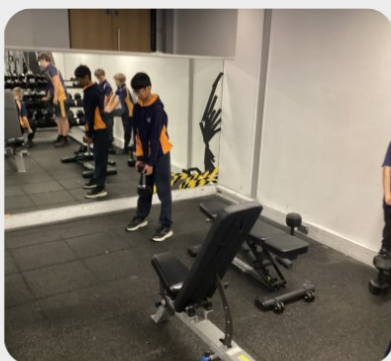
We hope Nature's Haven visits our school gardens in 2026.



Our talented Year 7 students have been exploring line, pattern and texture in their latest art project. They have been learning how these elements can bring drawings to life.







Whatever the weather, our students have access to amazing facilities, resources and PE staff!

FREE WEBINAR FOR PARENTS AND CARERS:

TUESDAY 18TH NOVEMBER 6-7PM

'How to Help Your Child Improve Their Memory'



Elevate Education will be holding their next free webinar 'How to Help Your Child Improve Their Memory' next Tuesday at 6pm.

To register, please click the link below.

[CLICK HERE FOR FREE WEBINAR ON MEMORY](#)

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK 2025: POWER FOR GOOD

At Furze Platt Senior School, we are committed to supporting every student's personal development, helping them grow into confident, kind and responsible young people.

A key part of this is ensuring that all students feel safe, respected and supported in our school community.



At FPSS, we believe that every member of our school community has the power to make a positive difference.

Anti-Bullying Week is an important opportunity to remind students that kindness, respect and integrity are at the heart of everything we do, and that together we can continue to build a safe, supportive environment where everyone feels valued.

As part of our ongoing commitment to wellbeing and inclusion, we encourage all students to live by our key message: "See it, Stop it, Say it." Whether it's standing up for someone, reporting unkind behaviour or showing empathy, small actions can have a powerful impact. Throughout the week, students will take part in assemblies, discussions and activities designed to strengthen our shared values and ensure that Furze Platt remains a place where ambition, collaboration, happiness, integrity, versatility and excellence – our ACHIEVE values – guide how we treat one another every day.

For more information and useful resources, please click the link below.

[CLICK HERE FOR PARENT AND CARER PACK](#)

We want every child at Furze Platt to feel safe, supported and happy at school. If you have any concerns, please do contact us so we can respond quickly and effectively. Working together, we can continue to make Furze Platt Senior School a place where everyone feels valued and respected.

The poster is divided into several sections. At the top, it says 'SEE IT SAY IT STOP IT' in large, bold, yellow letters. To the right is the Furze Platt Senior School logo, which features a stag's head. Below the top text, it states 'Bullying is unacceptable and will not be tolerated at Furze Platt Senior School.' To the right of this is a red speech bubble with the words 'STOP BULLYING' in white. Below this is a red banner that says 'MAKE A NOISE ABOUT BULLYING'. To the left of this banner is a hand holding a sign that says 'BULLYING' with a red circle and slash over it. To the right of the hand is a yellow circle with the text 'WHAT IS BULLYING?'. Below this, it defines bullying as behaviour by an individual or a group that is seen by you as an attempt to hurt, frighten, humiliate or threaten you or someone else, particularly if the behaviour is repeated or persistent. At the bottom, it says 'We are a **TELLING** school, this means if any learner is bullied they should be able to tell a member of staff. It also means that **ANYONE** who knows bullying is happening is expected to tell staff. To report bullying, speak to a member of staff or e-mail: SAFEGUARDING@FURZEPLATT.NET'.



Well done to our top ten Sparx Science students this week!



SPARX SCIENCE CHAMPIONS

1. ARSHIA CHOUDHURY
2. TOMMY TUCKER
3. BARNEY HARRIS
4. TYLER LOVETT
5. HEND ALJARAH
6. MAX DENT
7. LOUIS PALMER
8. FLORENCE TO
9. JOSHUA BERRY
10. SANAA NASEER

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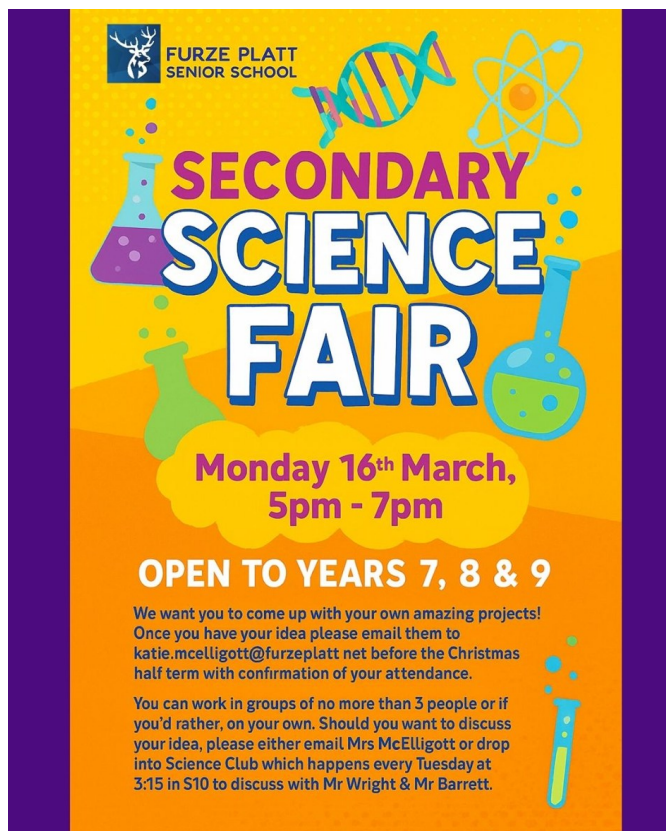
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Need inspiration for your Science Fair project? Take a look at some of last year's amazing entries!

Now it's your turn to experiment & amaze - email your idea to katie.mcelligott@furzeplatt.net before Christmas half term.

GET INSPIRED BY LAST YEAR'S SCIENCE PROJECTS:

- AR Sandbox Adventure**
Hypothesis: Probably can't—but let's build one and find out!
Extra: Needs a dim space, power socket, laptop table, and over an hour for set-up.
- Water Analysis: Windsor & Maidenhead**
Hypothesis: Rural waters are cleaner than urban streams.
Extra: Tests ecosystem health and safety for recreation.
- Solar System Around Maidenhead**
Hypothesis: If the Sun's a tennis ball, planets map across town!
Extra: Scale model of planetary distances on local streets.
- Voice & Hearing Experiment**
Hypothesis: Not hearing yourself changes pitch and volume.
Extra: Speech-to-text comparison analysis.
- Germ-Fighting Dog Saliva?**
Hypothesis: Dog saliva kills mouth germs.
Extra: Agar petri tests with and without saliva.



**FURZE PLATT
SENIOR SCHOOL**

SECONDARY SCIENCE FAIR

**Monday 16th March,
5pm - 7pm**

OPEN TO YEARS 7, 8 & 9

We want you to come up with your own amazing projects! Once you have your idea please email them to katie.mcelligott@furzeplatt.net before the Christmas half term with confirmation of your attendance.

You can work in groups of no more than 3 people or if you'd rather, on your own. Should you want to discuss your idea, please either email Mrs McElligott or drop into Science Club which happens every Tuesday at 3:15 in S10 to discuss with Mr Wright & Mr Barrett.

- Wing Shape Flight Test**
Hypothesis: Wing shape influences flight distance.
Extra: Launch identical-weight planes from the same catapult.
- Electromagnet Engineering**
Hypothesis: More coils and higher voltage increase lifting capacity.
Extra: Count staples lifted by each electromagnet setup.
- Cookie Chemistry**
Hypothesis: Changing one ingredient alters cookie texture, spread, and taste.
Extra: Bake batches with a single ingredient varied each time.
- Plant Growth & Colour Light**
Hypothesis: Blue light promotes the best growth due to photosynthesis.
Extra: Grow plants under coloured filters; measure height over time.
- Coin Cleaning Challenge**
Hypothesis: Vinegar, milk, or washing-up liquid will clean coins most effectively.
Extra: Test household substances and compare shine and cleaning time.



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HOUSE POINT WINNERS THIS WEEK...

IT'S HAWK HOUSE!

Great work to all the Hawks!



CINEMA REWARD TRIP SUMMARY

By Maddie Bristow, Year 10

On Monday, a group of students from across all school years were treated to a trip to see Kensuke's Kingdom at the cinema. This was as a reward for all the amazing things they had achieved this term. The film is based on the well loved children's book by Michael Morpurgo, who also wrote other award winning novels such as War Horse and Private Peaceful.

The film was really enjoyable, with some very moving scenes, such as when the poachers came to catch the animals from the island and one of the orangutans is shot. A few came out of the screening with tissues in hand! This was a real treat to be able to be a part of, and of course, thank you to our Heads of Houses Mr Sankey, Mr Tipp, Ms Carty and Dr Graham for arranging it, and all teachers that accompanied us.



CAN YOU HELP?

We need old newspapers for our upcoming House Snowball Battle if you have any spare!



SCHOOL CLUBS AND ACADEMIC SUPPORT CLINICS

Term 2: up to the Christmas holidays

Parents and carers of students in all year groups were sent e-mail invites at the end of last term to book on to clubs.

New clubs have been added for next week; please do take a look and add your child on to any they may be interested in.

CLUBS LIST





As part of our ongoing safeguarding and Personal Development offer, Furze Platt has purchased access to an online safeguarding information platform for all parents. Our Online Safety Hub provides parents with a wealth of information including in the following areas:

- How to keep your child safe online
- How to ensure best safety features are implemented on social media platforms
- Understanding different social media platforms and their potential risks
- How to manage screen time with your child
- How to safeguard your child from online predators
- How to monitor your child's online activity

[CLICK HERE FOR THE ONLINE SAFETY HUB](#)

As part of this platform parents also all have free access to parental controls on 2 devices within your home. These devices are advised to be mobile phones and/or home laptops, the company advise against placing on laptops bring brought into school as it may conflict with the filtering and monitoring systems used on the school network.

This can be accessed via the link below and will enable parents to:

- Filter content
- Monitor your child's online activity
- Set time limits for online use

[CLICK HERE FOR FREE PARENTAL CONTROLS](#)

We hope you find these resources useful for supporting your child with their use of the internet. You can also read an article on 'How Screen Times Impacts Sleep' via the link below.

[CLICK HERE FOR 'HOW SCREEN TIMES IMPACTS SLEEP'](#)



JOIN THE PTFA

Parents, Teachers & Friends Association

200 CLUB

Organised by
FPSS PTFA

- ★ Numbers are drawn 4 times per year (once per quarter)
- ★ Three lucky winners of £200 each per draw
- ★ Help the PTFA fund great projects

Please click the link below to purchase your numbers:
Monthly payment (£5 per month):

[PLEASE CLICK HERE TO ENTER THE 200 CLUB](#)

URBAN STRIDES - EVENING STREET DANCE CLASSES * Spaces available *

FPSS Main Hall every Wednesday evening!

Urban Strides offers more than just dance. They create a supportive, judgement-free space where teens can build confidence, self-belief, and have fun through movement and music. With a focus on five dynamic Street Dance styles, their inspirational instructors help young people get active, express themselves, and feel empowered.

Class Times:

- Beginner Striders – 7:00 PM
- Intermediate Striders – 8:00 PM

[CLICK HERE TO BOOK A TRIAL SESSION](#)

[OR CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION](#)

Inspirational Urban Strides Street Dance classes at Furze Platt School!

Wednesday Nights:
7:00pm-8:00pm (Beginners)
8:00pm-9:00pm (Intermediates)

Contact us to book your place:
classes@urbanstrides.com
[All places must be booked before attending]



PASSION . POSITIVITY . PROGRESS!

Drop-in flu clinics

At Foundation House, Windsor SL4 4LE

We are holding drop-in clinics
for your child's flu vaccination
on the following dates:

- 18.11.25 14:30-16:30
- 27.11.25 14:30-16:00
- 5.12.25 12:00-16:00



If you haven't completed a
consent form yet, you can
complete one using the
information sent by your child's
school or complete one at the
clinic with one of the team

Goto the address below to share your
views and ideas

cypf.berkshirehealthcare.nhs.uk/feedback



LW
Lorna Wing
COOKERY

My culinary career spans 40+ years. I began my professional life working for Prue Leith, ran a restaurant for Sir Terence Conran and wrote features for Della Smith. I founded a ground-breaking events company organising high-profile parties and now develop recipes and products for well-known food brands. I'm a member of the Guild of Food Writers and the author of a cookbook.

I've created 7 cookery courses, tailored to teenagers and young adults with busy schedules, that cover cuisines from British and Mediterranean to Middle Eastern and Asian. They've been enjoyed by more than 900 students from across the UK and abroad thus far. Accredited by the Duke of Edinburgh's Award and suitable for all levels of the qualification, they can be started on any date of the student's choosing.

My courses are fully online, uniquely interactive and feature 1:1 guidance. Students send me annotated photos or videos of each of their dishes via WhatsApp and I reply with personalised feedback, advice and encouragement. Individual dietary requirements and special educational needs can both be accommodated.

My students learn how to cook delicious, nutritious, affordable food from around the world, while mastering essential skills and embedding sustainable practices. Their kitchen confidence nurtured, they leave with an enjoyment of cooking that will last a lifetime.



"The best way to wean teens off junk food? Teach them to cook. Which is exactly what Lorna is doing."

Prue Leith

"I've long been a supporter of the DofE, and Lorna's courses are a brilliant addition to the Award."

Rick Stein

"If I were young and learning to cook, I'd look no further than Lorna's impressive courses."

Della Smith



Book a course at lornawingcookery.co.uk
If you have any questions, call: 07973 379405

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MAIDENHEAD LIONS
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MAIDENHEAD SCHOOL TALENT SHOW 2025

Saturday the 22nd of November, 1 pm
Furze Platt Theatre, Furze Platt Road, Maidenhead, SL6 7NQ

Buy Your Tickets Here:
www.maidenheadlions.org.uk/event-details/lions-schools-talent-show-2025

All funds raised will go towards helping those in the local community, including Maidenhead Lions youth projects.

With thanks to our generous sponsor, The Shanly Foundation.

RBWM Achieving for Children

TAKEOVER DAY 2025

Tuesday 25 November

**Do you want to take over
someone's role for a day?**

We are inviting young people aged 13 to 18 to experience a role within RBWM/AfC for Takeover Day 25 November 2025
9am to 4.30pm starting at Maidenhead Town Hall.

Have your voices heard by changemakers

Experience real jobs

Learn and understand more about council roles

Scan the QR code to complete the application form



For more information, please contact Molly Bowyer,
Young Peoples Engagement Officer

E: molly.bowyer@achievingforchildren.org.uk

T: 07881 529176





FREE LUNCH

Children will be provided lunch after parents attend a brief session aimed at shaping better local services.

Special Educational Needs & Disabilities (SEND) Family Fun Day!

**Saturday
15 November 2025
10.30am-2.30pm**

**Salt Hill Activity Centre
Bath Road, Slough, SL1 3SS**

For more information:
Event contact: Kulvinder Dhillon
Contact number: 07395 258266



Scan to sign up by 6 November, you must sign up to attend.
www.eventbrite.com/e/family-fun-day-tickets-1784168208139



You can choose 3 of the activities below:

- **Soft play**
For children aged 0-12
- **Bowling**
- **Trampolining**
For children aged 5+ unless taking part in the toddler session
- **Virtual Reality**
All users must be aged 8 and over.





Children must be accompanied by a parent/carer

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