



FURZE PLATT FOCUS

Weekly Newsletter - Issue #80.4



MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Open Evening – Thursday 1st October

With our Open Evening next Thursday, I would like to thank you in advance for all the support students and parents will be providing on the evening. Open Evening offers us the chance to show all the fabulous work we do and ensure we are able to offer a range of superb academic and enrichment opportunities moving forwards.

If you are yet to do so, please do share the date with your friends and family. We look forward to welcoming many members of our local community to our school next week.

Languages Week

Thank you to all students, staff, parents and carers who have engaged with Languages Week. I was welcomed to school on Monday by a colleague using sign language to greet me. This was followed by colleagues speaking a range of languages from across the globe. It is fantastic to see so many cultures and nations represented.

The baking competition was also very well received, and I was delighted to see so many cakes representing various parts of the globe.

Our Governors

This week we had our first Full Governor Meeting of the year. As ever I am grateful to these colleagues who voluntarily step up to support their local school. It is an important role and as a community we should be grateful that they wish to help FPSS.

Currently we are looking for Parent Governors and thank you to parents and carers who have put their names forward.

Have a lovely weekend.

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



UPCOMING EVENTS

Next Week (Week A)

ALL EVENTS

THU 1 OCTOBER	Early School Finish	12.30pm finish
FRI 2 OCTOBER	Whole School Open Evening	6pm - 8.30pm
MON 5 OCTOBER	INSET DAY - school closed for all year groups	
MON 5 OCTOBER	Year 13 Biology trip to Woolley 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	
THU 15 OCTOBER	Year 7-13 Form Tutor/Parents' Consultation Evening (Years 7, 12 and 13 will be held in school; Years 8 - 11 will be online)	4-7pm
THU 22 OCTOBER	Year 11 Parents' & Students' Consultation Evening	4.15-7.15pm
THU 23 OCTOBER	End of Term 1	3.15pm finish
MON 2 NOVEMBER	Start of Term 2	8.40am - 3.15pm

SCHOOL TERM DATES

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 29

October: Thur 8, Tue 13, Wed 14, Thur 15, Wed 21

PARENTS' EVENING DATES 2026–2027
SAVE THE DATE



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.

Please make a note of the following dates:

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

Best wishes,

Miss R Lake (NPQH)
Deputy Headteacher

Reminder:

EARLY FINISH

12.30pm finish: Thursday 1st October

INSET DAY

School closed: Friday 2nd October

FURZE PLATT
SENIOR SCHOOL

Open Evening helpers - details coming soon

A reminder that our helpers must wear full school uniform including blazers and ties. A reminder of our uniform expectations can be found at <https://www.furzeplatt.com/page/?title=School+Uniform&pid=39>

YEAR 7 YEAR 8 YEAR 9 YEAR 10 YEAR 11 YEAR 12 YEAR 13

SAVE THE DATE

Parents' Evenings

YEAR 11: Thursday 22nd October 2026

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YEAR 7: Thursday 22nd April 2027



Create Less Waste & STAY HYDRATED

BRING IN A WATER BOTTLE TO SCHOOL!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

On Wednesday 2nd December, from 3.30pm to 5.30pm, we will be hosting our annual Careers and Higher Education Fair.

We are looking for parents, carers, alumni, or professional contacts who would be willing to talk to students about their career, industry, apprenticeship pathway, higher education journey, or area of expertise. This is a fantastic opportunity to inspire young people and help them explore the wide range of opportunities available to them after school.

Whether you work in healthcare, engineering, law, finance, the creative industries, technology, public services, hospitality, construction or any other sector, we would love to hear from you.

If you are interested in supporting the event, or know someone who may be able to help, please contact our Careers Leader, Judith Bubbs, via the link below.

Thank you for helping us broaden our students' horizons and prepare them for their future careers.

[CLICK HERE TO EMAIL MRS BUBB, CAREERS LEADER](#)



SCHOOL CLUBS

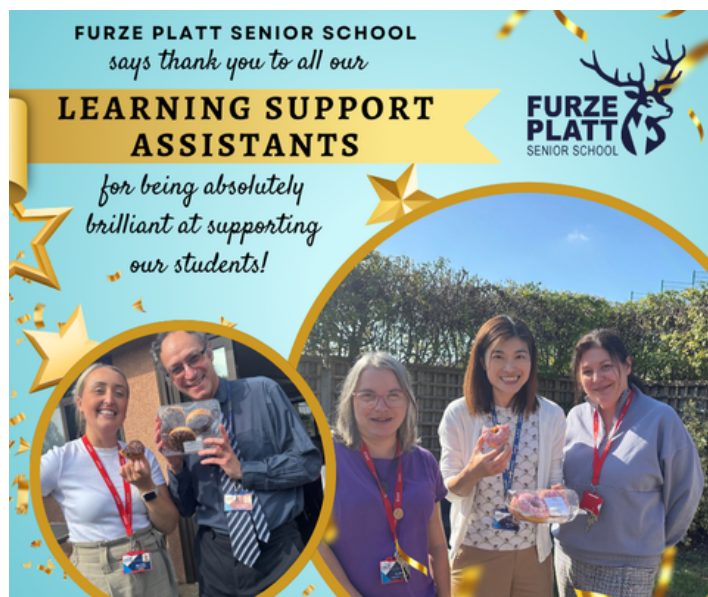
Term 1: September to October half term

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.

[CLUBS LIST FOR NEXT WEEK](#)

NATIONAL TEACHING ASSISTANTS' DAY

Today we celebrate National Teaching Assistants' Day and take the opportunity to recognise the incredible contribution our Learning Support Assistants (LSAs) make to the life of our school.



The role of an LSA is varied, demanding and, at times, challenging. Every day they provide invaluable support to students, helping them overcome barriers to learning, build confidence, and achieve success both inside and outside the classroom.

The positive impact our valued colleagues have on young people's lives can never be underestimated. Their patience, dedication, encouragement and care help students thrive and reach their full potential.

We are so fortunate at Furze Platt to have a dedicated team of LSAs who support both curricular and extra curricular activities. Pictured above are just some of our amazing Learning Support Assistants enjoying a 'thank you' doughnut!

To all our LSAs: thank you for your hard work, kindness and commitment. Your support helps students at Furze Platt grow in confidence and achieve their best.





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.

YEAR 13 REPORTS

The above reports have now been issued and are available online as usual via Go 4 Schools. The service is available either by going to our website www.furzeplatt.com and clicking on the quick link 'Online Reporting', or by going directly to Go 4 Schools www.go4schools.com and selecting Parents. Should you have any problems accessing your child's report please contact me at reports@furzeplatt.net.

Mrs K Avery, Data Manager

VIEW REPORTS

GUIDANCE ON GRADING



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.

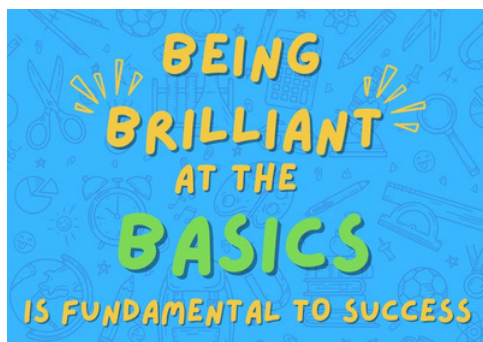
- Anonymous



**WHOLE SCHOOL
OPEN EVENING 2026**

**Thursday 1st October
6pm - 8.30pm**

No booking required.



BRILLIANT AT THE BASICS - EQUIPMENT

As we settle into the new school year, please take a moment to check that your child has everything they need to be brilliant at the basics.

Students should arrive each day 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. A scientific calculator is particularly important for mathematics and science and will support students in lessons, assessments and examinations.

For Key Stage 4 students, we recommend a clear pencil case containing all essential equipment, including highlighters, in preparation for examinations.

Please remember that iPads and other tablet devices are not permitted as a substitute for a school laptop.

Please check your child's equipment and replace any missing or worn items. Being prepared helps students feel confident, organised and ready to learn.

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

PUT THEM ALL IN A PENCIL CASE

SPARX SCIENCE CHAMPIONS OF THE WEEK

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1. ALICIA WITZKI
2. MITHUN VIJAYA KUMAR
3. JOE BROOKER
4. MEYORA DE SOUSA
5. ALIYA ASIF
6. TOMAS DONALDSON
7. SIMON WORLEY
8. LOLA GREENWOOD
9. HARRY LASTUN
10. JESSICA BROOKER

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





WEEKLY HOUSE POINTS



9912



9627



10233



9565



For the third week in a row this week's House point winners are the Hawks - great work everyone!

Can they make it a straight four weeks in a row?!

GETTING TO KNOW... OUR HEADS OF HOUSE

It was wonderful to see every tutor group getting involved in this week's ACHIEVE activity: a fun and interactive 'Get to Know Your Head of House' quiz!

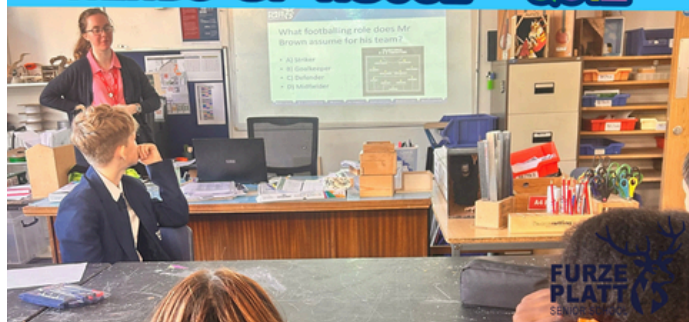
The challenge sparked plenty of enthusiasm, laughter and conversation as students tested their knowledge and discovered some surprising facts about their Heads of House.

Eagle - Mrs Feather
Falcon - Miss Carty
Hawk - Mr Sankey
Osprey - Mr Brown

A fantastic way to build House spirit and celebrate our school community!



GETTING TO KNOW OUR HEADS OF HOUSE - QUIZ



200 CLUB

Winning numbers for Draw 33

Tuesday 22nd September 2026



JOIN THE PTFA

Parents, Teachers & Friends Association

200 CLUB



Numbers are drawn 4 times per year (once per quarter)

Three lucky winners of £200 each per draw

Help the PTFA fund great projects

SCAN ME



Please use the QR code to purchase your numbers: Monthly payment (£5 per month)



USEFUL INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND CARERS



ELEVATE EDUCATION

FREE WEBINAR 'HOW YOU CAN HELP YOUR CHILD MANAGE THEIR TIME'

Tuesday 29th September 6-7pm



Elevate Education will be hosting a free webinar for our parents on time management on Tuesday 29th September. Sign up for the session below to learn how you can help your child to balance their priorities and stay on top of their workload.

How You Can Help Your Child Manage Their Time

Tuesday 29th September 6:00-7:00pm (BST)

[Click here to register for free](#)

Here's what Elevate will be covering on the night:

- ✓ Align expectations on homework with your child
- ✓ Help your child balance their schoolwork and social life
- ✓ Set up a weekly planner tool with your child

'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.'

Ofsted 2021

ACTIVATE LEARNING WEBINARS FOR STUDENTS IN YEARS 10 AND 11



Activate Learning are running a Post-16 Options webinar 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

Please click the link below for more details.

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

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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
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This is a
welcoming and
highly inclusive
school.

Ofsted, March 2026



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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**



BBQ

STREET FOOD POP UP OF THE MONTH

IN THE FURZE PLATT CAFE
WEDNESDAY 30TH OF SEPTEMBER

NUTRITION & WELLBEING

Food is Fuel



Carbohydrates

Provide your body and brain with the energy you need for school and sports. Prioritise wholegrains to fuel your day.

Protein

Builds and repairs body tissue to keep your body strong. Include both animal and plant-based sources.



Healthy Fats

Provide long lasting energy as well as supporting brain health. Focus on fat sources such as olive oil, avocados, nuts, seeds and oily fish.

Fruits & Vegetables

Are filled with vitamins, minerals, antioxidants and fibre to keep your bodies healthy. Eat the Rainbow and aim for 5 portions every day.

Sugary, salty, and high-Fat Foods should be consumed in moderation. While we can enjoy these types of food as part of a healthy, balanced lifestyle, these should not make up the majority of your diet.

Tips for feeling good



Move your body
Exercising regularly boosts your mood, reduces stress and improves strength and flexibility.



Stay hydrated
Drink water throughout the day to stay energised and focused. Aim for 1.5-2L every day.



Sleep well
Your bodies and brains need to rest to recover, recharge and perform at it's best. Aim for 8-10 hours every night.

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NUTRITION

STUDY TIPS

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1. Focus on a mix of wholegrains, protein and healthy fats to fuel both your brain and body throughout the day.



2. Drink plenty of water throughout the day to avoid fatigue and keep your brain sharp.



3. Aim for 8–10 hours of quality sleep each night to support memory, concentration, and overall well-being.



4. Prioritise rest to help consolidate what you've learned. Avoid late night cramming!

STUDY, SLEEP, REPEAT



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GIRLS WHITE SWANS

U14

SUNDAY FOOTBALL

DIVISION 2

**TEAMWORK
FRIENDSHIP
FUN**

CONTACT | 07858041226

BEACONSFIELD TOWN YOUTH FC GIRLS U12

PLAYERS WANTED!

WE ARE LOOKING FOR
Enthusiastic girls to join our friendly and supportive U12 team for the 2026/27 season. Come along, meet the coaches and see what we're all about!

COME ALONG TO A FREE TRIAL SESSION!

**TUESDAYS
5:30 - 6:30PM
AT HOLLOWAYS PARK
BEACONSFIELD**

SEASON 2026/27

More Than Football

WE ARE LOOKING FOR

- DEVELOP YOUR SKILL
- BUILD CONFIDENCE
- MAKE NEW FRIENDS
- BE PART OF YOUR LOCAL CLUB

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LEMON TREE

Pottery Painting Café • Bourne End

AFTER SCHOOL DEAL

4PM

**MONDAY-FRIDAY
TERM TIME ONLY**

Switch off. Paint something brilliant.

50% OFF STUDIO FEE

£5 → £2.50

50% OFF A SOFT DRINK

PLUS

Booking online? Pay the £5 studio fee as usual. We'll take £2.50 off your final bill on the day. After painting, quote "after school deal" at the till to claim both offers.

Monday-Friday 4pm sessions • TERM TIME ONLY
Pottery charged separately.
Soft-drink offer applies at the end of your session.

BOOK YOUR 4PM SESSION

Walk-ins welcome, subject to space
lemontreepotterycafe.co.uk
27 The Parade, Bourne End SL8 5SB
Open 7 days a week • Weekends welcome at usual prices

GRC caters for students with an EHCP

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.

**WEDNESDAY
7TH OCTOBER
10.30AM-1.30PM**

BOOK NOW

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