



FURZE PLATT FOCUS

Newsletter - Issue #79.11



MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER



Year 6 Taster Days

This week it has been a pleasure to welcome our new Year 7 students for September. Students impressed with their enthusiasm, positive attitudes, willingness to get involved and polite, respectful behaviour. There was a real buzz around FPSS as students got to know each other, our staff and school. Well done to all our House Challenge winners!



It was also a delight to meet many parents on drop-off and collection. While there were a few tears to begin with (from the children and adults) this had turned into excitement to be returning soon by the end. We look forward to seeing our new Year 7s students in their uniforms and ready to learn on Thursday 3rd September (along with Year 12; all other year groups start Friday 4th September).

Performing Arts Summer Showcase

On Thursday evening our audience will be wowed by our Summer Showcase in which students demonstrate a wide array of musical and dramatic skills. The evening is always enjoyable, not least because it demonstrates the range of talents within FPSS and also gives a platform to our emerging stars who we hope to see performing in our Theatre in the years to come. We are looking forward to seeing you there.

Art and Textiles Exhibition 9 July 4.30-6.30pm

Next week sees our students' two- and three-dimensional work celebrated in our annual exhibition. Having already seen some of what is due for display, I know that visitors will be treated to some amazing pieces of work. Please do come along, support this event and be amazed by the talent within FPSS.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- ALL EVENTS
- SPORTS CALENDAR

UPCOMING EVENTS - WEEK B

FRI 3 JULY	INSET Day	
FRI 10 JULY	Non-Uniform (Muffi) Day	
SAT 4 JULY	PTFA Second Hand Uniform Sale	11am-1pm
SUN 5 - WED 8 JULY	Year 12 Geography to Nettlecombe	
THU 9 JULY	Art Show	
THU 9 JULY	Year 9 Enrichment Afternoon	
FRI 10 JULY	Year 10 Enrichment Afternoon	
MON 13 JULY	Year 12 Careers Day (changed from 30 th June)	
FRI 17 JULY	End of Term 6	12.30pm finish
TUE 1 & WED 2 SEPT	INSET Days	
THU 3 SEPT	Start of Term 1 for Years 7 and 12	

SCHOOL TERM DATES

YEAR 6 TRANSITION ACHIEVE HOUSE CHALLENGE



OUR STAR STUDENTS!



2nd Bennie C

1st Martha W

3rd Gus W

4th Nihaal B

5th Reem K

6th Anna J

Bon Voyage

Finally, good luck to those who have left on our Turtle Conservation trip to Greece this week and I hope those attending the Year 12 Nettlecombe Geography Fieldtrip have a fabulous time.

INSET Day Friday 3rd July

A reminder that school will be closed next Friday and we will reopen on Monday 6th July.

Have a lovely weekend!

Take care,

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



INSET DAY
Friday 3rd July
School will be closed for all year groups

believe
achieve
succeed

MUFTI (NON-UNIFORM) DAY
FRIDAY 10TH JULY
SUPPORT
IN AID OF THAMES HOSPICE
PLEASE SEE EMAIL FOR MORE DETAILS

CLICK HERE TO DONATE
STATING STUDENT NAME &
YEAR GROUP

KS4 & KS5 Art Exhibition
Creative Showcase
Furze Platt Senior School
Furze Platt Rd, Maidenhead SL6 7NQ
THURSDAY 9 JULY 2026 16:30 - 18:30

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR
PTFA
Parents, Teachers & Friends Association
Registered Charity No. 287878
PRE-LOVED UNIFORM SALE
SATURDAY 4TH JULY 11AM-1PM
IN THE MUSIC BLOCK
Come along, bring your bags and grab a bargain!

YEAR 11 PROM PHOTOGRAPHS

These are now available to purchase via the link below.

There is a 10% discount until Friday 10th July. The photos will be online for 3 months.

Please use the pass **YEAR 10 TURTLE**

[CLICK HERE TO ACCESS YEAR 11 PROM PHOTOS](#)



CONSERVATION, GREECE, JULY 2027

For students currently in Year 9

Deadline for deposit payments: Friday 10th July

Please see email for full details.

Further information, including the full itinerary, can be found here:

<https://flookbinder.co.uk/destinations/greece-furze-platt-school-27/>

Password: Greece

Or see our video: <https://youtu.be/MgoOBoS-MH0>

YEAR 8 WILDLIFE CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABILITY TRIP - WALES 2027

For students currently in Year 7

Deadline for deposit payments: Friday 10th July

Further information can be found here:

<https://flookbinder.co.uk/destinations/wales-furze-platt-school-27/>

Password: wales

Or see our video: <https://youtu.be/Xozze7MDw30>

YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE WEEK

Last Monday to Wednesday, students gained invaluable workplace experience across a wide range of organisations, including LEGO, Heathrow Airport, Sky, local primary and infant schools, as well as taking part in virtual placements.

Despite the heatwave, our students embraced every opportunity, demonstrated our ACHIEVE values and represented Furze Platt brilliantly. We have received fantastic feedback from employers, who praised the enthusiasm, professionalism and positive attitude shown throughout the week.

A huge thank you to all the organisations who welcomed our students, and to everyone who helped make this year's Work Experience Week such a success.

As part of our evaluation of this year's programme, we would greatly appreciate your feedback on your child's experience. Your views will help us to celebrate what worked well and identify any improvements we can make for future students.

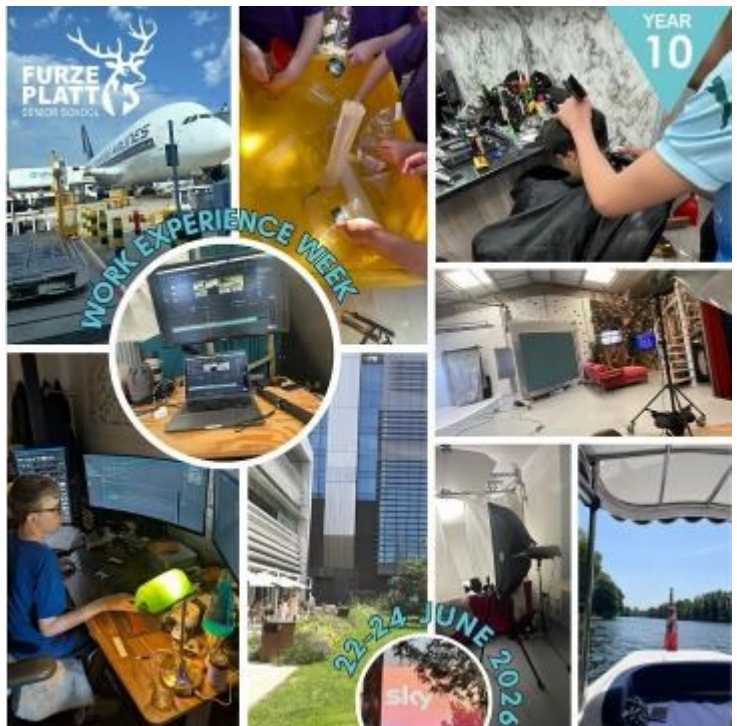
Please take a few minutes to complete the short feedback form using the link below:

[CLICK HERE TO COMPLETE SHORT FEEDBACK SURVEY](#)

The survey should take no more than 5 minutes to complete and all feedback will be used to help inform the development of our careers and work-related learning provision.

Thank you for your support and for helping us to continually improve opportunities for our students.

Here are just a few of the photos our students shared from their placements!



NETTLECOMBE TRIP

Dietary requirements

Students should indicate whether they have any dietary requirements as soon as possible **via the following Microsoft Form <https://forms.office.com/e/7jJU9dK63v>** . This must be completed to ensure that any dietary requirements such as allergies or intolerances are met.

Medical information

The school already has medical details for your son/daughter. However, to ensure this information is as up to date as possible we ask that you complete the student medicine information form as soon as possible **via the following Google Form <https://forms.gle/ew8um8ZiBSjQ7PQs8>**.

If you have not filled in the links above please can you do so as a matter of urgency. Thank you.

Mr J Wellard-Jeffs, Trip Leader



SCIENCE CHAMPIONS OF THE WEEK



SPARX SCIENCE CHAMPIONS

OF THE WEEK

1. HIRUN FERNANDO
2. MITHUN VIJAYA KUMAR
3. AYAAN TARIQ
4. EVELYN MOREY
5. MEYORA DE SOUSA
6. SUMMER FOSKETT
7. OLIVIA JARVIS
8. SHLOK SHAH
9. TOMASZ JARONSKI
10. LEXI BOND

YEAR 9 TRIP TO TATE MODERN



Year 9 Art and English students enjoyed a trip to the Tate Modern to broaden their creativity and expand conceptual thinking and understanding.

The trip was a springboard for students to have exposure to modern and contemporary art from around the world so that students taking art over KS4 will begin to immerse themselves in the discipline with passion and joy.

Alongside this, students also engaged in verbal and written activities that will enhance their skills in English, using art as a stimulus for narrative writing.



ELEVATE EDUCATION - FREE WEBINAR

How You Can Set Your Child Up for Success
Tuesday 7th July 6-7pm



Elevate works with our students to develop their study skills through high-impact workshops. Sign up for their parent webinar series to learn how to help enforce effective revision techniques and working methods:

- ◆ Helping your child to avoid last-minute exam preparation with effective notetaking
- ◆ Setting specific, performance-orientated goals with your child
- ◆ Boosting your child's results with extra reading

[CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP FOR FREE WEBINAR](#)

SIXTH FORM RAISE AND GIVE



Supporting Thames Hospice

Sports Day Fundraiser, Tuesday 7th July

Thank you to everyone who has supported our sports day fund raising so far by purchasing a giant foam hand or finger. Stock is now low and no longer available to order via Parentmail however, there will be limited stock available on the day to purchase with either cash or card. Sunglasses in House colours are still available to order via parent mail.

A reminder that face painting requires a permission form to be completed in advance for every child

[CLICK HERE TO GIVE PERMISSION FOR FACEPAINTING](#)

Please support our Raise and Give Society

Thames hospice

TUESDAY 7TH JULY

SIXTH FORM RAISE AND GIVE SOCIETY SPORTS DAY CHARITY EVENT

Facepainting £1-£1.50
Please sign the form if you give permission for your child to be face painted: [Face paints permission form - Furze Platt Sports Day Tues 7th July - Fill in form](#)

Ice lollies £1-£1.50

Giant foam hands / fingers in House colours £4

Sunglasses £2

ALL MONEY RAISED GOES TO THAMES HOSPICE
cash or card welcome

You can donate to Thames Hospice here:
[justgiving.com/page/fpss-thames-hospice](https://www.justgiving.com/page/fpss-thames-hospice)

If you want to donate but can't do it online, please speak to your Pastoral Manager – they will help sort out a cash donation.

PE THIS WEEK



SAVE THE DATE

friends of **FURZE PLATT THEATRE**

ANY QUESTIONS?
RADIO 4

FRIDAY 10TH JULY 2026

DON'T FORGET TO LISTEN IN VIA BBC RADIO 4 OR THROUGH THE BBC SOUNDS APP!

Please support our Raise and Give Society!

Thank you.



Clubs for Term 1 (September) will be sent out on Friday 11th September 2026.

Please do not delete clubs emails as more clubs may be added. Please check junk/spam folders if the email from edufocus (evolve.furzeplattsnrvisits@edufocus.co.uk) is not found. To sign up for My EVOLVE for club overviews, follow these steps:

1. Click the link in the email.
2. Press the 'create account' button.

CLUBS LIST FOR NEXT WEEK

How can...
...my child take part in clubs and activities at FPSS?

SCIENCE CLUB	GARDENING CLUB	ROCKSTARS
TECHNICAL THEATRE CLUB	FURZE PLATT SENIOR SCHOOL	GREENPOWER CLUB
INFINITY CLUB	MORNING FITNESS	DEBATE CLUB



GREENPOWER TEAM IN ACTION!

Our Greenpower students have been practising speedy pit stop driver changes and working through important crash response procedures ahead of their next race.

Great teamwork, communication and preparation on display as they race against the clock!



KS3 Free Writing Club
Crafting the Writers of Tomorrow
Aims & Benefits of short story writing.

- To create stories or writing for readers that entertain
- To impact lives
- To influence readers' creative imagination and explore thoughts inside your head
- Fosters Teamwork and Collaboration
- Enhances Creativity through Brainstorming
- Provides Accountability and Structure
- Skills Development and Peer Learning plus Emotional Support and Community.
- Builds Confidence and Reducing Pressure
- Models Writing Processes

Hosted by
Ms J Stevens
Room E5
Tuesdays
3:20-3:55 pm

**WEEKLY
HOUSE
POINTS**



3574



3258



3618



3243



Well done to our Hawks who have won this week!

Great work from our blue House!



CAN YOU HELP (PART 1)

Calling local businesses, landscapers and keen gardeners!

Could you help us create a stunning new entrance for Furze Platt Senior School?

As part of our support for Trunks Across the Thames and Thames Hospice, our student-designed elephant sculptures will return to school this October.

We're looking for support with:

- ◆ Plants & shrubs
- ◆ Decorative stone
- ◆ Sleepers & edging
- ◆ Landscaping materials
- ◆ Professional expertise
- ◆ Volunteer time

It's a fantastic opportunity to help create a lasting feature for thousands of students, families and visitors to enjoy for years to come.

If you'd like to get involved, please email:

karen.barnes@furzeplatt.net

Thank you for your support!



THAMES HOSPICE

TRUNKS ACROSS THE THAMES

Our wonderful elephant sculptures, Borough and Scout, painted by our talented students for the Thames Hospice fundraiser 'Trunks across the Thames', will be on display from 13th July to 13th September as part of a fantastic art trail featuring 60 elephants across the Thames Valley.



You can find our FPSS elephants here from 13th July to 13th September:

- Borough will be at the Thames Hospice Shop in Maidenhead
- Scout will be at Sip and Conquer

We would love to see your photos with the elephants, please send them to HoH@furzeplatt.net

Thank you for all your support with this fundraiser.



CAN YOU HELP (PART 2)

We are looking to help support TVAP with the following donations:

- Bubble baths * Wine * Chocolates
- Colouring books * Hand creams
- Playdough * Sensory toys
- Games & puzzles * Gift cards / vouchers
- Funsized Chocolate bars/ sweets

If you can spare any of the above please leave them with our friendly reception team. Thank you.

Mrs D Feather, Raising Achievement Manager



SEND Voices RBWM | Fredrick's Hotel & Spa, SL6 2PZ | **Monday 6 July** | 10 AM - 12 PM

SEND Voices RBWM - Implementation of the Local Area SEND Reform Plan | Part of the SEND Reform collection

Overview

We will be joined by staff from AfC to explain the SEND Reform and how it will be implemented in RBWM. Input your views to the SEND Strategy. **Join us in July for a chat about the SEND Reform and SEND Strategy. Register on the QR code below for this event.** Have Your Say on SEND in RBWM. Shape the future of SEND support for your child.

You're invited: Parent Carer Engagement Session. We're implementing the **Local Area SEND Reform Plan** and we want to hear from you.

These sessions are your opportunity to:

- Understand how the RBWM 5 Year SEND Strategy is being developed
- Ask questions directly to RBWM's convening partner, Achieving for Children, about the Plan
- Share your priorities to shape how SEND services are delivered in our area.

What to Expect

We'll walk through each of the **6 Priority Areas of the RBWM SEND Strategy:**

- Where we are now – the current strategy
- Where we're going – how the Local Plan builds on this
- Your voice – what matters most to you and your family.

All Parent Carers Welcome. We especially want to hear from families who may not always have the chance to share their views, including those with children in: **Elective Home Education (EHE)**

- Education Otherwise Than At School (EOTAS)
- Every perspective matters.

Can't Attend?

Contact us: info@svrbwm.org.uk, to share your views online.

Your voice. Your priorities. Your child's future.

Highlights:

- 2 hours | In-person | Free parking

Location:

- **Fredrick's Hotel & Spa**, Shoppenhangers Road, Maidenhead, SL6 2PZ

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Sunday 5th July at 7pm

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www.harmonybelles.com/tickets
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3-4 July
13th. Maidenhead Beer and Cider Festival 2026

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Open: Friday & Saturday Noon to 10pm
General Admission: £3 in advance, £5 on door.
CAMRA MEMBERS - FREE ENTRANCE.
All FREE after 7pm Friday & 5pm Saturday.

www.mbcf.camra.org.uk

THE BLEND CHOIR
Summer Concert
SATURDAY 11TH JULY
7.30PM
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- ★ Raffle
- ★ Hot dogs
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(Sat Nav: SL6 8PR)
what3words: belly.wake.giving Registered Charity Number 120368

01628 628599
www.tvap.co.uk

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE DISCLOSURE SCHEME CLARE'S LAW

IF YOU ARE WORRIED THAT YOU, OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW, MAY BE AT RISK OF DOMESTIC ABUSE...

...you can ask the police to check whether their current or ex-partner has a history of abusive or violent behaviour.

This is known as making a 'Right to Ask' request under the Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme (DVDS), also called Clare's Law.

Clare's Law covers all forms of domestic abuse – physical violence, controlling or coercive behaviour, economic or sexual abuse.

Make a Clare's Law application to Thames Valley Police

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO ASK



For further information visit



Matthew Barber
Police & Crime Commissioner
for Thames Valley



victims-first.org.uk/crime-info/guidance-and-support/domestic-abuse

U12-U13/Year 7 Touch Rugby at Maidenhead RFC



Fill in form below to register interest

- No membership required
- Free of charge
- All Welcome
- Sun 10/5 – Sun 30/8 @10am & Tues 12/5 – Tues 25/8 @6pm



Maidenhead RFC
Braywick Park
Braywick Road
Maidenhead Berkshire
SL6 1BN

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27 – 31 July 2026
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