

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Celebration Evening

Thank you to all who supported our Celebration Evening on Thursday. The event marks a fantastic opportunity to celebrate excellence and those students who have achieved so much at FPSS, as well as contributed enormously to our community.



A particular thanks to our guest of honour, Nicholas Winton, who shared with us some of his and his father's life lessons and highlighted how much of our growth comes through adversity.

Preparing to Succeed

Thank you also to all those parents and carers who supported our Prepare to Succeed evenings this week. These evenings mark an important opportunity to share plans, dates and messages for the upcoming year. If you were unable to make the evening for your son/daughter please do read through the information online.

[CLICK HERE FOR PRESENTATIONS](#)

We look forward to welcoming Year 7 and 8 parents for their evening next Tuesday.

Good Luck Greenpower

Best wishes to our Greenpower racing team who are competing at Dunsford this weekend.

Take care,

Dr Andrew J Morrison, Headteacher

(BA Hons, PGCE, MA, PhD)



UPCOMING EVENTS

Next Week (Week A)

[ALL EVENTS](#)

Forthcoming Events

TUE 15 SEPTEMBER	Preparing to Succeed In Year 7 Evening	6 - 7pm
	Preparing to Succeed in Year 8 Evening	7.15 - 8.15pm
TUE 22 SEPTEMBER	PTFA Meeting - all welcome	7.30pm
THU 1 OCTOBER	Early School Finish	12.30pm finish
	Whole School Open Evening	6pm - 8.30pm
FRI 2 OCTOBER	INSET DAY - school closed for all year groups	
MON 5, TUE 6 & WED 7	Year 7 Teambuilding at Longridge	

SCHOOL TERM DATES

SAVE THE DATE

Meet the Tutor Evening - Thursday 15th October

We are pleased to announce our upcoming Meet the Tutor Evening - an opportunity to meet your child's Form Tutor for a brief, light-touch meeting to discuss your child's progress and development.

Year Group	Format
Year 7	In person
Years 8 and 9	Online
Years 10 and 11	Online
Years 12 and 13	In person

More information about booking your appointment via School Cloud will follow shortly.

We look forward to welcoming you and continuing to work together to support your child's development.

SAVE THE DATE

YEAR
7

YEAR 7

Preparing to
Succeed Evening

Tuesday 15th September
6pm in the Theatre

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SAVE THE DATE

YEAR
8

YEAR 8

Preparing to
Succeed Evening

Tuesday 15th September
7.15pm in the Theatre

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PTFA MEETING:

TUESDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER

AT 7.30PM

ALL Welcome

THIS EVENT WILL BE HELD IN OUR LIBRARY/LRC



SUPPORTING YOUR CHILDREN

BRILLIANT AT THE BASICS - EQUIPMENT

As we settle into the start of the school year, we ask parents and carers to take a moment to check that their child has all the equipment they need to be brilliant at the basics.

FURZE PLATT TEN BE READY TO LEARN



1. Black Pens

2. Pencils

3. Ruler

4. Eraser

5. Pencil Sharpener

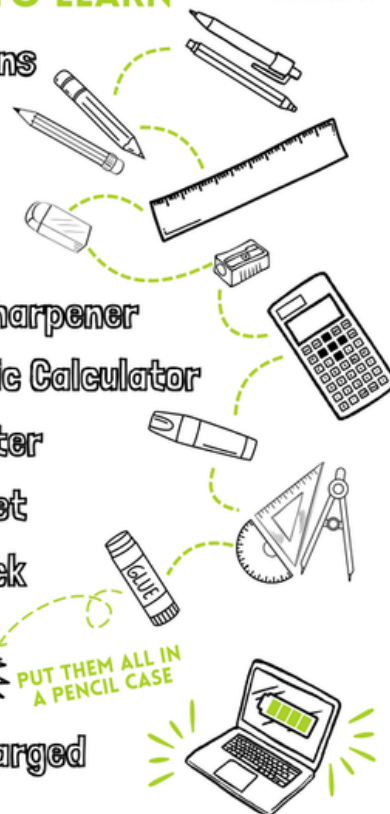
6. Scientific Calculator

7. Highlighter

8. Maths Set

9. Glue Stick

10. Fully Charged Laptop



Please ensure your child arrives at school with a fully charged school laptop and a well-stocked pencil case containing pens, pencils, a ruler, an eraser, a pencil sharpener and a scientific calculator.

For our Key Stage 4 students, we recommend having a clear pencil case ready for examinations. This should include all essential equipment, as well as highlighters, so students are fully prepared when the time comes.

We would be grateful if you could take a few minutes to check your child's equipment and replace any missing or worn items. Being organised and properly equipped helps students feel confident, prepared and ready to learn.

Thank you.



SCHOOL CLUBS

Term 1: September to October half term

Parents and carers of students in all year groups have been sent e-mail invites for this term's clubs. The email is headed Furze Platt Senior School with the email address evolve.furzeplattsnrvisits@edufocus.co.uk and the links will be safe for you to click on to confirm your child's attendance. If you have not received an email please check your junk / spam folders.



MY EVOLVE

In addition, 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
2. Click 'create account' button.

CLUBS LIST FOR NEXT WEEK

LAST CHANCE TO FIND THE ELEPHANTS!

The Trunks Across the Thames trail ends this Sunday, 13 September – so this is your final chance to get out there and find the elephants!

We'd love one last big push from our FPSS students too! If you spot one of the elephants, get a photo with it and send it to HoH@furzeplatt.net to earn House Points for your House like Oliver Targett, Year 8 who has won points for Eagle House!



Whether you've found one elephant or you're determined to track down the whole herd, get out there while you still can! Just download the Trunks Across the Thames app to help locate the elephants, keep track of the ones you've found and collect rewards along the way.

A huge thank you to everyone who has supported this fantastic Thames Hospice fundraiser so far – let's make this final week count!





OPEN EVENING: THURSDAY 1ST OCTOBER 6 - 8.30PM

Early finish for all students – 12.30pm

Our annual Open Evening is being held on Thursday 1st October for prospective students and their parents. Students will finish at 12.30pm and helpers will be invited back before the event starts.

INSET DAY: FRIDAY 2ND OCTOBER

School will be closed for all year groups.

SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING

THURSDAY 26TH NOVEMBER

This event will take place from 6-9pm and will be followed by a late start the next day for all students.

LATE START: FRIDAY 27TH NOVEMBER

Students in all year groups will have a 9.15am start and go straight to their first lesson (no form that day).

CAREERS FAIR

WEDNESDAY 2ND DECEMBER

Further details of this event will be sent out in due course.



CALLING PIANO PLAYERS AND SINGERS!

Are you a budding singer or pianist?

We are incredibly lucky to have a brilliantly talented singing and piano teacher at Furze Platt who has just opened her books for new students!

If you are interested and fancy a trial session, please contact Elin Davies at Elin.Davies@furzeplatt.net



SCIENCE ALUMNI TALK: ACADEMIC RESEARCH & STUDYING BIOLOGY IN FURTHER EDUCATION



Join us for a special session with Adam Gibbon, a former FPSS student who's returning to share insights from his studies in Biological Natural Sciences at Cambridge!

DATE:
MON 28 SEPT 2026

TIME:
3:15 – 4:15 PM

LOCATION:
S5

Topics: Discussing what a life in research is like, what Cambridge is like and how to decide if it is right for you, and what entrance exams and the interview are like.

He is also happy to answer any questions students may have about these topics.

This is a great opportunity to hear first-hand about academic research and university-level Biology, especially if you're thinking about studying science further.



OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS IN YEARS 12 & 13



A huge thank you to the teachers and support staff for providing so many extra-curricular opportunities to my child. These activities have created wonderful memories that they will cherish for years to come.

- Anonymous



SATRO AWARDS

Many congratulations to Adam Qasir, Warren Butler and Pieush Kumar who were awarded certificates by SATRO in recognition of their outstanding work last year.

Warren and Pieush gained certificates for 'outstanding contribution, enthusiasm and commitment' whilst Adam was for most improved student of the year. Great work everyone!





WEEKLY HOUSE POINTS



8470



7911



8638



7825



This week's House point winners are the Hawks!

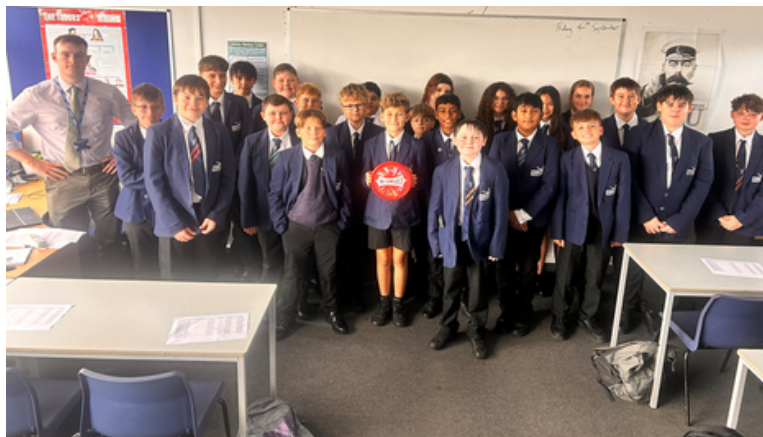
Great work everyone.

Which House will win next week?!

WORLD CUP SWEEPSTAKE - WINNING FORM

Congratulations to Mr Faint and Form 8TEF for winning the House World Cup sweepstake.

They received a tub of Celebrations for their prize!



and it's not just our students who get involved at Furze Platt...

Falcon Staff Soar to Victory!

The Falcon staff team have kicked off the year in style, taking 1st place with Dingbats in our very first competition of the year!



A fantastic team effort all round, with plenty of quick thinking and competitive spirit. What a way to start the year!

Strictly Come Dancing Prediction House Competition 2026!

The brand-new series of Strictly Come Dancing is about to hit the ballroom – and we want to know who you think will make it all the way to the final! Will you spot the frontrunners, dark horses and surprise early exits? Put your Strictly instincts to the test and predict how each celebrity will fare throughout the competition.

Take part in the Strictly Prediction Quiz:

Deadline: Friday 18 September

The winner will be announced after Christmas, following the Strictly final on 19 December.

R2s will be awarded to everyone who takes part! So, who will lift the Glitterball? Make your predictions and let's dance!

[CLICK HERE TO ENTER](#)





ELEVATE EDUCATION

FREE WEBINAR 'HOW TO GET AND KEEP YOUR CHILD MOTIVATED'

Tuesday 15th September 6pm



Elevate Education will be holding a free webinar 'How to Get (And Keep!) Your Child Motivated' on Tuesday 15th September at 6pm.

This is the first of several free webinars scheduled for this academic year and we will send further details prior to each event. Recordings will be available to access after the webinar has taken place.

Please click here to register:

<https://go.elevateeducation.com/ukschoolwebinar>

On the night, Elevate will cover how to:

- ✓ Use praise and reassurance to motivate your child
- ✓ Set effective and relevant goals for your child
- ✓ Help your child stay motivated long-term

'School leaders are ambitious for the school. They enjoy positive relationships with the rest of the staff and work with them to ensure the success of the school.'

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ACTIVATE LEARNING WEBINARS FOR STUDENTS IN YEARS 10 AND 11



Activate Learning are running two upcoming Post-16 Options webinars for parents and carers for a clear, practical guide to post-16 options with them, including:

- The range of courses available across our campuses in Berkshire, Surrey and Oxfordshire
- Entry requirements and what students need to apply
- How to support their young person through the application process
- How to make the most of our open events
- Key application deadlines and important dates
- Tips and advice to help their young person feel confident about their next steps

[Activate Learning Parent Webinars Tickets, Wednesday 23 September • 6 PM - 6:45 PM GMT+1 | Eventbrite](#)

[Activate Learning Parent Webinars Tickets, Monday 28 September • 6 PM - 6:45 PM GMT+1 | Eventbrite](#)



Open Evening 2026

Thursday 1st October, 6-8.30pm

All welcome, no booking required.



Open Morning School Tours

Please call our Main Reception on **01628 625308** to book a tour.

9.10am Morning Tour Dates:

September

- Tue 15
- Wed 16
- Thur 17
- Tue 22
- Thur 24
- Tue 29

October

- Tue 8
- Tue 13
- Wed 14
- Thur 15
- Wed 21



This is a
welcoming and
highly inclusive
school.

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Pupils know that they are well cared for and that they are safe in school.

- Ofsted, March 2026

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Teachers know their subjects well. They explain content in a clear and engaging manner.

- Ofsted, March 2026

Furze Platt Senior School offers:

- ▶ An inclusive education which is broad, stimulating and rewarding for all.
- ▶ Superb academic, sporting and arts facilities which create an aspirational learning environment for students.
- ▶ Our Tutor Groups to give students identity and belonging and includes dedicated staff, mentors and leaders who will support and help with students' development.
- ▶ Our Houses to encourage friendly competition and a sense of community.



How to find us:

Furze Platt Senior School,
Furze Platt Road,
Maidenhead, Berkshire SL6 7NQ

FITNESS AND STRENGTH FOR WOMEN

AN INTRODUCTION TO STRENGTH

MONDAY 14TH
SEPTEMBER
6PM - 7PM



ST EDMUND CAMPION
PARISH CENTRE, MAIDENHEAD



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INFORMATION
EVENING -
THURSDAY
24TH
SEPTEMBER,
5:30 PM -
8:00 PM

We are excited to invite you to our first
INFORMATION EVENING of the academic year
on THURSDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER.

This is your chance to meet our Senior
Leadership Team, connect with our dedicated
and passionate teaching staff, and discover
what makes our high-achieving, diverse, and
welcoming college in the heart of beautiful
Henley-on-Thames so unique.

Spaces are limited, so be sure to secure your
spot!

Secure your tickets now to avoid missing out!
Register by clicking [HERE](#)

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GIRLS

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SUNDAY FOOTBALL



DIVISION 2

TEAMWORK
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