

FURZE PLATT FOCUS

Weekly Newsletter - Issue #75.6



MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER



Dear Parents and Carers,

Oliver

Congratulations to the cast and crew of Oliver which received fantastic reviews this week. There were some terrific performances that have taken time, commitment, resilience and lots of talent to perfect. Audiences were entertained by some great singing, acting and dancing as the cast performed many famous tunes including "Food Glorious Food", "Consider Yourself," "You've Got to Pick a Pocket or Two," and "As Long as He Needs Me." Thank you to all our staff who have made the show happen.



As Headteacher, what is always fantastic is to see a group of students from across our year groups come together to create such a memorable community event. Many of these students will have made connections and links across the school that they would have otherwise not have made and I am sure will last through their FPSS careers.

I would also like to thank our community who supported Oliver in such great numbers, with large audiences for every performance. I know some of you attended all three nights which is a great commitment to FPSS and our students. Without the atmosphere you created, the shows would not have been the same.



UPCOMING EVENTS

ALL EVENTS

TERM 4 EVENTS

MON 17 - FRI 21 FEBRUARY	FEBRUARY HOLIDAYS	
MON 24 FEBRUARY	START OF TERM 4 (Week 2)	
WED 26 FEBRUARY	Ski Trip Parents Information Evening	6.30pm - 7.30pm
SAT 8 MARCH	Silver DoFE Training Day	8am - 1pm
THU 13 MARCH	Early Finish	2.45pm finish
	Year 8 Parents' and Students' Consultation Evening	3.45pm - 7.45pm
FRI 14 MARCH	Late Start	9.15am start
MON 24 - FRI 28 MARCH	Interhouse Sport Week 4	
THU 27 MARCH	Year 10 Parents' and Students' Consultation Evening	4.15pm - 7.15pm
WED 2 APRIL	Spring Concert	7pm - 9pm
FRI 4 APRIL	END OF TERM 4	12.30pm finish
SAT 5 - SAT 12 APRIL	Ski Trip - La Thuile, Italy	
MON 7 - MON 21 APRIL	SPRING HOLIDAY	12.30pm finish
TUE 22 APRIL	START OF TERM 5 (Week 2)	8.45am start

SCHOOL TERM DATES

Sixth Form Interviews

Over the last few weeks, SLT colleagues and myself, have had the pleasure of interviewing Year 11 students who have applied for our Sixth Form this September. It has been delightful to hear their ambitions and desire to succeed within and beyond our Sixth Form as they consider apprenticeships, university and employment.

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Year 11 and 13 Revision Programmes

With UCAS, Sixth Form and College applications, Year 11 and 13 students are looking to the future. However, we know that their options increase the better their grades this summer. Speaking to many Year 11 and 13 students, I know that they are well into their revision programmes and these will continue through Half Term and Easter holidays. Thank you for all parents and carers are doing at home to support your children. Along with the reward of great grades, should further motivation be required please remind students of the long holiday they will get after exams are finished.

Year 10 PPEs

A reminder that Year 10 PPEs are the first week in March and students should be revising over the next fortnight in preparation for these.

Take care,

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

YEAR 8 PARENTS' EVENING - SAVE THE DATE

Thursday 13th March

Students will begin their day with **Period 1 at 8:45 am** instead of their usual form time. To ensure a prompt start, all students should arrive on the school site by **8:30 am**.

The day will follow the regular five-lesson schedule, concluding at **2:45 pm**. This adjustment has been made to support preparations for the upcoming **Year 8 Parents' Evening**.

Thursday Schedule:

- Period 1: 8:45–9:45 am
- Period 2: 9:45–10:45 am
- Break 1: 10:45–11:15 am
- Period 3: 11:15 am–12:15 pm
- Period 4: 12:15–1:15 pm
- Break 2: 1:15–1:45 pm
- Period 5: 1:45–2:45 pm

We kindly ask that you make arrangements for any end-of-day collection for your child to ensure a smooth dismissal at 2:45 pm.

Friday 14th March

There will be a late start on Friday 14th March. Students should arrive on the school site by 9:05 am and go straight to their first lesson.

Best wishes,

Miss Rebecca Lake (NPQH)

Deputy Headteacher

EXCELLENCE ACHIEVEMENT

We would like to extend our congratulations to Corey Macbride for being the first Year 7 student to earn the Bronze Excellence ACHIEVE badge! Collecting this number of ACHIEVE points in such a short period is a great accomplishment - well done, Corey!

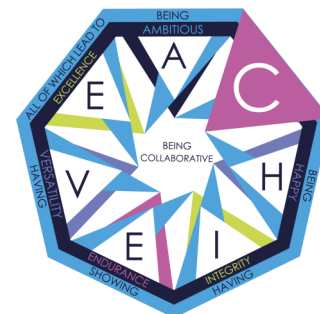


INSPIRING GUEST SPEAKER FOR YEAR 12 BTEC SPORT STUDENTS

This week, Year 12 BTEC Sport students had the chance to hear from Mitch Woodward, a local Youth Football Coach and owner of MW Coaching. Mitch shared valuable insights about the coaching profession, emphasising key qualities for success in sports.

He discussed effective training session designs for younger learners, directly connecting to the students' coursework. Additionally, he offered helpful job interview tips for the sports industry, preparing them for their future careers.

The session was both informative and inspiring, and we appreciate Mr Woodward's contribution to our students' learning experience in BTEC Sport!





WHAT A WEEK OF SHOWS!

What an incredible week it's been for our Oliver! production! We've had the pleasure of welcoming local primary schools, including Furze Platt Junior School, St Mary's, Cookham Dean Primary, and Holy Trinity Primary, to experience the magic of musical theatre.



Our cast delivered three fantastic evening performances, culminating in a sold-out final night! The energy, talent, and dedication of everyone involved truly brought Oliver! to life. The set was breathtaking, the performances were outstanding, and the enthusiasm from both cast and audience was infectious.



One of the most special things about this production was how it united students across year groups, breaking down age barriers and creating a real sense of community. It's been a joy to see friendships form and confidence grow on stage.



A huge congratulations to our phenomenal cast, backstage and technical crew, the PTFA for the refreshments, ushers and everyone who played a part in making Oliver! such a success. And a special thanks to our Director Mrs Kalinowski, Mrs Milicevic, Miss Wong (Musical Director), our Stage Manager, Heidi Grant and Mrs Bartram, Theatre Manager. Bravo!



THANK YOU TO OUR PTFA



We are extremely fortunate to have an active PTFA team at Furze Platt. At the recent PTFA meeting we requested over £1400 in funding, which they have kindly awarded in full.

These included:

- £120 for resources for Crochet Club
- £540 for Connect Club
- £150 for activities for the Shine garden
- £600 for Year 11 Prom photobooth and photographer

This extra funding adds to students' enjoyment of a broad range of activities at school and we are very grateful to the team for their fundraising.

In addition to their financial generosity, the team play an important part in school events such as this week's Oliver! Jr. performances, where they provided and organised the delicious refreshments enjoyed by so many, enabling our staff to concentrate on supporting the show cast and crew.

If you are interested in being a part of this vital resource for your children, please email ptfa@furzeplatt.net.

LEARNING ELECTRONICS IN YEAR 11 CONSTRUCTION CLASS



Year 11 Construction students started their Unit on Electrics, learning how to wire a 3-pin plug. This hands-on experience enhances their understanding of electrical systems and prepares them for practical applications. We look forward to their progress in developing these valuable skills!



SCIENCE CELEBRATION AT FURZE PLATT SENIOR SCHOOL:

AN EXCITING UPDATE FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS



Mark your calendars for our **Science Celebration on July 7**—open to all students in Years 7, 8, and 9! Whether you're a curious student ready to dive into a project or a supportive parent cheering from the sidelines, we want everyone involved in this fantastic event. We already have four proposals on the go and plenty of brilliant ideas buzzing about—so let's keep that momentum going!

New Extended Deadline for Project Submissions and Weekly drop-in sessions

- Good news! In response to numerous student requests, we have extended the submission deadline to **February 28**, right after half-term. This gives students extra time to refine their ideas or kick-start new projects.
- **Weekly Drop-In Sessions:** Starting **February 25**, Dr. Wyatt will host a lunchtime drop-in **every Tuesday in Room S4**. Come along if you need extra guidance or want to bounce ideas off classmates.

SAVE THE DATE!

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 **28 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

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Why Your Participation Matters

- **For Students:** This is your chance to let your creativity shine and showcase your scientific discoveries. From designing experiments to presenting results, you'll learn valuable skills—and have fun along the way!
- **For Parents:** Your involvement can be as simple as asking about your child's progress, helping them source safe materials, or encouraging them if they hit a roadblock. This support not only builds confidence but can spark a lifelong passion for science.

How You Can Support and Prepare

- **Ask Questions & Brainstorm:** Students, talk through your ideas with friends and family. Parents, ask how their project is going—sometimes a simple question can unlock fresh insights.
- **Gather Resources:** Make sure you have any materials or resources you need. Parents can help track down safe, affordable supplies.
- **Celebrate Progress:** Keep track of each milestone. A quick check-in or a "Well done!" can go a long way in keeping motivation high.

Get in Touch

If you have any questions or would like more information, please feel free to contact me at marina.wyatt@furzeplatt.net. We look forward to seeing what incredible projects you'll bring to life. Let's come together as a science community to explore, discover, and shine!

SPARX MATHS CHAMPIONS

We are thrilled to celebrate the incredible achievements of the top five students in Years 8, 9, 10 & 11 for their outstanding performance in Sparx Maths. We are really proud of the hard work, dedication, and commitment to excellence are truly inspiring.



YEAR 8		YEAR 9	
1	VEANNE W	1	LILLIE-MAI R
2	MYA B	2	GRETEL A
3	UMAR H	3	SEB S
4	JAN P	4	VERONICA BS
5	OWEN H	5	NAVEEN Z



YEAR 10		YEAR 11	
1	JANIRU K	1	ROSIE L
2	MUSTAFA A	2	HARLEY B
3	MILEY K	3	ARMAAN R
4	ALI EG	4	DURUSAH G
5	JUAN P	5	MIA G

SCHOOL CLUBS

Term 4

Parents and carers of students in all year groups will have received invitations today to book clubs for their son/daughter next term.

The email was headed Furze Platt Senior School with the email address evolve.furzeplattsnrvisits@edufocus.co.uk. If you have not yet received an email please check your junk / spam folders.

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/clinics
2. Click 'create account' button.

Please note:

- * all bookings for Term 4 must be made through the original email invitations sent out on Friday 14th February
- * once in the list of clubs or academic support clinics, click on the name of the activity or session you wish to book and press confirm
- * please do not duplicate club bookings per session
- * students in upper years may see invitations to academic clubs that are not part of their specific academic programme; emails are sent to year groups so please only choose sessions that are relevant to your son/daughter

if your son or daughter wishes to be removed from a club completely, please email enrichment@furzeplatt.net and provide as much notice as possible to allow time for that place to be allocated to someone on the waiting list.

SCHOOL CLUBS WEBPAGE



STAR STUDENTS

We are thrilled to announce our term three Years 8, 9, 10 & 11 "Star Student" awards at Furze Platt Senior School. This prestigious title reflects their exceptional dedication, hard work, and positive contributions to our school community. As part of this recognition, they have received the 'Star Student Medal,' a meaningful token celebrating their outstanding achievements and exemplary behaviour. We are incredibly proud of their accomplishments and the positive example they set for others. Below is a photo of our Year 7 Star students after receiving their prizes last week.

Miss Rebecca Lake

Deputy Head



Star Students

YEAR 9

Amir G
9CHP

Izzy H
9RAM

Warren H
9MAM

Kaylie L
9NJC

Chloe H
9OSB

Ted W
9RJW

Albert H
9SH

Mr Gill
Head of Progress

Ben P
9TAS

Dominik S
9TJC

Kian W
HoP

Star Students

YEAR 10

Nela S
10AND

Matthew C
10CRB

Ben E
10ACC

Grace W
10DMS

Taylor G
10DNB

Harry T
10LED

Yvan W
10VOJ

Mr Jones
Head of Progress

Mavrick Y
10SVJ

Sam J
10SVR

Talia AS
HoP

Star Students

YEAR 8

Veanne W
8CMT

Henry K
8DAB

Minahill B
8ELF

Olivia J
8GCD

Henry E
8JHL

Neveah S
8JNS

Pablo CA
8KEB

Mr Corbett
Head of Progress

Bella H
8NAA

Ben AC
8TEA

Willow Pi
HoP

Star Students

YEAR 11

Mateo R
11LDK

Sophia L
11DAT

Elena B
11SAM

Quenisha D A
11JNW

Lucy H
11NOY

Tom H
11PEB

Savannah L
11ROA

Mr Djaelani
Head of Progress

Katie S
11DEN

Edward P
11GM

James K
HoP

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR READING PLUS WINNERS IN KEY STAGE 3

READING PLUS
TERM 3 CHAMPIONS

Year	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
Year 7	SARIM M	GIULA P	MAXWELL R	MATTHEW C	DUNCAN B
Year 8	SIMON W	VEANNE W	TOMAS D	GIDEON A	JOSEPH B
Year 9	ANTOINETTE L	ZACH T	SEB S	NATHAN R	FRASER R

WE MADE IT COUNT! HERE'S OUR BIRDWATCH CERTIFICATE

School Birdwatch - week beginning 3rd February 2025

Species of Bird Number of individual birds seen:

- Goldfinch 12
- Blackheaded Gull 29
- Herring Gull 1
- Rook 0
- Jackdaw 2
- Magpie 4
- Carrion 0
- Crow 6
- Pied Wagtail 31
- Dunnock 1
- Robin 2
- Red Kite 6
- Feral Pigeon 2
- Starling 7
- Great Tit 1
- Blackbird 2
- Redwing 0
- Wood pigeon 3
- Blue tit 1
- House Sparrow 2
- Wren 1
- Common Gull 1

Together, we made it count.

This is to certify that

Furze Platt Senior School Science & Gardening Club

took part in

Big Schools' Birdwatch 2025.

Thank you very much!

Signed

Suzanne Welch
National Education and Families Manager

Big Schools' Birdwatch

Message from the RSPB

What you saw really counts and will help us to understand how birds are doing in school grounds around the UK.

Our team is working on the numbers and the full UK results will be out later in the spring, so you can compare what your pupils saw. In the meantime, you can download our new historical data resource that will enable you to compare your sightings with the national results from previous years.

Thanks once again for making your Birdwatch count.

The Big Schools' Birdwatch team

Girls' Empowerment Day!

The Women Who Will Come After Us

Advocating for changes for young people with disabilities

8th March 2025
14:00 to 17:00
The Old Court, Windsor, SL4 3BL

Activities include guest speakers, discussion forums and creative workshops!

Scan the QR code to book tickets

for more info, email:
girlsforum@achievingforchildren.org.uk



Prom dress sale

New and Preloved Dresses

25th February 2025
6PM-8:30PM

£30 AND UNDER

The Cowshed
Rubra 2,
Mulberry Business Park
Fishpond Road
Wokingham
RG41 2GY
0118 934 5120

THE COWSHED



LITTLE FISHES PRESCHOOL QUIZ NIGHT

LITTLE FISHES FUNDRAISING QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday 8th March 2025



Doors and bar open at 7pm

Quiz starts at 8pm

Finished by 10.30pm



With special guest
Quizmaster Mr T from
Furze Platt School
Federation

Furze Platt War
Memorial Hall



£10 per person
Includes free
drink token

Teams of
up to
6 people

Licensed bar
available all evening.
Bring your own
snacks or order a
takeout to be
delivered.



FURZE PLATT LEISURE CENTRE



JOIN THE TEAM



APPLY TODAY

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