

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER**Languages Week**

I am looking forward to Languages Week being celebrated across FPSS next week. Students are often amazed at the variety of cultures and languages within FPSS. We are a highly mixed and inclusive school and proud to have students from a wide range of ethnic backgrounds. As part of learning about other cultures, we value studying languages. For example, last year students took GCSEs in approaching ten languages.



With thanks to our MFL team, next week sees a range of events and competitions. Please do get involved speaking to your children about their backgrounds and sharing your experience of different languages and cultures. Thank you in advance for your support.

Preparing to Succeed

Thank you also to our Year 7 and 8 parents who supported these evenings this week. It was a pleasure to welcome Year 8 parents. Apologies that I was detained and not able to say a proper hello to Year 7 but I hope that you had a productive evening.

Open Evenings and Mornings

This week you will see an advert for our Open Evening on Thursday 1st October displayed at the front of school. The evening is an important one for FPSS sharing what we do with our community. We always require large numbers of student helpers and we do appreciate your support with this.

In addition, this week we started our morning tours and it has been a pleasure to show prospective parents and students around our fabulous school. As ever, members of our FPSS community are the best advocates.

Please do encourage friends and family to come along to some of these events.

Have a lovely weekend.

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

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Next Week (Week B)

ALL EVENTS

Forthcoming Events

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 OCTOBER	Year 13 Biology trip to Woolly Firs	
MON 5 TUE 6 WED 7 OCTOBER	Year 7 Teambuilding at Longridge	
MON 12 WED 14 FRI 16 OCTOBER	Year 9 Trip to West Wittering	
TUE 13 OCTOBER	Sixth Form Trip to Excel Centre, London	

SCHOOL TERM DATES

OPEN EVENING

2026

Thursday 1st October 2026

6-8.30pm

All welcome, no booking required.



PARENTS' EVENING DATES 2026–2027



We are pleased to share our Parents' Evening schedule for the 2026–2027 academic year.

These evenings provide an important opportunity for parents and carers to meet with subject teachers, discuss their child's progress, celebrate successes and identify areas for further development.

Dates for your diary:

- Year 11: Thursday 22nd October 2026
- Year 12: Thursday 19th November 2026
- Year 13: Thursday 10th December 2026
- Year 9: Thursday 21st January 2027
- Year 8: Thursday 11th March 2027
- Year 10: Wednesday 24th March 2027
- Year 7: Thursday 22nd April 2027

Further information about appointment booking and timings will be shared with parents and carers nearer to each event.

Please save the dates!



SCHOOL CLUBS



Term 1: September to October half term

Last Friday, parents and carers of students in all year groups were 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



PTFA AT FURZE PLATT
TUESDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER 7.30PM



Our next Furze Platt Senior School PTFA (Parents, Teachers and Friends Association) meeting will take place on Tuesday 22nd September at 7.30pm in the Library/Learning Resource Centre.

If your child has recently started at Furze Platt Senior School, joining the PTFA is a fantastic way to meet other parents, learn more about school life, and help shape memorable experiences for our students. Thanks to the incredible support of our school community, the PTFA has funded a wide range of initiatives, including:

- Science Fair events
- Speech Day prizes
- The new Sixth Form kitchen
- Prom night photobooths

And many other projects that enhance student life. Regular fundraising activities such as the Nearly New Uniform Sale and the 200 Club continue to make a real difference to the opportunities available for our students.

We would love to see as many parents and carers as possible. Please do come along, even if you'd simply like to listen and learn more about the PTFA and the wonderful work it supports.

[CLICK HERE FOR MORE ON OUR PTFA](#)



PTFA MEETING:

TUESDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER

AT 7.30PM

ALL Welcome

THIS EVENT WILL BE HELD IN OUR LIBRARY/LRC



SUPPORTING YOUR CHILDREN

REPORTING ABSENCE

All student absences and medical appointments must continue to be reported via Studybugs.



We are aware that some parents have attempted to report absences through Arbor; however, this functionality is not currently available. Please do not use Arbor to notify the school of absences at this time.

Please continue to use Studybugs for:

- Illness-related absences
- Medical and dental appointments
- Attendance-related messages

For medical appointments, please select 'Report absence due to illness' within Studybugs and use the comments box to provide:

- Details of the appointment
- The date and time of the appointment
- Collection and/or return-to-school arrangements

If your child requires a full day absence for a medical appointment, supporting medical evidence may be requested.

Please see the attached guides for further information about using Studybugs.

[CLICK HERE FOR STUDYBUGS AT FURZE PLATT](#)





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



LANGUAGES WEEK 2026: INTERNATIONAL BAKE OFF!

As part of Languages Week 2026, the Modern Foreign Languages (MFL) Department is inviting students to take part in our exciting International Bake Off!

We are challenging students to either:

- Bake a cake inspired by a different culture or country, or
- Decorate a cake with an international theme.

Participants should bring their homemade creations to ML2 between 8:20am and 8:40am on Friday 25th September, where they will be judged by our esteemed panel during Break 1.



After the judging has taken place, all cakes will be available to purchase during Break 2 in the MFL Department, giving everyone the opportunity to sample a range of delicious international treats.

Most importantly, this event is being held in support of Thames Hospice, with all funds raised going directly to the charity.

We look forward to seeing the creativity, baking talent and international inspiration on display. Good luck to all our bakers, and thank you in advance for supporting this fantastic cause!

Bake, share, celebrate languages and help make a difference!



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

NATIONAL FITNESS DAY

At Furze Platt, we were proud to celebrate National Fitness Day on Wednesday by encouraging all students to get active and discover the benefits of physical activity.

At school, our students have multiple opportunities to take part in a wide range of sports clubs, fitness sessions, and enrichment activities both during and beyond the school day.

Our fantastic facilities, including extensive sports fields, courts, gym spaces, and specialist activity areas, provide the perfect environment for students to develop their skills, improve their wellbeing, and enjoy being active with friends. From team sports and fitness challenges to recreational clubs and outdoor activities, there is something for everyone to enjoy.

Participating in National Fitness Day highlights our commitment to promoting healthy lifestyles and helping students find activities they love, whether they are aspiring athletes or simply looking for new ways to stay active. By making the most of our excellent facilities and diverse programme of clubs, we encourage every student to embrace fitness, build confidence, and have fun through sport.

Photos from a range of PE activities are on the next page.



GREENPOWER CLUB

On Saturday, our FPSS Greenpower Racing Team headed to the final race of the season at one of their favourite venues, the legendary Top Gear Test Track at Dunsfold.

This has been the most successful Greenpower season in Furze Platt history, and the team's determination and commitment were evident right through to the final chequered flag.



Following a six-week summer break from racing, the team understandably had a slightly rusty practice session.

However, when Race 1 got underway, they quickly found their rhythm. Working brilliantly together and demonstrating excellent teamwork, the drivers delivered a superb performance to secure 14th place, our best-ever result at this circuit.

The afternoon's Race 2 brought more impressive racing. Our second group of drivers battled their way up to 12th position before a number of incidents elsewhere on the track affected the overall standings. Despite this, the team crossed the finish line in a highly respectable 15th place.

This race marks the end of an exceptional season for FPSS Greenpower, but there may still be one final chapter to be written. The team is hoping to qualify for the prestigious invitation-only final at Goodwood, where the top 30 teams compete for national honours. Once the final championship standings are published, we will discover whether we have secured a place. Fingers crossed!



A huge thank you goes to our valued sponsors and partners, M.T. Perry Engineering Ltd, PS Renewables and the PTFA. Their continued support plays a vital role in making opportunities like this possible for our students.

We would also like to thank staff members Mr Wright, Mr Barrett and all of the parents who supported the team throughout the season and helped make attendance at this final race possible. Your encouragement and commitment have been greatly appreciated.

Finally, congratulations to all of our Greenpower students. Their enthusiasm, teamwork, perseverance and willingness to embrace every challenge have made this our most successful season to date. It has been fantastic to see their hard work rewarded on the track.

Whatever the outcome of the Goodwood selection, every member of the team should be incredibly proud of what they have achieved this year. Bring on next season!

GARDENING CLUB

Gardening Club made a strong start to the September season by raking all the cut material out of the orchard / wildflower meadow. This reduces the fertility which allows the wildflowers to thrive rather than too much grass. We made a habitat stack for invertebrates to overwinter in.

Next week we should be sowing more wildflowers to boost the biodiversity.



WEEKLY HOUSE POINTS



3567



3413



3747



3030



This week's House point winners are the Hawks - again! Well done to them all.

Which House can beat the Hawks on their run of glory?



HOUSE COMPETITION

Strictly Come Dancing

How do you think each celebrity will fare?

Make your predictions & earn House Points!

[CLICK HERE TO ENTER \(DEADLINE FRIDAY 18TH SEPT\)](#)



CHILD EMPLOYMENT

Getting a part-time job is often an important part of a young person's life, teaching them vital life skills, and providing their first step on the road to financial security and independence.

There are regulations in place to make sure children seeking work are safe and protected. The regulations ensure that the child is not working outside the legal hours, they are not doing any types of work that are prohibited, and that the school is fully aware of what they are doing. This way, we can all work together to ensure that our children are safe, that they are working legally, and that their school work does not suffer.

This link explains the laws surrounding Child Employment:
<https://www.nncee.org.uk/page/45/employment>

The most important thing to remember is that it is a legal requirement that any child from the age of 13 up to statutory school leaving age needs a work permit if they would like to get a part time job, regardless of where they are working. It is down to the employer to initiate the permit process, but unfortunately some employers may need a reminder. It is therefore important that parents are aware, so they can prompt the workplace to apply, get the ball rolling, or contact me for advice, if necessary.

For information, advice, and the issue of work permits contact: susan.harris@achievingforchildren.org.uk

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



USEFUL INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND CARERS



ELEVATE EDUCATION

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

Recording now available



Parents and carers can now access the recording from Elevate Education's free webinar 'How to Get (And Keep!) Your Child Motivated' from Tuesday 15th September.

Please click here to access the recording:

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

As a reminder, below are just some of the topics covered:

- ✓ 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](#)



KS4-5 ART CLUB

EXPLORE / CREATE / DEVELOP

A relaxed and inspiring space to build your skills, try new ideas and work on your own projects.



WHEN

Thursdays (Break 1)
11:15 – 11:45



WHERE

AR1



YEARS

10, 11, 12 & 13



DATES (Term 1)

Thu 10 Sep 2026
Thu 17 Sep 2026
Thu 24 Sep 2026
Thu 01 Oct 2026
Thu 08 Oct 2026
Thu 15 Oct 2026
Thu 22 Oct 2026

*All abilities
welcome!*

*MAKE
ART.
MEET
PEOPLE.*

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

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



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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,
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Maidenhead, Berkshire SL6 7NQ

FITNESS AND STRENGTH FOR WOMEN

AN INTRODUCTION TO STRENGTH

MONDAY 14TH
SEPTEMBER
6PM - 7PM

ST EDMUND CAMPION
PARISH CENTRE, MAIDENHEAD



WWW.MOVEHAPPYFITNESS.CO.UK



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

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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SUNDAY FOOTBALL



DIVISION 2

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WEDNESDAY

7TH OCTOBER

10.30AM-1.30PM

OPEN DAY

Are you looking for an alternative college?
Parents/carers and prospective students are welcome to visit us and see all we have to offer. Walk around the site, speak to staff and students and get a feel for our unique approach, rooted in our values of kindness, curiosity and change.



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