

## MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER



Dear Parents and Carers,

2025/26

At the end of a busy year, I would like to thank all members of our community for their support. There have been many highlights such as We Will Rock You in Term 3 or our Ofsted Report in Term 4. The year has been filled with visits close to home or further afield to places like Wales, Greece and Costa Rica, as well as great events like our Science and Careers and Higher Education Fairs. This year has also seen competition and award successes like the Samsung Solve for Tomorrow, Bees' Needs or for our Greenpower Team.

Moreover, as Sports Awards showed on Monday the year has been full of sporting achievements. Many congratulations to all those who won a prize. We have a lot of exceptional athletes, and it was great to hear their successes celebrated.

However, amongst these notable events as, if not more significant, is the hard work and dedication students show each day living our ACHIEVE values and making FPSS a fantastic place to work and study. In the last couple of weeks of term, it has therefore been great to reward students for all they have done this year through various trips, breakfasts, assemblies and prizes. Thank you to all those in our community who make our school a special place.

## Farewells

The end of a school year is always tinged with some sadness as we say farewell to some students and staff. If you and your families are leaving FPSS this summer, we send our best wishes for the future.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

[ALL EVENTS](#)

|                    |                                           |                 |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| THU 13<br>AUGUST   | A-Level Results Day                       | 8am - 12pm      |
| THU 20<br>AUGUST   | GCSE Results Day                          | 8am - 12pm      |
| THU 3<br>SEPTEMBER | Start of term for Year 7 & Year 12        | 8.30am - 3.15pm |
| FRI 4<br>SEPTEMBER | Start of term for Years 8, 9, 10, 11 & 13 | 8.30am - 3.15pm |

## SCHOOL TERM DATES

Colleagues that are departing include Miss Putter (Business), Mr Tipp and Mr Kalinowski (PE), Mr Nash (Site), Miss Aspinwall (Music), Miss Kumar and Mr Akers (English), Mr Jones (Learning Mentor), Mrs Wardle (Reception), along with Miss Dissegna and Mr Randall (Science). We wish them every success in their next roles.

## Sports Day

After last week's postponement we finally held our Sports Day on Wednesday. It was fantastic to see our community come together to celebrate sport, our Houses and our identity as a school. A huge thank you to all students and staff who made the event so memorable.

## Examination Results

We are looking forward to welcoming students onsite on 13 August for Key Stage 5 results and on 20 August for Key Stage 4 results. Good luck to all those waiting to open their envelopes and reveal what grades they have achieved.

## Student Subject, House and Progress Nominations

Well done to all students nominated this term. You can see the full list of nominations starting on page 4.

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## Summer Break

At the end of the year, I trust that you and your families have an amazing summer. Whatever you are up to, I hope that you have some amazing adventures and experiences.

Enjoy your summer!

Take care and stay safe,

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



## MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNORS

**Katie Mair, Chair Of Governors writes:**

As we reach the end of another school year, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks on behalf of the Governing Board to our whole school community.

To our staff, thank you for your dedication this year, through the everyday challenges and the big moments, including our Ofsted inspection, has been exceptional. You continue to give our young people the very best of yourselves, and we are deeply grateful.

Across all year groups, students have shown real commitment and our ACHIEVE values, whether that's in classrooms, in sports, in creative spaces, or in the quiet moments of perseverance that no one sees but matters enormously.

And special thanks to our parents, carers and families. Thank you for the partnership you bring to this school. Your encouragement and trust in us makes an enormous difference.

We are proud of what our community has achieved this year, and excited for the year ahead.

To understand more about the Governing Board responsibilities and how we support our school, please do read this year's Annual Report.

[CLICK HERE TO READ GOVERNORS' REPORT](#)

We wish all our community a safe and restful summer.

Katie Mair

On behalf of the Governing Board

**Kate Winrow-Davies**  
Parent Governor



I have two children, my son is still in Primary and my daughter is at FPSS. I'm passionate about education and have worked in schools across Berkshire and Surrey for 20 years, specialising in vocational education and pastoral care.

I currently work as a L6 careers advisor delivering impartial information, advice and guidance for KS3, 4 and 5 students.

In my spare time, I'm involved with various activities in our local community and am proactive in encouraging others to work together for a common goal.

**Thank you to all our governors for their support this year.**




## GCSE AND A LEVEL RESULTS DAYS 2026



These will take place on the following days/times:



### Year 13 - GCE/Cambridge Technicals/BTEC Nationals/ Applied

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> August 2026

School will be open for students to collect results from 8am -10am in the Theatre.

From 10am-12pm results may be collected from the Exams Office.

### Year 11 - GCSE/Cambridge Nationals/BTEC Tech Award/NCFE VCert

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2026

School will be open for students to collect results from 8am -10am in the Theatre.

From 10am-12pm results may be collected from the Exams Office.

### What am I collecting?

#### Results

On results days you will be given a results statement showing your provisional summer exam grades and, where available, your marks. These are **not** your certificates.

If you cannot collect your results in person, please use the form below

**RESULTS COLLECTION FORM**

#### Certificates

Certificates are your proof of qualifications and will be available to collect from school from **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2026**.

These must be collected from school within one year of issue.

If students cannot collect certificates in person, please use the form below:

**CERTIFICATE COLLECTION FORM**

### What to do if you are not happy with your results

#### Post Results Services (ROR) and Access to Scripts (ATS)

If after receiving your results you would like to discuss your options for reviews of marking or access to your exam scripts, please read the information below and speak to your subject teacher or contact the Exams Office for further information.

**JCQ-POST-RESULTS-SERVICES**

#### School Email Accounts

These will remain open until the end of the Autumn Term (Christmas) to allow the post results queries to take place. All requests for post results services must be made from the **Student's Furze Platt Senior School email**.

We wish you the very best of luck for your upcoming results and onward journeys!

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the exams office by email [exams@furzeplatt.net](mailto:exams@furzeplatt.net).

Kind regards,

Mrs S Hemsley, Exams Manager





## HAWK HOUSE ARE OUR HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS



432,023 HP

446,670 HP

450,180 HP

423,212 HP



### HEAD OF HOUSE STUDENT NOMINATIONS

A special mention to all the students nominated below by their respective Heads of Houses. These students have been put forward for their positive attitudes and helpful behaviour, and contribute to a wide range of school activities.



EAGLE HEAD OF HOUSE NOMINATIONS GO TO...

**Lily Tobin:** Lily embodies the values and ethos of our House through her hard work, dedication and positive attitude. She is a fantastic role model for her peers and has made an excellent start to her time at Furze Platt. Congratulations, Lily, on a fantastic year. This award is thoroughly deserved.

**Alex Tucker:** Alex has been an outstanding member of Eagles House throughout the year and is a thoroughly deserving recipient of this award. As the highest ACHIEVE point scorer among the boys in Eagles, he has consistently demonstrated an excellent attitude, strong work ethic and commitment to achieving his very best.



FALCON HEAD OF HOUSE NOMINATIONS GO TO...

**Katie Ellis:** Katie represents the very best of Falcon House. She is dependable, hardworking and always willing to contribute wherever she is needed. For her exceptional commitment, conduct and selfless contribution to school life, Katie is a thoroughly deserving recipient of the Head of House Award. I am proud to nominate her for this award.



FALCON HEAD OF HOUSE NOMINATIONS GO TO...

**Khalid Yusuf:** Khalid demonstrates integrity, respect and perseverance in everything he does. His dedication and positive influence have made a lasting impact on both the House and the wider school community.

He leads by example, encouraging others to participate, collaborate and give their best effort. Khalid is a thoroughly deserving recipient of this nomination, and we thank him for his outstanding contribution to Falcon House.



HAWK HEAD OF HOUSE NOMINATIONS GO TO...

**Skye Easten:** Skye has been a model Hawk this year. By consistently being at the top of our positive points leaderboard, throwing herself into House events and bringing excellent ideas to House Captain meetings, Skye has exemplified how Hawks thrive every day. I look forward to seeing everything you bring to the House next year.

**Max Jenkins:** Max has been a bedrock of Hawk House this year. His consistent enthusiasm for getting involved in House events and suggesting new ideas for the future has helped strengthen our House culture and activities throughout the year. Thank you Max!



OSPREY HEAD OF HOUSE NOMINATIONS GO TO...

**Alice Young:** Alice finishes Year 9 as a Science Fair champion and as a finalist in the Samsung Solve for Tomorrow competition. These achievements required excellent collaboration with peers and demonstrated outstanding versatility. I encourage her to continue her excellence - perhaps even as a House Captain - into Year 10 and beyond.

**Jasroop Vilku:** Jasroop has truly embodied what it means to be an Osprey this year through his involvement in activities, events, trips and lessons. He leads by example with integrity, has earned nearly 2,000 points this year and his teachers have universally praised his conduct, attitude and classwork. Great work Jasroop!

## STUDENT SUBJECT NOMINATIONS

At the end of each large term (Easter, Christmas and Summer), we hold a Celebration Assembly to recognise and celebrate the many achievements of our students, both in their learning and in their contributions to the wider school community.

Here are this term's nominees for subject nominations - super work, everyone!



YEAR 7



### END OF TERM NOMINATIONS

ART  
CONNECT  
COMPUTING  
DRAMA  
LEARNING SUPPORT  
ENGLISH  
GEOGRAPHY  
HISTORY  
LANGUAGES  
MATHS  
MUSIC  
PE  
PHILOSOPHY & RELIGION  
PSHE  
SCIENCE  
TECHNOLOGY

CELINE PORTIER & MAX CARTWRIGHT  
LILY-ROSE CULPIN & MICHAEL STREET  
ZOEY NASH & ARDAN MURRAY  
SELIN SENYUREK & MATTI GAIT  
EVIE WOODWARD & JACOB CHETTER  
CHLOE PURSEY & STANLEY BURKE  
JESSICA ROGERS & ROHAN BIRK  
SAM FOX & RISITH KALPAGE  
LILY TOBIN & MARTIN GEORGIEV  
LILY RIVERS & RORY JOHNSON  
EMILIA BROOKING & MUSA RASHID  
SKYE EASTERN & JAMIE ALLEN  
MEGAN GRAYSON & REECE TAILOR  
DELPHINA MASTROGIANNIS & GETHIN COX  
EMMA RHODES & OLIVER TARBUCK  
ELLEN MALCOLM & JAYDEN TAYLOR



YEAR 8



### END OF TERM NOMINATIONS

ART  
COMPUTING  
CONNECT  
DRAMA  
LEARNING SUPPORT  
ENGLISH  
GEOGRAPHY  
HISTORY  
LANGUAGES  
MATHS  
MUSIC  
PE  
PHILOSOPHY & RELIGION  
PSHE  
SCIENCE  
TECHNOLOGY

BEATRIX KITT-MARTINEZ & NATE ENGLAND  
JOSHNI JOHN CHRISTOPHER & ADAM VERVERKA  
COREY MACBRIDE  
LILY REEMAN & AAYU KHUBCHANDANI  
REJNA SUCI & SAM KENDALL  
HÉLÈNE SUTCLIFFE & ZAID HOLMES  
MATTIE KINRADE & KAITO TEMPELAERE  
OLIVIA YOUNG & ANAY JOSHI  
ALIX HYDE & CHARLIE CORRIGAN  
OZGU YUKSEL & NOUR SHIMA  
IMMY ROBINSON & JASROOP VILKHU  
EVIE LAWRENCE & LUKE FUGGLE  
MILLIE COOKE & JACK NOVELL  
YUSRAA KHAN & JONATHAN KAONGA  
MOLLIE CLARKE & ETHAN CALLABY  
MADELEINE BEANEY & DYLAN NKURUMAH



YEAR 9



### END OF TERM NOMINATIONS

ART  
DRAMA  
CONNECT  
D OF E  
LEARNING SUPPORT  
ENGLISH  
GEOGRAPHY  
HISTORY  
COMPUTING  
LANGUAGES  
MATHS  
MUSIC  
PE  
PHILOSOPHY & RELIGION  
PSHE  
SCIENCE  
TECHNOLOGY

TUSHARADRITA BARUA & JOSHUA BROWN  
ALICE YOUNG & RAYHAN ALI  
MEGAN EATON & JACOB DARBY  
DARCEY EDWARDS & KYLE DIXON  
WILF CUTTING  
ZOE DAVIS & RAF CUNLIFFE  
OLIVIA JARVIS & DANIEL FARRALL  
GRACE COPPING & LUKE DEARNALEY  
FLORENCE JONES & MUSTAFA AL-JAWAHIRI  
ABIGAIL APCIO & THOMAS HOLLINS  
SUMMER HAYES & OLIVER WILLIAMS  
ABIGAIL HOLMES & ALEXANDER ABEL  
ALICE GREENLAND & THOMAS LING  
SOFIA GRUBER MAS & UMAR HUSSAIN  
MYA BIRK & MAX BEALE  
AMY SHUTTLEWORTH & ALFIE MAPPLEY  
STEPHANIE EZE & JAN PIANKOWSKI



YEAR 10



### END OF TERM NOMINATIONS

ART  
BIOLOGY  
BUSINESS  
CHILD DEVELOPMENT  
CHEMISTRY  
COMPUTING  
CONSTRUCTION  
DESIGN TECHNOLOGY  
DRAMA  
D OF E  
LEARNING SUPPORT  
ENGINEERING  
ENGLISH  
FOOD TECHNOLOGY  
GEOGRAPHY  
HEALTH & FITNESS  
HISTORY  
HOSPITALITY & CATERING  
MEDIA  
LANGUAGES  
MATHS  
MUSIC  
PE  
PHILOSOPHY & RELIGION  
PHYSICS  
PSHE  
RAISING ACHIEVEMENT  
TEXTILES  
TRAVEL & TOURISM

SARINA MIRO & ALFIE GUNNER  
ANTOINETTE LUCAS & NOR-ALDEEN HEJAZE  
ALBA NICHOLLS & TERRY ILLES  
BERNICE LAYUG  
SOPHIA MORMECH & HARLEY WOOD  
LINDIWE MOYO & LOK HIN JOSHUA NG  
ABBIE PICKETT & ADAM QASIR  
NADIA DOMINTE & SOHAN SINGH  
ELIZA CANNON & WILLIAM WILSON-O'BRYNE  
MARYAM MOHSIN & HARRY STRUDWICKE  
KIAN WEAVER  
LILY SMITH & JUDE ROUTLEDGE  
GRETEL ANAGHO & AYAAN ANSARI  
ALYSSA DOWNING & FRASER ROBERT  
JESS COULING & THOMAS COLLEY  
CALLIE WEBB & HARRY DALE  
RACHEL LEWIS & THOMAS HUGHES-PARRY  
JAMIE THOMAS & LEYTON CANZIANI  
ERIN BANKS & ZACH PERROTT  
LOLA GREENWOOD & YUI POK LEUNG  
CHLOE HENRY & LEO MCGARRY  
FLORENCE TO & CHRIS HE  
DANIYA HMEID & FINLAY PATERSON  
USWA AZAM & SEB SUTTEHALL  
HANNAH PECK & OSCAR EVANS  
IZZY HEARSEY & AMIR GASHI  
AMIRARSALAN SHAABANI & ROSA MULLINS  
CIARA MCSWEEHNEY  
EMIE ROCKALL & ISA IQBAL







YEAR 12

YEAR 12

## END OF TERM NOMINATIONS

### ART

BIOLOGY

BTEC BUSINESS/BUSINESS

CHEMISTRY

COMPUTING

CRIMINOLOGY

DRAMA

ECONOMICS

ENGLISH

FASHION TEXTILES

FURTHER MATHS

GEOGRAPHY

HISTORY/GOVT & POLITICS

MEDICAL SCIENCE

MATHS

MEDIA

PE

PHILOSOPHY & ETHICS

PHYSICS

PRODUCT DESIGN

PSYCHOLOGY

SPORTS STUDIES

MIA GROSZMANN

MOHAMMED AL-HASHIMI

WILL MCLEAN

MITCHELL HOLMES

RISHI JAISWAL

ELENA BALFE

RUBY KIELTY

SOFIA CORBETT

SOPHIA LOUW

EVIE ROWE

ANVI JOSHI

MURPHY CAMP-OVERY

ZACH EVANS

AADAM A KHAN

ZUZANNA PIANKOWSKA

MONTY HARTE

ROBERT HERN

OSCAR MASTRILLI

ANDREEA TIMOTIN

JOSHUA TUCKER

EINAYA AMMAR

OWEN SHAW



To the teaching teams – including teachers, cover teachers, teaching support staff, SEN staff and administrators for Year 8 and Year 10, our family would like to express their deepest gratitude for all of the hard work and support that you apply to 'go the extra mile', and all of the pupils at Furze Platt Senior School. Your work and your input truly make a difference. Thank you!

– Parents of students in Year 8 and 10



### WORK EXPERIENCE WEEK 2027 - CAN YOU HELP?

A huge THANK YOU to all the employers who supported our Year 10 Work Experience students this year!

Your time, guidance, and generosity have given our students invaluable experience, new skills, and inspiration for the future.

We're now planning for next June!

If you're a parent or carer and think your business could offer a Year 10 work experience placement, we'd love to hear from you. Please email us via the link below if you can offer a placement for under-16s.

Thank you for helping our students discover the world of work and supporting their future!

[CLICK HERE TO EMAIL US ABOUT WORK EXPERIENCE](#)

### YEAR 7 CASTLE COMPETITION

YEAR 7



Our Year 7 historians have been hard at work creating some incredible castles as part of this year's History Castle Project!

From towering keeps and strong stone walls to detailed drawbridges and moats, the creativity, effort and historical understanding on display has been truly impressive.

Here are some photos of our students in action, admiring the castles and casting their votes. Well done to all of our Year 7 students for their hard work, imagination and craftsmanship!



### SAMSUNG PRIZEWINNERS

YEAR 9



Amy Shuttleworth and Alice Young, both Year 9, were invited to London to participate in an exciting work experience day at Samsung's offices near Charing Cross.

To round off the experience, the finalists travelled to Piccadilly Circus, where they were thrilled to see their projects shown on the iconic giant digital screens, for their achievement as competition finalists in the Samsung Solve for Tomorrow competition!







## Sports Day 2026!

What a fantastic Sports Day we enjoyed on Wednesday!

From the 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m and 1500m races to the relay, long jump, triple jump, javelin and shot put, students gave their all, showing incredible determination, teamwork and House spirit throughout the day.



It was wonderful to see our whole school community come together to celebrate participation, resilience and friendly competition. Whether competing, cheering on teammates, face painting, waving foam hands or taking part in the famous Norwegian row, the atmosphere was full of energy and school pride.

A huge thank you to our PE Department, staff, student helpers and everyone who helped make the day such a success.

## House Results

**Falcons** – 641 points \* **Hawks** – 625 points

**Eagles** – 586 points \* **Osprey** – 489 points

Congratulations to Falcons, our Sports Day 2026 champions, and well done to all participants!





## U13 County Championships High Jump Champion

Many congratulations to Mas Eyole-Monono (Year 7), who achieved an outstanding victory in the High Jump at the Under-13 County Championships, bringing home the Gold medal for Furze Platt. What a fantastic achievement and a testament to his hard work, talent and dedication.

Well done, Mas – we are incredibly proud of you!



## SPORTS AWARDS

What a fantastic evening of celebration at our annual Sports Awards Ceremony, where we recognised the dedication, effort and achievements of our student athletes across a wide range of sports. The event was hosted by special guest Mr. Ibrahim Turay, international and Olympic sprinter, whose inspiring presence helped make the evening one to remember.



Throughout the evening, students were honoured for their performances in Rugby, Basketball, Netball, Handball, Football, Athletics and Cricket, alongside awards recognising Outstanding Contribution, Sports Leadership and Team of the Year. A particular highlight was the announcement of our Team of the Year winners:

- ◆ **Upper School Team of the Year: U15 Boys Football**
- ◆ **Lower School Team of the Year: U13 Boys Football**

These teams demonstrated outstanding commitment, teamwork and sporting excellence throughout the year.

We were also delighted to celebrate our Sports Leaders, whose enthusiasm and willingness to support sporting events, competitions and younger students have made a significant contribution to school sport.

The evening concluded with the presentation of our prestigious Sports Person of the Year awards, recognising students who have consistently demonstrated exceptional performance, dedication and sporting values across the academic year.

Congratulations to all award winners, finalists and participants. Your hard work, resilience and commitment embody the very best of sport at FPSS. Thank you also to our PE staff, coaches, families and supporters who have helped make this another successful year of sporting achievement. We look forward to building on this success in the year ahead.

***Well done to everyone involved and thank you for making the 2025–26 sporting season such a memorable one.***

A selection of photos are on the next page.





SPORTS AWARDS





### Year 9 Enrichment Afternoon

Year 9 students enjoyed another fantastic Enrichment Afternoon recently, swapping their usual lessons for a wide variety of exciting activities designed to inspire, challenge and develop new skills.

Students chose from an incredible range of experiences, including Scrapheap Challenge, CSI Cluedo, Spikeball, Board Games & Werewolves, Computer Repairs, Model UN, Cupcake Bake Off, Orienteering, Jamaican Appreciation, Prosthetics, Life Drawing, Pottery and Mural Painting.

Whether working creatively, solving problems, debating global issues or learning practical new skills, students embraced every opportunity with enthusiasm and teamwork.

Our enrichment programme is all about learning beyond the classroom, encouraging students to discover new interests, build confidence and develop skills that will support them both in school and beyond.

Well done, Year 9!



### Year 10 Enrichment Afternoon

Year 10 students also rounded off last week with a fantastic Enrichment Afternoon, stepping away from their usual lessons to explore new interests, develop practical skills, and challenge themselves in new ways.



Students chose from a wide range of exciting activities, including mural painting, pottery, life drawing, stage combat, orienteering, cupcake bake-off, Model UN, computer repairs, crochet, Campeones, spikeball, scrapheap challenge, and cake decorating.

Our enrichment program is designed to give students experiences beyond the classroom, helping them build confidence, creativity, teamwork, and resilience - skills that will benefit them throughout school and beyond.







## COSTA RICA TRIP

After nearly 24 hours of travelling, our intrepid Year 11 and Year 12 students arrived at the Hilton in San José for some much needed rest.

Once refreshed, we flew to the Osa Biological Conservation Station on the Osa Peninsula. Getting here involved two separate short flights along the coast - not everyone could fit on one plane! - followed by a 45-minute 4x4 transfer. The scenery was absolutely stunning.

This afternoon included an induction from the station staff, watching a nail-biting game of football followed by an evening stroll through the jungle. It's safe to say this is an experience the students are already keen to repeat over the coming days.

The highlight so far has definitely been the wildlife. We've already spotted wild howler and spider monkeys, toucans, fer-de-lance snakes, leaf-cutter ants, scorpions, and plenty of other incredible insects. Tomorrow we set off for a morning rainforest hike with local wildlife guides and the station conservation staff.



The next few days brought trekking through the rainforest and spotting monkeys, toucans and a rare tree-climbing anteater, to helping with rainforest restoration, learning about sustainable farming and contributing to real conservation projects, every day has been packed with adventure and discovery.

One of the week's standout moments was witnessing an Olive Ridley sea turtle laying her eggs during a night

beach patrol; an unforgettable experience that our students will remember for years to come.



As well as developing their knowledge of biodiversity and conservation, students have been building resilience, teamwork, communication and leadership skills while making a genuine contribution to environmental research.

Take a look through the photos to see some of the highlights from Days 2-4... with plenty more adventures still to come!

As ever, please keep your messages coming through on the message board - the students love hearing from you!

Mr Wellard-Jeffs and Miss Fletcher, Trip Leaders





Days 5 & 6 have been packed with unforgettable experiences. Students explored the importance of biodiversity by studying apex predators and food chains, before heading into the rainforest to retrieve camera traps. The footage revealed an amazing array of wildlife, including tapirs, coatis, ocelots and even pumas!



The group has also been busy producing their own conservation-themed social media videos, working alongside experts to communicate the importance of protecting Costa Rica's unique ecosystems.

Another highlight saw students rise before dawn to climb a 40-metre canopy tower, watching the sunrise over the rainforest while spotting monkeys and tropical birds high above the forest floor.



Day 6 activities focused on real scientific research, collecting environmental DNA (eDNA) samples from a local river to help monitor biodiversity. Students also rolled up their sleeves to protect local wildlife by carrying out a beach litter pick and reinforcing a sea turtle hatchery before cooling off with a well-earned swim in a beautiful beach lagoon.



The jungle chapter may be drawing to a close, but there are still plenty more adventures to come - stay tuned to our social media accounts for more!



**'ANY QUESTIONS' RECORDING**

A huge thank you to everyone who attended the recording of BBC Radio 4's 'Any Questions?' at Furze Platt Senior School last Friday!

It was a fantastic evening of lively discussion, insightful debate and thought-provoking questions from our audience. Expertly hosted by Alex Forsyth, the panel brought together voices from across the political spectrum, creating a fascinating exchange of perspectives on a wide range of current issues.



Topics ranged from how we can bring business back to the high street, to the process of electing a new Prime Minister, questions around payments to figures in the public eye, ways to make schools and workplaces more bearable during the hot weather, and even a football-related question!

It was fascinating to see how the programme comes together behind the scenes and to get a real peek behind the curtain of such a well-loved national broadcast. Seeing the set-up, production process and professionalism of the team was a fantastic experience for everyone involved.

Mrs J Bartram, Theatre Manager

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 \(evolve.furzeplattsnrvisits@edufocus.co.uk\)](mailto:edufocus@evolve.furzeplattsnrvisits.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.



## AWARD-WINNING GARDENING CLUB!

We're incredibly proud to share that our Gardening Club has been awarded the Bees' Needs Champions Award 2026 in recognition of their fantastic work creating spaces that support bees and other vital pollinators.



To celebrate, our students visited RHS Garden Wisley to receive their award, where they met fellow award winners, explored interactive stalls, shared ideas and learned even more about protecting pollinators and enhancing biodiversity.

A huge thank you to the team at @rhswisley RHS Garden Wisley for hosting such a memorable event. The beautifully decorated venue and warm welcome made it a truly special day for everyone involved.

As an extra honour, the club also received a letter of congratulations from the Minister for Nature, Mary Creagh CBE MP, recognising the students' commitment to helping nature thrive.

Congratulations to everyone involved in Gardening Club - your hard work is making a real difference for wildlife, our environment and the wider community. Keep up the brilliant work!



## GREENPOWER CLUB – CELEBRATING A FANTASTIC SEASON!

What a year it's been for our Greenpower Club!

The team has plenty to celebrate after achieving two of their best race finishes ever this season, alongside making fantastic progress in engineering, teamwork and race strategy.

To round off the year, students enjoyed some well-earned snacks while analysing race footage from Castle Combe, reflecting on their performances and looking at ways to make the car even faster for next season.



Greenpower is about so much more than racing. It gives students hands-on experience in engineering, problem-solving, teamwork and innovation, while encouraging them to think like real motorsport engineers.

A huge well done to everyone involved on another brilliant season - we can't wait to see what next year brings!





## OUR NEW ENTRANCE IS STARTING TO TAKE SHAPE!



During their recent enrichment sessions, some of our students began painting the vibrant new mural at the front of the school.



Inspired by our Trunks Across the Thames elephant sculptures, the mural will form part of a striking new entrance feature for their return to FPSS this October. It's fantastic to see our students bringing this exciting project to life with their creativity and teamwork.

## Thames hospice

Now we'd love your help to complete the vision!

We're looking to landscape the grassy area in front of the mural to create a beautiful home for the elephant sculptures. If you can offer:

- ◆ Plants or landscaping materials
- ◆ Decorative stone, sleepers or edging
- ◆ Landscaping or gardening expertise
- ◆ A few hours of your time

...we would be incredibly grateful for your support.

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

[karen.barnes@furzeplatt.net](mailto:karen.barnes@furzeplatt.net)

Together, we can create a lasting feature that celebrates our students, our community and our continued support for Thames Hospice.







# MUSIC THEORY WORKSHOP

**24TH-25TH AUGUST**  
**10-3PM**

LOCATION - FURZE PLATT SENIOR SCHOOL





Throughout the workshop, participants will:

- Improve their understanding of rhythm, notation and musical terms
- Develop confidence with scales, key signatures and chords
- Strengthen aural and listening skills
- Build a solid foundation for instrumental lessons and graded exams
- Learn alongside other young musicians in a friendly and supportive environment

Whether you're preparing for your next theory exam or simply want to become a stronger all-round musician, this workshop is the perfect opportunity to learn in a fun, welcoming setting.

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