



FURZE PLATT FOCUS

Weekly Newsletter - Issue #80.5



MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER



Open Evening

A huge thank you to all the students, staff, parents and carers who assisted with our Open Evening. You were fabulous ambassadors for FPSS and thoroughly impressed our visitors.



The school was alive with a whole series of displays and demonstrations, but what was very noticeable were the wonderful human connections created by people sharing their experiences of FPSS. Your support in showing everything that is special about FPSS is greatly appreciated.

For our prospective parents and carers, we would appreciate it if you could take a few moments to complete our short feedback survey about the event. Your views and feedback are valuable and will help us shape and improve future events.

OPEN EVENING FEEDBACK SURVEY

Longridge and Woolley Firs Visits

Next week sees our Year 13 Biology students visit to Woolley Firs and all of our Year 7 students at Longridge. I am looking forward to joining Year 7 for two afternoons of activities including climbing and dragon boating.

In particular, I am looking forward to seeing how students thrive beyond the classroom, demonstrating broader skills including their teamwork.

Senior Maths Challenge

Finally, good luck to our Sixth Form students undertaking the Senior Maths Challenge next Wednesday. I hope you strike gold!

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

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



UPCOMING EVENTS

Next Week (Week B)

ALL EVENTS

MON 5 OCTOBER	Year 13 Biology to Woolley Firs	
MON 5 TUES 6 WED 7 OCTOBER	Year 7 Teambuilding at Longridge	9am-3.15pm
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	Form Tutor/Parents' Consultation Evening • Years 7, 12 & 13 will be held in school • Years 8-11 will be online	4-7pm
THU 22 OCTOBER	Year 11 Parents and Students Consultation Evening	4.15-7.15pm
THU 23 OCTOBER	End of Term 1	
MON 2 NOVEMBER	Start of Term 2	8.40am-3.15pm

SCHOOL TERM DATES



CLICK HERE TO SEE OUR NEW PROSPECTUS

A reminder of 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

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



As part of our Year 7 transition programme, students will soon be taking part in our exciting Longridge Activity Days at the Longridge Activity Centre in Marlow. These days provide a fantastic opportunity for students to strengthen friendships, develop confidence, build resilience and work collaboratively with their peers outside the classroom environment.



Students will enjoy a range of adventurous activities, including climbing, dragon boating, team challenges, Jacobs Ladder, crate stacking, laser tag and trebuchet building. Activities are designed to encourage teamwork, communication, problem-solving and perseverance, all of which reflect our ACHIEVE values.

Please note: We already hold all necessary permissions relating to participation in water-based activities as this information was collected as part of the admissions process when your child joined Furze Platt Senior School.

All Longridge activity groups have now been finalised and submitted in preparation for next week's visits. The Year 7 tutor team informed students of their group allocation during tutor time this week (Thursday).

The visits will take place as follows:

- Monday 5th October: 7DNB, 7EJK, 7EWS
- Tuesday 6th October: 7HAM, 7ISS, 7LED
- Wednesday 7th October: 7MIG, 7THA, 7VOJ

Students should be dropped off at Longridge Activity Centre, Marlow, by 9.00am and collected at 3.15pm. Further information regarding travel arrangements, kit requirements and medication can be found in the presentation below (these details are also available on our website). Please ensure students bring any required medication, including inhalers and EpiPens, as these are essential for participation.

We are looking forward to giving our newest Furze Platt students the opportunity to challenge themselves, make new memories and continue building the strong relationships that will support them throughout their time at school.

[CLICK HERE FOR YEAR 7 LONGRIDGE PRESENTATION](#)





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 & HIGHER EDUCATION FAIR

WEDNESDAY 2ND DECEMBER

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

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 Bubb, 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](#)



YEAR 8 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](#)



LAPTOPS

As a reminder, our school is a laptop school for learning. iPads and tablet devices are not permitted for use in lessons.

Please ensure your child leaves their iPad or tablet at home and attends school each day with their laptop and charger, fully prepared for learning.

Thank you for your continued support.

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



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.

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



CLUBS LIST FOR NEXT WEEK

GARDENING CLUB

Our Gardening Club worked their magic this week, transforming the Maths planters into beautiful displays of colour and creativity. A huge thank you to everyone who helped bring the planters to life. They look fantastic!



SPORTS LEADERS

APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN

Are you passionate about sport and keen to make a difference at Furze Platt? Applications are now open for our 2026-27 Sports Leaders programme for students in Years 9-13.

This is an exciting opportunity for students who want to help shape and improve sport across the school. Sports Leaders support the PE department by organising events, leading student voice activities, representing the department at school events, and helping to enhance sporting opportunities for all students.

The role is ideal for students with a passion for sport, coaching, leadership, journalism, officiating, or those considering further study or a future career in sport.

To find out more about the role and application process, please see the attached presentation (link below).

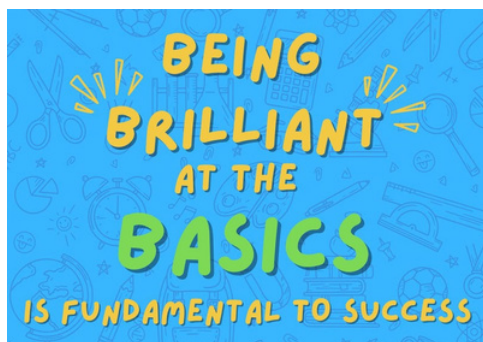


APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED
TO MISS BOSELEY, HEAD OF PE
(DANIELLE.BOSELEY@FURZEPLATT.NET)
BY WEDNESDAY 7TH OCTOBER.

APPLY HERE TO BE A SPORTS LEADER

LEADERSHIP IN SPORT





BRILLIANT AT THE BASICS - EQUIPMENT

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

Great work from our top ten scientists this week!

SPARX SCIENCE CHAMPIONS

OF THE WEEK

1. OLLIE PORTER
2. EVA KISBY
3. MATTIE KINRADE
4. EMMANUEL JOHN
5. SAVANNAH JOYS
6. USWA AZAM
7. HARRY LASTUN
8. CHRIS KEMP
9. JACKSON KNOTT
10. ETHAN HAMMETT-BREGER

JOIN THE PTFA

Parents, Teachers & Friends Association

200 CLUB

Organised by
FPSS PTFA

★ 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)

LANGUAGES WEEK 2026: INTERNATIONAL BAKE OFF!

Last week, our Modern Foreign Languages Department challenged students to get creative in the kitchen by baking a cake inspired by a different culture or decorating their cake with an international theme.



And what a fantastic selection of cakes we had! From colourful decorations to creative cultural inspirations, our students certainly rose to the challenge.

All cakes were judged by our esteemed panel of judges before being sold to students during Break 2 – with all funds raised going to Thames Hospice.

Thames Hospice



A huge thank you and well done to everyone who took part, baked, decorated, judged, helped organise or simply enjoyed a slice!

Year 7 Star Baker – Eli Cronbach

Year 8 Star Baker – Tolomey Wood

Year 9 Star Baker – Seth Naidoo

Best Traditional Bake – Emil Matula

Best Cupcakes – Shah Salman

Best Collaborative Bake – Angel Smith and Amber Nguyen



Duolingo competition winner

Our top Duolingo streak holders have been awarded certificates and Duolingo stickers, and our first-place award goes to Thea Winrow-Davies (Year 10) who also takes away the prestigious Duolingo Owl (pictured above).

SUPERSTAR

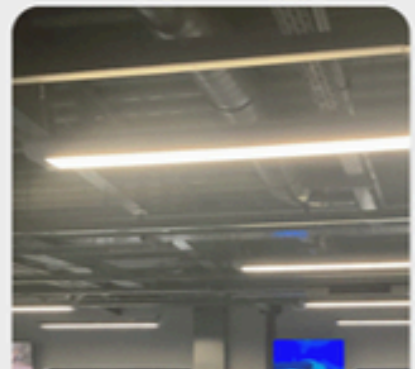
it's not just our students... **Staff Competition Winners**

Colleagues were also tasked with various competitions to showcase languages and culture at Furze Platt last week, with four awards given this morning to the following members of staff for most languages spoken, most interesting phrase in another language, registers taken in another language, and most interesting cultural fact:

- Ms Angyiembe
- Ms DeKlerk
- Dr Graham
- Ms Abdulrahman







WEEKLY HOUSE POINTS



7594



7920



7799



7467



This week's winners are the Falcons!

Every point counts - well done to all our Falcons for their hard work and effort.

INTRODUCING OUR NEW HOUSE CAPTAINS!

We are delighted to announce our new House Captains for Hawk, Eagle, Falcon and Osprey.

These students have been selected to represent their houses and will play an important role in leading, inspiring and supporting students across the school community throughout the year. As role models across all year groups, they will help to promote our ACHIEVE values, encourage participation in house events and competitions, and foster a strong sense of belonging within their Houses. We wish them all every success!

Hawk

James Winrow-Davies
Jessica Behl

Damon Logie
Leo Smith

Mattie Kinrade
Oscar Lipscombe

Thea Winrow-Davies
Sofia Gruber Mas

Maddie Bristow
Gretel Anagho

Macy Hutchinson
Gus Locker-Marsh

Daniyah Ahmed
Dylan Ing

Eagle

Millie Hunt
Shah Salman

Aryan Bashir
Sveva Matthews

Mollie Clarke
Finley Manders

Angel Rafique
Muntaha Razaq

Remy Nicholson
Zara Wibberley

Milen Rehal
James Maher

Holly Houlton
Zuzanna Piankowska

Falcon

Emmanuel John
Mia Ryan-Marsh

Rory Johnson
Chloe Bryant

Dylan Nkrumah
Thomas McDonald

Leonardo Carmona
Esquivel Lilly Hodge

Will Hayward
Seb Sutehall

Mohammad Harshir
Hashmi Ameen Zafar

Yasien Abdelaziz
Zainab Yusef

Osprey

Frankie Beard
Sophia Tse

Rohan Birk
Emilia Brooking

Immy Robinson
Finley Boshoff

Mya Birk
Abigail Holmes

Charley Smith
Teddy Whitehead

Sian McCallion
Amrutha Siddanathi

Georgia Daly
Murphy Camp-Overy

HOUSE PUMPKIN CHALLENGE

Get creative this autumn and earn bonus House Points!

Students are invited to take part in the House Pumpkin Challenge by carving or decorating a pumpkin at home with their families.

Simply email a photo of your finished creation to hoh@furzeplatt.net by Friday 23rd October to be awarded bonus House Points.

We're looking forward to seeing this year's fantastic designs. Here are some of the brilliant entries from previous years to inspire you!

Will your pumpkin be the one that stands out this year...?



USEFUL INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND CARERS



ELEVATE EDUCATION

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

[Click here to access the recording](#)



KEEPING OUR YOUNG PEOPLE SAFE

Max Simmons was a student at Furze Platt and lost his life whilst he was in Year 8 due to a speeding driver.

His mum, Emma, is fundraising to create signs and banners about speeding awareness in the local community. [Please click here to support the campaign.](#)



Picture courtesy of the Maidenhead Advertiser

'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

GCSEPOD: A POWERFUL TOOL TO SUPPORT LEARNING

Did you know that all Furze Platt students have access to GCSEPod, an award-winning online learning platform packed with short, engaging videos and resources to support independent study?



While GCSEPod is especially valuable for students in Years 10 and 11, it also offers a growing range of Key Stage 3 subject content, study skills guidance, and mental wellbeing resources.

Over the years, we have seen a strong link between high levels of GCSEPod engagement and excellent GCSE outcomes. In fact, many of our highest-achieving students regularly use the platform as part of their revision and independent learning.

GCSEPod helps students to:

- Reinforce learning from lessons
- Revise key concepts in manageable chunks
- Build confidence ahead of assessments
- Develop effective independent study habits

We encourage parents and carers to ask their child about GCSEPod and support them in making regular use of this valuable resource at home.



FURZE PLATT SENIOR SCHOOL

HALLOWEEN

CAKE AND SWEETS SALE

Date:
Thursday 15th October – break 1

Place:
The Theatre – entry from the courtyard

Details:
Cakes and sweets for sale

Competition:
Baking cake competition to earn house points

CASH ONLY

Raising funds on behalf of:

World Care Foundation

Supporting vulnerable children and young people around the world, including through their Orphanage Project, which provides safe housing, care, education and a brighter future for children in need.

<https://www.worldcarefoundation.org/appeal/orphanageproject/>

ACHIEVEMENTS

ALL OF WHICH LEAD TO EXCELLENCE

AMBITIOUS
COLLABORATIVE
HAPPY
INTEGRITY
ENDURANCE
VERSATILITY
EXCELLENCE

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

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Face2Face Maidenhead

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Paint Splatter Evening

Friday 16th October 2026, 8pm

Ben&Jack Studio, Unit B Reform Rd, Maidenhead SL6 8BT, UK

£28pp - includes drink on arrival, splatter painting, live DJ, licenced bar, take-home artwork and a night of neon!

Scan for tickets

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GIRLS WHITE SWANS

U14

SUNDAY FOOTBALL

DIVISION 2

**TEAMWORK
FRIENDSHIP
FUN**

CONTACT | 07858041226

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AT HOLLOWAYS PARK
BEACONSFIELD**

SEASON 2026/27

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

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AFTER SCHOOL DEAL

4PM

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Pottery charged separately.
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BOOK YOUR 4PM SESSION

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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**

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