

FURZE PLATT FOCUS

Weekly Newsletter - Issue #78.5



MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

We Will Rock You

I am massively looking forward to one of the highlights of our school year next week with 'We Will Rock You' coming to the Theatre on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. The staging looks great and rehearsals sound amazing. The best of luck to all the cast who have been working so hard to prepare for the show and I, along with many others, cannot wait for an enjoyable and entertaining musical extravaganza.



You can see more photos of the show preparation on pages 4 and 5 of this newsletter.

[CLICK HERE FOR 'WE WILL ROCK YOU' TICKETS](#)

Year 11 and 13 Progress Reports

The latest Progress Reports for our examination year groups will be sent out at the end of next week. Please talk to your children celebrating successes but also identifying areas to improve. There is a huge amount of support available within and beyond school so please do contact class teachers if required.

Sixth Form Interviews

One of the joys of my week has been interviewing our fantastic Year 11 students who have applied for FPSS Sixth Form. Without exception they have been engaging and passionate about their studies and goals. It will be a pleasure to welcome each to our Sixth Form this September.

Year 7 and Year 9 Celebration Breakfasts

Finally, many congratulations to our Year 7 students (pictured) who have made the most progress since starting with us. This is a very impressive start to their time at Furze Platt. It is fantastic to see them all not only settling in



UPCOMING EVENTS

[ALL EVENTS](#)

Next Week (Week A)

TUE 10 - THU 12 FEBRUARY	School Musical Matinee (Tues) & Evening Performances (Tues- Thur)	
FRI 13 FEBRUARY	END OF TERM (TERM 3)	3.15pm finish
MON 17 - FRI 21 FEBRUARY	FEBRUARY HOLIDAYS	
MON 23 FEBRUARY	START OF TERM 4 (Week 2)	

SCHOOL TERM DATES

brilliantly but to be thriving so well in our school. As a reward, they were invited to attend a Celebration Breakfast with me.



This week we also celebrated our Year 9 students who have made superb progress so far with their own Celebration Breakfast.

I hope students enjoyed their treats, I very much enjoyed catching up with them all.

More year groups to come!

Take care,

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

WHAT WILL MY CHILD LEARN AT FURZE PLATT?

Don't forget to explore our 2025–2026 curriculum plans, with subject-by-subject overviews of what students will be learning throughout the year.



What will my child learn?

FURZE PLATT SENIOR SCHOOL

Curious about what's ahead?
Explore our 2025-2026 curriculum on our website.

CLICK HERE TO SEE OUR CURRICULUM PLANS

YEAR 8 PARENTS' EVENING
THURSDAY 12TH MARCH

YEAR 8

SAVE THE DATE
Year 8
Parents' Evening
Thursday 12th March 2026
3.45-7.45pm
In person in the Theatre & Main Hall

YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE
MON 22 - WED 24 JUNE 2026

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, CONTACT...

WORK EXPERIENCE @FURZEPLATT.NET



unifrog DEADLINE TO ADD YOUR PLACEMENT TO UNIFROG: **YEAR 10** **FRIDAY 27TH MARCH 2026**

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YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE

DEADLINE TO ADD PLACEMENTS - FRIDAY 27TH MARCH

Year 10 Work Experience will take place from Monday 22nd – Wednesday 24th June 2026.

How to add your placement:

- Agree the placement with the employer first
- Log in to Unifrog (www.unifrog.org)
- Scroll to 'Placements' and click 'Add a placement'

Once submitted, Unifrog will automatically email the employer, parent/carer and school to collect permissions and key information. Please ensure all details are entered accurately for the process to run smoothly.

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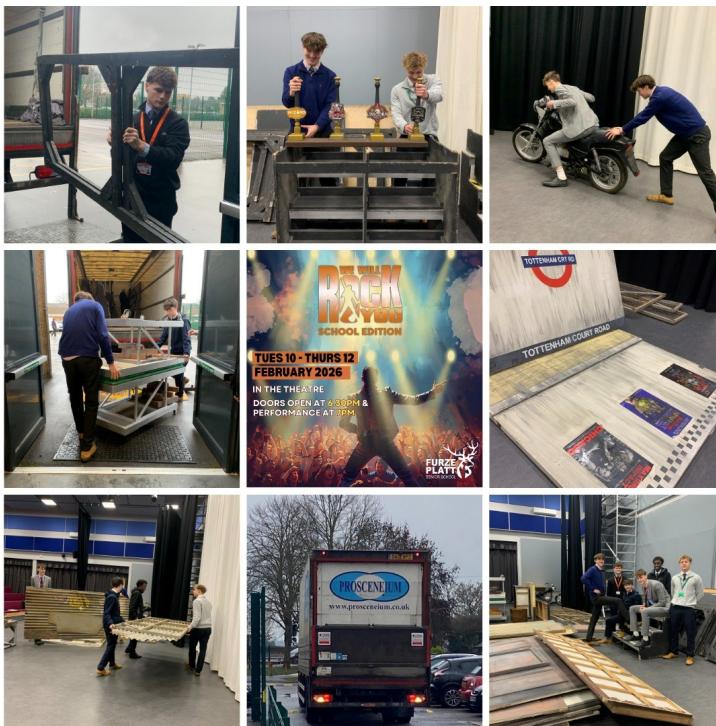


IT'S NEARLY TIME FOR
'WE WILL ROCK YOU'!

This is just some of what goes into making it work...

A huge thank you to our fantastic Sixth Form 'heavies', who not only helped unload everything from the truck but also took the opportunity to test out a few of the more... interesting props — including the beer bar draft handles and the motorbike!

With the stage now taking shape, the countdown is on. This year's show is bursting with energy, talent and a seriously impressive set — and you're invited to see it all come to life.



Our fabulous costume department has been working flat out this week - from making accessories late into the evening, to perfecting the spectacular looks that bring our WWRY characters to life.

Our Music team built the electric drum kit for our live band - the sound on this show is just amazing!



Our brilliant cast and live band have been working through some of Queen's most iconic hits, including: 'Radio Ga Ga', 'I Want to Break Free' and 'Somebody to Love'.

Behind the scenes, our actors have been bringing huge energy and personality to their roles — Killer Queen, Scaramouche, Khashoggi, Galileo, Buddy and the Bohemians to name a few — are already shaping up to be unforgettable.



Our superb theatre technicians have been hard at work during our full run-through for We Will Rock You. From lighting to sound to every behind the scenes detail, they're laying the foundations for a show that's going to blow the roof off our Theatre!



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Costume Reveal Day!

One of the most exciting moments in the rehearsal process is when the cast finally gets into costume — and wow, what a difference it makes!

Suddenly the characters come to life, the energy lifts, and everything starts to feel real. Seeing the cast step into their full looks for **We Will Rock You** has taken rehearsals to a whole new level, and we can't wait for you to see them shine on stage next week!

A huge well done to everyone involved in bringing the costumes together — from trawling charity shops for hidden gems, to students bringing in pieces from home, to staff and students sewing, stitching, altering and creating items from scratch. It's a massive team effort, and it truly shows.



We are busy putting together our glossy, full colour souvenir programme for you to enjoy — it's the perfect keepsake to remember this year's incredible school musical! Featuring cast profiles, behind the scenes content, rehearsal photos and more, it's a brilliant way to celebrate and support our amazing students.

YEAR 10 DRAMA PERFORMANCE



On Wednesday 21st January, our Year 10 GCSE students performed extracts from **Blood Brothers** which is the set text for GCSE.



Students were brilliant at embodying the characteristics of the characters in the text, with great comic moments from Mickey and Edward to tension between Mrs Johnstone and Mrs Lyons.

For some students, this was their first performance in front of a large audience, although nerves were high, all students managed themselves brilliantly and should be very proud of the work they put in!

Well done to all involved.

YEAR 10 PHILOSOPHY & RELIGION



Year 10 students have been hard at work revising for their PPEs at the end of February.

As well as a team challenge of blurting key information about Religion and Life, students then recalled quotes to really embed their learning.



SPORTING SUPERSTARS



A fantastic result by our U15 boys who were victorious against The Piggott CofE School, winning 3-0.

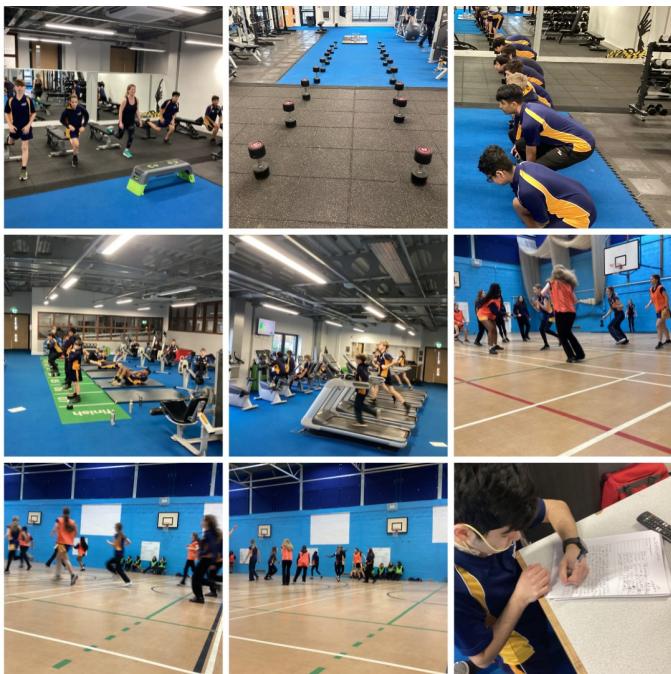
A rewarding game with multiple examples of real team collaboration that led to an ideal result.



The team:

Jack Admans	Will Hayward
Bilal Aziz	Albert Henwood
Jack Bushell	Terry Illes
Thomas Butler	Joe Moss
Joshua Cookson	Joel Mozu Des-Bordes
Harry Dale	Fraser Roberts
Rupert Harding	Noah Whelan
Clay Hart	Harley Wood

PE & FITNESS IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK



BERKSHIRE SCHOOLS' NATIONAL FINALIST

Thomas Ling (Year 9) took part in the U15 cross country qualifier race for the SE counties in Chelmsford last Saturday and after finishing 4th for Berkshire has been chosen to run for Berkshire Schools in the national final in Liverpool on 14th March.



This is an outstanding achievement. Well done to him - what a perfect example of our school value Excellence!



ELEVATE EDUCATION - FREE WEBINARS

Spring Term, 2026 Webinars

- How You Can Help Improve Your Child's Memory
February 10, 6:00-7:00pm (GMT)
- How You Can Help Your Child Prepare for Exams
March 3, 6:00-7:00pm (GMT)
- How You Can Support Your Child During Exams
March 17, 6:00-7:00pm (GMT)

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SCHOOL CLUBS

Term 3: January - February

Clubs for next term will be sent out on Friday 13th February

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

The email was headed Furze Platt Senior School with the email address evolve.furzeplattsrvs@edufocus.co.uk. If you have not yet received an email please check your junk / spam folders.

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:

- * all bookings for Term 3 must be made through the original email invitations
- * 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
- * students in upper years may see invitations to academic clubs that are not part of their specific academic programme; emails are sent to year groups so please only choose sessions that are relevant to your son/daughter
- * if your son or daughter wishes to be removed from a club completely, please email enrichment@furzeplatt.net and provide as much notice as possible to allow time for that place to be allocated to someone on the waiting list.

Thank you.

SCHOOL CLUBS LIST

GARDENING CLUB

This week we divided up a 'Mother-in-law's tongue' plant.

Next week we are taking part in the Big School's Birdwatch!



SPARX SCIENCE CHAMPIONS

Well done to our top ten Sparx Science students this week - great work all round.





EAGLE



FALCON



HAWK



OSPREY

9224

8949

9525

8629



Congratulations to
this week's House
winners - the Hawks!

Great work everyone!



HOUSE BAKING REWARDS

Further to our pictures from Osprey reward winners, here is
more brilliant baking from Falcons, Eagles and Hawks!



Head of Falcon House - Miss Carty



More photos on the next page.

Thank you to Miss Carty for the fantastic pictures!





Head of Hawk House - Mr Sankey



CAN YOU HELP?

One of our alumni has lost her mum unexpectedly and needs to sort out repatriation and funeral costs.

Abra is only 21 and is having to arrange this by herself. If you can help at this difficult time please do consider donating.

Thank you.



[CLICK HERE TO HELP ABRA](#)

LOST PROPERTY

If your child has come home without their belongings please ask them to come to lost property.

If items are named we can get them back to their owners but we have a lot of unnamed clothing including PE kits, trousers, white shirts, lots of coats, shoes, trainer, hats and scarves.

If you have not done so already please can you ensure all the above are clearly marked with your child's name.

Thank you.

APPOINTMENT PROTOCOLS

We request that medical/dental appointments are ideally taken out of school time, however, the school recognises that it is not always possible.

When a student must attend an appointment during the school day, we ask that they are made where possible after 1.30pm, as to minimise the amount of lost learning.

If you are unable to make an appointment outside of school, please ensure that your child attends either prior to the appointment and/or after the appointment.

Full day absences for appointments will only be authorised with supporting medical documentation.

Thank you for your assistance and support moving forwards.

The Attendance Team





Year 11-13 FPSS



Drama

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

To Assist the Girl Guides with their 100 Years of Thinking Day Gang Show
on Sunday 22nd February in our FPSS Theatre.

This would be an ideal opportunity to develop your directing, coaching and leadership skills, gain practical work experience and build hours towards the Arts Award

For further details contact
Mrs Bartram, FPSS Theatre Manager
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Girlguiding Maidenhead Gang Show

22.02.2026

Time: 5pm-7:30pm

Location: Furze Platt Senior School, SL6 7NQ

Join us on 22nd February 2026 as we celebrate 'Friendship' and 100 years of World Thinking Day!. We are commemorating the day with a Gang Show featuring performers of all ages from across Maidenhead Division.

Come and enjoy an evening that celebrates friendship and the spirit of guiding.



Get your free tickets here



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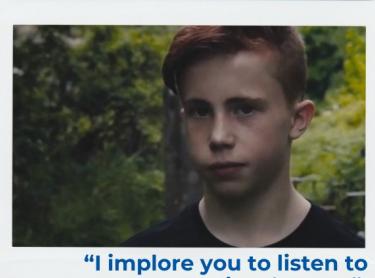
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Simon Frazer, Principal,
Guilsborough Academy

According to the **ORR Report**, April 23 – March 24 on UK railways:

12

people died in accidents while trespassing

58%

were struck by a train or tram

42%

were electrocuted

According to **Rail Safe Friendly**, July 25:

120+

companies support the programme

11,000+

schools in the UK have engaged

20,000+

UK schools still need to be reached