

FURZE PLATT FOCUS

Weekly Newsletter - Issue #75.4



MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER



Dear Parents and Carers,

Williams F1

Many thanks to all staff and students who visited Williams F1 on Monday. Many thanks to Williams F1 for providing this fantastic opportunity (see page 2). It gave student the chance to engage with STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) learning as well as visiting the museum. However, I believe the highlight was having the chance to race on the simulators.



Remembering the Holocaust

On Thursday we welcomed the Holocaust Museum who led sessions and workshops to our Year 9 and 12 students. Clearly, it is an important but emotionally difficult subject, and I would like to thank all our young people who engaged so well with these sessions.

Year 9 Options

Thank you to parents and carers who attended the Options Evening this week. Alongside learning about the process, students were able to learn about the individual courses. With the support of school and home, students now have a few weeks to finalise their choices. For many these will be relatively easy, but I encourage students to seek further advice should this be needed.

Take care,

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



UPCOMING EVENTS

Next Week (Week 2)

ALL EVENTS

TUE 4 FEBRUARY	PTFA Meeting	7.30pm - 9pm
Forthcoming Events		
MON 10 FEBRUARY	School Musical (Matinee to Primary Schools)	During day
TUE 11 - THU 13 FEBRUARY	School Musical Evening Performance	
FRI 14 FEBRUARY	END OF TERM (TERM 3)	3.15pm finish
MON 17 - FRI 21 FEBRUARY	FEBRUARY HOLIDAYS	
MON 24 FEBRUARY	START OF TERM 4 (Week 2)	

SCHOOL TERM DATES



LIONEL BART'S **Oliver!** JR.

TUES 11 - THURS 13
FEBRUARY 2025

IN THE THEATRE

CLICK HERE TO BOOK YOUR TICKETS!

WILLIAMS FORMULA 1 STEM RACE DAY - PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

As part of our commitment to providing enriching learning experiences, a group of students recently had the exciting opportunity to visit Williams Racing F1 for a STEM Day. This trip focused on the real-world application of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) in the fast-paced world of motorsport.



Throughout the day, students participated in hands-on activities, including the Williams Composites Challenge, an Esports simulator experience and a guided tour of the Williams Racing Museum. The event provided a unique insight into the cutting-edge technology behind Formula 1 and the teamwork required to succeed at the highest level. The students thoroughly enjoyed the experience, with many expressing newfound enthusiasm for STEM careers.

We look forward to continuing to provide similar opportunities that ignite curiosity and ambition in our students.

Miss R Lake - Deputy Headteacher

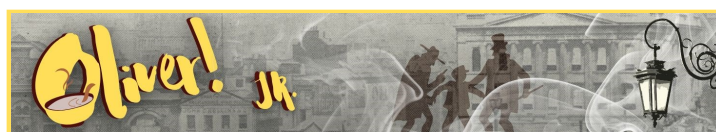
Thank you for your comments on our Facebook page:

Brilliant day! Thank you for organising it 😊

My boys said it was amazing thank you for giving them this opportunity



This trip was also an invaluable personal development opportunity, encouraging students to think about their future careers and how STEM subjects can open doors to a wide range of exciting industries.



CAN YOU HELP?

“Please, sir, I want some more” ... metal tankards?!

For our ‘Oliver Jr’ school musical we would like to kindly ask for any donations / borrowing of metal tankards similar to the one pictured. We need about 10 in total for the production.

Thank you for your help!





FURZE PLATT KITCHEN MENU

Furze Platt kitchen are running a delicious 'Lunar New Year' themed menu on Monday next week. See the menu below to see the optional meals available on this day. On Thursday they will be serving up Italian food. Full details are on our 'Cafe and Dining Facilities' webpage.

[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION](#)

LUNAR NEW YEAR

Today's Menu

Singapore Chicken Noodles
(G,So,Su,Ce)

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Sticky Vegetable Stir Fry with Fragrant Rice
(G,So,Su,Ce)

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Ginger & Apple Cupcake
(G,E,Mk)

LOOK OUT! ALLERGENS

Ce = Celery F = Fish Mk = Milk N = Nuts So = Soya
Cr = Crustacean G = Cereals containing Gluten Mo = Molluscs P = Peanuts Su = Sulphur Dioxide
E = Eggs L = Lupin Mu = Mustard Se = Sesame Seeds

YEAR 7 AND 8 HOUSE SCAVENGER HUNT COMPETITION

Over the last couple of mornings the Heads of Houses - Eagle, Falcon, Hawk and Osprey - organised an Indiana Jones style House Scavenger Hunt competition for Year 7 and 8. Students were tasked with finding flags of countries from around the world scattered around the school site to gain clues which would lead them to the location of the hidden Arc. Upon arrival at the Arc students were quizzed on the clues they had found and the first groups who answered correctly won a prize.

It was great to see both year groups rushing around, working together and representing the ACHIEVE values so brilliantly. Congratulations to the winning groups from House Hawk in Year 7, with Max Jenkins and Tawana Nyerenyere, and House Falcon in Year 8, with Bernado Dinardi Pedrosa, Henry Firth and Tomasz Jaronski!



SAVE THE DATE!

YEAR 7 YEAR 8 YEAR 9

FURZE PLATT SENIOR SCHOOL

SCIENCE FAIR

MONDAY 7TH JULY 2025

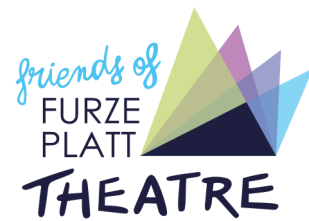
Let's celebrate Science!

We want you to come up with your own project! Then email Dr WYATT with your proposed idea by the 14th of February.

marina.wyatt@furzeplatt.net

- You can work in groups of 2 BUT no more.
- The presentation will take place on the 7th of July! More details to come via parentmail.
- Open to Years 7, 8 & 9. You can pop in to the Science Club for help!

SCIENCE CLUB TUES 15:20-16:20 S10



EVENING DANCE CLASSES AT FPSS

Did you know that we let our hall to Urban Strides dance group on a Wednesday evening? Urban Strides provide a nurturing community for teenagers, helping them build confidence and self-belief. The classes are rooted in Street Dance, focusing on 5 different styles of dance taught by their inspirational instructors in a supported 'judgement-free' atmosphere. If you are keen for your teen to get more active and help them gain confidence and empowerment through music and dance, then why not give Urban Strides a go! Classes are on a Wednesday evening, with Beginner Striders at 7pm and Intermediate Striders at 8pm. To book a trial session, you can contact the group on classes@urbanstrides.com. Go to www.urbanstrides.com for more details.



Inspirational Urban Strides Street Dance classes at Furze Platt School!

URBAN STRIDES

Wednesday Nights:
7:00pm-8:00pm (Beginners)
8:00pm-9:00pm (Intermediates)

Contact us to book your place:
classes@urbanstrides.com
[All places must be booked before attending]

PASSION . POSITIVITY . PROGRESS!

PAINTING TECHNIQUES

On Thursday, Year 9 students explored impasto techniques and mark-making in art, experimenting with texture and expressive brushwork. Fantastic creativity on display!



Create Less Waste

STAY HYDRATED

BRING IN A WATER BOTTLE TO SCHOOL!

H₂O

Contact us Email: ptfa@furzeplatt.net

facebook.com/fpssptfa Website: [click here to access](#)

Dear Parents and Carers.

Our AGM will now take place on Tuesday 4th February, 7pm for 7.30pm start, in School.



**PTFA AGM new date:
 Tuesday 4th February 2025 at 7pm**

If you are interested in the role of Chair or Secretary, please complete the Nomination Form and return it to ptfa@furzeplatt.net ASAP. Or email us if you would like to learn more about what is involved!

AGM NOMINATION FORM

We always welcome new ideas and suggestions to raise funds for our children, so please get in touch by email or through Facebook as soon as possible.

We will also be making the 200 Club draw at the meeting - the good news is that now you still have time to sign up using the link below.

200 CLUB - MONTHLY DONATION

Please also don't forget easy fundraising when you shop on line and access the websites via the easy fundraising portal - literally free money for us at no cost to you:

WWW.EASYFUNDRAISING.ORG.UK

**BAR HELPERS REQUIRED
 FOR SCHOOL MUSICAL,
 OLIVER JR!**

**WE NEED
 YOUR HELP**



3 evenings:

**Tuesday 11th, Wednesday 12th,
 Thursday 13th February**



Doors and bar open from 6.30pm.

Setup from 5pm. Clear up from 9pm

No maths required (we use an electronic till!)
 (Shopping and admin being covered by PTFA committee)

Even if you can only volunteer for part of an evening we would still love to hear from you.

Get in touch with your availability by email:

PTFA@FURZEPLATT.NET

or message us on Facebook:

PTFA FACEBOOK

Have a good weekend

Your PTFA



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Call for entries

An exciting opportunity for students aged 4–18, who are living and studying in the UK, to exhibit their artwork on site or online at the Royal Academy of Arts.

Open for submissions
6 January – 5 March 2025

Find out more and enter
royalacademy.org.uk/youngartists
#RAYoungArtists

Young Artists' Summer Show

2025

If you would like to enter, please see Mr Bahra in Ar1 for more information.

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Elevate Education's Spring Term

Parent Webinar Series

Elevate Education delivers high-impact workshops to our students that help to develop their study skills, motivation, and exam preparation. Over the next term, you're invited to join their parent webinar series, where you can help support your child at home by reinforcing the skills they're learning at school.

How to Help Your Child Improve Their Note Taking

21st January 6:00pm

How You Can Make Technology an Ally (& Not the Enemy!)

4th February 6:00pm


How You Can Help Your Child Prepare for Exams

11th March 6:00pm

How You Can Support Your Child During Exams

25th March 6:00pm

Register today at: <https://go.elevateeducation.com/ukschoolwebinar>

FURZE PLATT LEISURE CENTRE 

THIS FEBRUARY HALF-TERM
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VENUE**

