

Newsletter—Friday 20th September
Volume 2

Dear Parents,

Another busy week has flown by and the children have been incredibly busy in their classrooms. It feels as though we have been back longer than two weeks.

Since the start of the year, we have been enjoying our Monday Gospel assembly as a whole school. Previously, we were having to lead two separate assemblies in each building. It has been an absolute pleasure to be able to bring all of the children in Years 1 – 6 together to celebrate hearing the word of God and feel like one whole school community. As the year progresses, we will invite the children in Reception to join us to.

In this Sunday's Gospel, the children will hear in Mark 9:30-37 that Jesus' disciples argue about who is the 'greatest'. Children will discover that the most important things in life are not winning, being the best or most beautiful. Instead, Jesus taught His disciples that to be the greatest in God's sight, we must put others first.

Preparations are being made for our Harvest collection. This was a huge success last year and the donations made mounted up to 206kg. Let's see if we can beat this amount this year. The Harvest donation days will take place on Wednesday 16th to Friday 18th October. The Mission Team will be leading this campaign once again and more information will follow in the coming weeks.

The Friend's of OLOP have been working hard yet again, and they are currently working on the environment area. This will be an amazing outdoor learning space that we can use to deliver a variety of areas of the curriculum to all the pupils in the school.

Wishing you all a very restful weekend.

Mr N Stopps

Important dates:

September: Wednesday 25th

Berkshire Immunisation Team
Reception to Year 6

Friday 27th

Macmillan Coffee Morning
Lower Key Stage Hall—All welcome.

Friends- Environment Area Grand
Opening - Upper Key Stage 3:30pm

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Class Attendance:

REC—St Valentine -95.3%

RHC—St Joseph -100%

Yr1—St Faustina Kowalska -95.8%

Yr1—St Bernadette -100%

Yr2—St Teresa of Calcutta -94%

Yr2—St Mary Magdalene –98.5%

Yr3—St Paul -97%

Yr3—St Martin de Porres -97%

Yr4—St Peter —92.6%

Yr4—St John-Bosco - 97%

Yr5—St Thomas More -98.6%

Yr5—St Clare of Assisi -97%

Yr6—St Maximilian -96.4%

Yr6—St Josephine Bakhita –99%



ACHIEVEMENT & SUCCESS

This week's pupils of the week are:

REC—St Valentine—Shiloh

REC—St Joseph—Logan

Yr1—St Faustina Kowalska—Joshua

Yr1—St Bernadette—Scott

Yr2—St Teresa of Calcutta—Charlotte

Yr2—St Mary Magadelene—Ruben

Yr3—St Paul—Quincy

Yr3—St Martin de Porres—Emma

Yr4—St Peter—Gabriella

Yr4—St John-Bosco—Shai

Yr5—St Thomas More—Casey

Yr5—St Clare of Assisi—Antonia

Yr6—St Maximilian—Kieran

Yr6—St Josephine Bakhita—Ethan D

Congratulations to all of our pupils of the week for your hard work and achievements





YEAR 2

We were excited to welcome your children into Year 2 and they have settled well into an, 'upstairs' life. Our Year 2 classrooms are upstairs!

In History we have started to learn about the invention of the railway and have loved learning about George Stephenson and his invention of Locomotive 1 in 1825. The children created a timeline and are starting to understand that their life can be plotted on a timeline. Our brain builder homework project this term is linked to our learning in History and we look forward to seeing what creative ideas they come up with.

Reading is such a vital skill and in Year 2 we are delighted to see the children engaged with the reading corners in our classrooms. In lessons, we discuss books or texts with children, within a process called 'Book talk' where children are encouraged to share what they like, dislike and any question they have. Reading underpins all areas of learning across the curriculum in Year 2. We have enjoyed listening to your children read in class, as individuals, in small groups or as a whole class. We would like to invite you to read with your child every day, any kind of text, for any amount of time. Non-fiction, fiction, recipes, instructions, comics and children's magazines are all rich sources of interesting and potentially new vocabulary for your child. They are welcome to bring in an interesting book to read in class too.

In Art we are learning about being inspired by our environment and have already looked at some of Andy Goldsworthy's work. We look forward to being inspired by our environment and creating some artwork of our own. Going for a walk to a local park to collect some fallen acorns, conkers or seeds would be great as your child could use these in their artwork.

In Science, we have been looking at what animals, including humans need in order to survive. Together, we know that air, water, food and shelter are required in order to survive and thrive. In our latest lesson, we explored what the word 'offspring' meant. We spent the lesson exploring various animals and their young. The children were fascinated by some of the names given to some of the offspring and thoroughly enjoyed the lesson!







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YEAR 4

The children have settled very well into Year 4 and have quickly adapted to being in an unfamiliar building. In English we have started work based on the book Journey to Jo'burg by Beverley Naidoo, which is a fantastic story about a family living under apartheid rules in South Africa. It has really captured the children's imaginations and prompted a lot of valuable discussion.

In history, we have begun our topic on the Anglo-Saxons, who began to settle in Britain around 400 AD. This week, the pupils used their detective skills to discover what life was like during Anglo-Saxon times. They looked at various artefacts which were discovered at an Anglo-Saxon burial ground in Sutton Hoo and deduced that the Anglo-Saxons were skilled craftsmen who travelled to distant lands to trade.

The pupils are enjoying our art topic where they have adopted the role of an illustrator. The children have produced some wonderful illustrations to depict a line from a poem, using different techniques with charcoal.

In RE we have been studying the family tree of Jesus. To begin with, the children thought about the special people in their lives and created 'special people' family trees. Now we are learning about the many important ancestors of Jesus.

















YEAR 6

Science

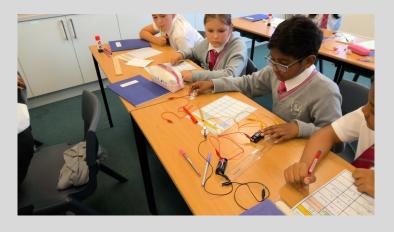
In our electricity unit, this week the children were investigating how the voltage in a circuit affects the brightness of a bulb. They were experimenting by adding and removing batteries (which each contain 1.5 volts) and observing the outcome, noting whether the bulb became dimmer, brighter or remained the same. Children then investigated how altering the number of bulbs in a circuit would affect their brightness. We have had great fun over the last couple of weeks designing and creating these circuits with a whole range of components, including batteries, bulbs, buzzers, motors and switches!

RE

In RE, we have been looking at the Creation Story and the Fall of Man. The children had to design their own artwork to show their interpretation of a certain passage in the scripture that resonated with them. We used a whole variety of different media, including oil pastels, paints, felt tips, colouring pencils and chalk. They then wrote a small passage to explain their choices.









CONGRATULATIONS

We are thrilled to share the inspiring efforts of one of our students, Robyn (4MB), who took on an amazing challenge over the summer. Robyn committed to walking a minimum of 1 mile every day in August to raise money for charity, and through her hard work and dedication, she successfully raised £1,047!

Please join us in congratulating Robyn on this fantastic achievement and for showing such compassion and commitment.





COMMUNITY NEWS

We are holding open days to showcase our wonderful school. Prospective parents will be beginning to look at potential schools for their children to start Reception in September 2025.

Please do let anyone you know who is looking for a school space that we have open days organised for October and November. We are an inclusive school who welcome children of all faiths.

If you know of anyone looking for school spaces for other year groups or needing a current Reception space, please ask them to contact the school office.



OUR LADY OF PEACE CATHOLIC PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL

'With Christ in our hearts, together we grow'

AN INCLUSIVE SCHOOL WHERE CHILDREN
OF ALL FAITHS ARE WELCOME

OPEN DAYS

THURSDAY 17TH OCTOBER 9:15 - 10:45AM
WEDNESDAY 23RD OCTOBER 1:30 - 2:45PM
WEDNESDAY 13TH NOVEMBER 9:15 - 10:45AM
THURSDAY 14TH NOVEMBER 1:30 - 2:45PM

In July 2024
79% achieved a Good Level of Development in
Reception

93% passed the Phonics Screening Check 88% achieved the expected standard in Reading and Maths in Year 6

84% achieved the expected standard in Writing in Year 6

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EMAIL: ADMISSIONS@OLOPPRIMARY.CO.UK



FRIENDS OF OLOP NEWS

We are excited to share the news that the school wildlife and pond area has been revamped over the summer holidays! The area was difficult to access making it hard for it to be regularly used but has been cleared and is ready for mini-beast hunting, habitat exploration and lots more!

We are holding an Opening Event at 3.30pm on Friday 27th September, please come along to the UKS playground to see this fantastic space. We are so lucky to have this resource at our school so do come along and take a look.

Huge thanks go to Elite Landscapes Ltd in Burnham for taking this project on. We are so grateful for their support.

To add to our excitement about the new Wildlife area, we were delighted to receive a message from the amazing Steve Backshall, wildlife presenter of Deadly60. The children saw the video at school earlier this week and we hope that it inspires them to take an interest in nature and that they are looking forward to seeing the wildlife area! We have posted the video on our Facebook page, so if you haven't seen it yet, you'll find us on Friends of Our Lady of Peace (Facebook)

Please do come along to the Opening Event - there'll be refreshments, bug house building, rock painting and more!





ST BERNARD'S OPEN EVENING



ST BERNARD'S CATHOLIC GRAMMAR SCHOOL

We kindly invite you to attend our Open Evening on Wednesday 25th September 2024

'At St Bernard's School, students are educated in a nurturing community where each person is loved and valued.'

Our Open Evening is for those interested in Year 7 entry in September 2025. The evening will give you the opportunity to experience a pupil led tour and observe what it is like to be a pupil at our outstanding school.

Access to the Open Evening will be by ticket only; please book one ticket per attendee. There will be two sessions to choose from; you will only need to attend one session.

There will be Headteacher's presentations throughout the evening and you will be able to tour the school before or after the presentation.

Click on the link below to book your tickets:-

St Bernard's Catholic Grammar School - Open Evening

Curriculum information and a guide to admissions will be available on our school website.

There is no parking on site so please plan your journey. Please arrive no earlier than 15 mins before your session.

We look forward to welcoming you to St Bernard's Catholic Grammar School.



VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

Home Start is a well-established charity based in Slough supporting families in the home. They are running a training course 25th 26th September at Burnham Park Hall and are looking to find parents/ carers to donate two hours of their time twice a week to support local families. Please see Flyer below for more details.

office@homestartberkshireeast.org.uk

Wolunteer Training Course

25th & 26th September

"Volunteering with families isn't just about offering support; it's about empowering others to find strength within themselves and watching them grow. The impact we make may be small, but the hope we leave behind lasts a lifetime."

Burnham Park Hall Windsor Lane Burnham Slough SL1 7HR

Call or email to register.

HOME START

Berkshire East

~01753 572958

10AM to

2.30PM



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



If your child is in Year 3 or above, and you wish your child to receive their First Holy Communion in 2025 you will need to enrol them on the First Holy Communion Programme. Please submit your expression of interest by 2nd October 2024 via email olopcommunion@gmail.com.

Please note your child will need to be Baptised in order to join the programme.





WAKE UP WEDNESDAY—NATIONAL COLLEGE

Final Fantasy XIV is an online game which allows thousands of players to occupy a far-reaching world simultaneously - embarking on quests and fighting monsters alongside one another - which has risen to a high level of popularity in more recent years. According to a study from the UK Safer Internet Centre, 73% of young people have experienced unpleasant or inappropriate behaviour while enjoying an online game. As an always-online game, several safety concerns can arise when playing this PEGI 16-rated multiplayer title – especially for young people.

As a trusted adult, it can be intimidating to figure out where the risks lie when dealing with such a huge and expansive game - but being aware of these concerns and how to mitigate them is absolutely vital when making online safety decisions if there are younger gamers in your care - especially under-16s, for whom the game is unsuitable according to its PEGI 16 rating. Fortunately, this week's free guide offers expert advice on the risks present in Final Fantasy XIV, and suggests steps you can take to ensure young people are as safe as possible online.





PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING DROP-IN CLINICS AND GROUP SESSIONS

Please find below timetable for Public Health Nursing Drop-in Clinics and Group Sessions in order to get support and advice.

Public Health Nursing Drop-in Clinic and Group Sessions

September to November 2024

SEPTEMBER

WED MON TUE THU FRI SAT SUN 1 7 2 3 4 5 6 8 12 9 10 11 13 14 15 18 16 17 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30

OCTOBER

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28	29	30	31			

NOVEMBER

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
8	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

0 - 19 years Drop-in Clinic:

These sessions are for parents with children between 0 -19 years of age.

Olive Room at Cippenham Nursery
Postcode: SL1 5NL

4th Tuesday of every month – 13:30 to 15:30pm

Romsey Close Children Centre

2nd Wednesday of every month - 13:30 to 15:30pm

Penn Road Children Centre

Postcode: SL2 1PG 1st Thursday of every month – 13:30 to 15:30pm

Chalvey Children Centre

3rd Friday of every month – **09:30 to 11:30am**

Group Sessions:

These sessions are run by a Nursery Nurse and last

Group Sessions Mondays at Penn Road:

09:30 to 11:00am

09/09 – Childhood Illnesses 16/09- Fussy Eating & Healthy Diet

23/09 – Keeping Safe

30/09 – Toilet Training

07/10 – Looking after you

14/10 - Child Development

Group Sessions Fridays at Romsey Close:

09:30 to 11:00am

08/11 - Childhood Illnesses

15/11- Fussy Eating & Healthy Diet

22/11- Keeping Safe 29/11 – Toilet Training If you have any further enquiries please

Telephone: 01753 373464

Email: publichealthnursing.4slough@nhs.net

Aug 2024



EARLY LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS

Please find the link for Early Language Development Workshops run by the NHS Berkshire Healthcare Children, Young People and Families Service.

https://cypf.berkshirehealthcare.nhs.uk/our-services/children-and-young-peoples-integrated-therapies/early-language-development-workshops

EARLY LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS

Please see the link below for FREE Courses and Workshops that offer support for parents/carers whose child may have Autism/ADHD and for those who have been diagnosed.

https://www.gems4health.com/workshops/



THE GEMS TEAM VIRTUAL COFFEE MORNING COVERING EATING AND FOOD

Friday 20th September 2024 - 10am to 11:15am.

https://padlet.com/SloughEarlyHelp/slough-s-eh-community-offer-for-children-na1rmyalhbp9y0h1/wish/x5A7arlDr0YKZwr6

This online coffee morning is available for parents/carers who reside or their GP is based in East Berkshire (Slough, Windsor, Maidenhead or Bracknell) with a child who has Autism and or ADHD.

If you have any specific questions please email: gems.4health@nhs.net



STAY TRUE TO YOU CAMPAIGN

Free online information session for Parents/Carers and family members on knife crime and how we can keep our young people safe. This session is delivered by The Ben Kinsella Trust, leading national anti-knife crime charity. Each session covers the risk factors that can cause conflict and lead to violence and explores what is driving the 'fear factor' that can lead to vulnerable young people carrying weapons for perceived self- protection, and also looks at issues including online harm, exploitation, gangs and county drug lines. It also supports parents with signs to look out for and tips on how to talk to your child about this difficult subject. Please see below for more details and how to book.

Parents and Carers:



Helping our children stay out of harm's way

Informative and Empowering

Parenting children and young adults is hard, sometimes it can be scary and overwhelming with news stories and social media influencing how safe we feel our children are and the risks they may face in today's climate.

Workshop Details

Where'

Online via Zoom (link at bottom of flyer)

When?

Wednesday 25th September

6:30pm-8:30pm

How Much?

FREE!

Book your space using the link below:

https://benkinsellatrust.beaconforms.com/form/498546b0

Topics Include:

The current stresses for young people, including fear, violence, knife crime and exploitation.

Online harms, social media, drill music How to have meaningful conversations with our children

Empowering our children to stay safe





CHURCH BULLETIN

PILGRIMAGE TO NORTHERN FRANCE: There are still some places available for our pilgrimage to Northern France with Bishop David Oakley and Canon John Udris. The pilgrimage includes 3 nights in Lisieux, 1 night in Chartres, 3 nights in Paris and a visit to Rouen. Visit here for more details We depart on Tuesday 15th October.

ESCORTED TOUR TO IRELAND St. Bernadette's Relics: Sunday 03th November 2024, £889.00 per person sharing. Price includes flight, 10kg hold luggage, 5 nights' in 4th Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Lunch on certain days. All entertainment, excursions and transport included. Visit St Bernadette's Relics, Knock Shrine, Galway City, Croagh Patrick, Ballintubber Abbey & Fr. Peyton Centre. Single supplement on Enquiry. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpligrimages@gmail.com.

FROM THE DIOCESE

CELEBRATING OUR RICHES: Monday 14 October 7.30pm-8.45pm
A zoom meeting to invite people from all our parishes to share how they celebrate the many different cultures which now enrich our communities. We hope anyone who has experience and ideas will join so that we can begin to see how to develop this across the diocese. It is an open meeting for clergy and lay faithful. Booking details to follow....

FINANCES We are extremely grateful for your financial support, also to the volunteers who help in so many ways. Standing Order via donor's own bank:. The information you require to make this donation is as follows: Bank: NatWest. Sort Code; 60-06-11, Account Number; 46716003. Account Name; RCDN Our Lady of Peace. Payent Ref: Our Lady of Peace, Slough. Standing Order through this link: https://morthamptondiocese.org/wp-content/uploads/GAD-general-June-18-v2-revision.pdf



22nd SEPTEMBER 2024 TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (YEAR B)

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING TO MASS TIMES:

- Mass on Tuesday 24th September will be at 8.30am in St Andrews, there will be no adoration or morning prayer.
- Mass on Friday 27th September will be at 8.30am in St Andrews, there will be no adoration or morning
- No Mass on Saturday mornings until resumption of Masses in Our Lady of Peace Church

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2024/25: Parents/guardians with children in Year 3 or above who wish their children to receive their First Holy Communion in 2025 are invited to enroll them on the First Holy Communion Programme. Please submit your expression of interest by 2nd Cctober 2024 via email olopcommunion@gmail.com. Please note your child will need to be Baptised in order to join the programme.

HOST OUR LADY WITH THE ROSARY CAMPAIGN: October is a month dedicated to Our Lady of the Rosary, Devotion to Mary has always been at the heart of our life and worship. It's a good time to remember that Mary's yes' changed the world. Our Lady's status will be passed from one household to another throughout the month of October. We invite families to come together to say the Rosary and if possible invite neighbors to pray

Please contact Venecia, our Parish Secretary, via email office.ourladyofpeace@northamptondiocese.org or by phone at 01628 60576 to express your interest and provide a few preferable dates.

OFFERTORY: The collection for 15th September amounted to £561.77. The DONA plate offerings amounted to £34.35 for this weekend. Retiring collection for the Bishops' Conference was £110.18. We are very grateful for

HCPT DANCE In aid of the Children's HCPT Groups Easter Pilgrimage to Lourdes. Saturday, 28th September at Slough Irish Club, Sheehy Way, Slough, SL2 5SS. Dancing from 8.00pm until Midnight. Music by DJ Brian, Ploughman's Supper, Cabaret by Skehill Academy of Irish Dancing, Tickets £6. All monies raised will pay for a child with special needs to travel to Lourdes next Easter 2025. Kay will be selling tickets after all Masses until the dance, Please support.

CAFOD's FAMILY FAST DAY APPEAL: Kerwin will be holding an Appeal on behalf of CAFOD for the Family Fast Day on Friday 4th October. CAFOD is our Carlias agency for overseas development and reaches out to those living in poverty and affected by wars and injustice globally. To carry on doing our vital and transformative work, we need your continued support. Please give using the envelopes provided or give online at <u>calcol.org.uk/envelope</u>

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

MENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR
Martha Basey RIP (John Basey)
Lily Coutinho RIP 23rd Anniversary (Almeida Family)
Kitty Keaveney RIP Anniversary (O'Shea)
Hackney (Foundation) 21st September St. Andrews (Vigil Mass) 22nd September St. Andrews Sunday 11.30am Luiza & Alessandra Pepaj INT (Alma & Family) Estrocio Coutinho RIP 89th Birthday (Almeida Family) Special Intention for Evelyn Sepala (Prem and Dilys Sepala) Zoltan Torok RIP (R. Group) Cardinal Ernest Simoni Int, living Martyr of Albania 6.00pm St. Andrews (R. Group)

23rd September 8.30am 9.15am

Adoration Morning Prayer

24th September

Tuesday

25th September Adoration Morning Prayer Mass

27th September

Thursday 8.30am 9.15am 9.30am 26th September Morning Prayer

28th September Saturday

St. Andrews (Vigil Mass)

Marie Palomino & Hen Family RIP (Austen Family) Prithi Mascarenhas INT

St. Andrews Fr. Chris INT (Kay) Mary McCarthy INT

Peter Hill RIP (O'Donnell) Maria Rawling INT

St. Andrews

Marie Corcoran RIP (John Basey) Margaret & Joe Haire INT (R. Group)

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR Marie Corcoran RIP (O'Donnell) John Dunleavy RIP (Catherine O'Neill) Mary McCarthy INT

Sunday 11.30am 29th September

Manuel Kanagasuntherie RIP 1st Anniversary Marian Bellamy RIP & Pat Carmichael RIP (Karen &

Special Intention for Evelyn Sepala (Prem and Dilys Sepala)
Micheal Mulhearn RIP (Oates Family)

6.00pm

Marie Corcoran RIP (Cafferty Family) People of the Parish

MISSIC: Fr. Anthony Chantry MHM, invites everyone connected with Red Boxes, including online and direct debit et alia, to a Mass celebrated by Bishop Paul McAleenan with the Homily preached by Fr. Phillip Adede MHM, General Councilor for Africa on Saturday 5º October 1 pm. Mass will take place at the Church of the Holy Apostles, Winchester Street, Pimico, London SWH1 41 V 4NZ (near Victoria Station / Pimilco Tube). Refreshments provided, please RSVP by email: redbox@missio.org.uk

NATIONAL FLOOD FORUM: Next meeting at St Andrews Church on Wednesday 25th September from 5.00pm until 7.00pm: Residents of the Cippenham, Burnham and Huntingdon road areas. It's important that each individual is requested to attend this meeting as the flood threat is high as the rivers and streams around are very high. NFF will give us ideas and strategies about what to do incase we are flooded. This will be a meeting to provide an opportunity to discuss your flood risk concerns and how the NFF can support you and your community to develop a plan and work in partnership with other agencies and authorities moving forward. Please come along to the flood forum meeting. Please feel free to share this invitation with anyone who you feel would also benefit from attending.

SHEKHINAH PRAYER GROUP Meets weekly on Wednesdays from 7.00pm to 8.30pm via Zoom with Catholic teachings on different topics. Lectio Divina (Praying the Scriptures), takes place on alterative weeks. The theme for this Wednesday 25th September will be Reflections on the Gospel Mark 9:38-43,45, 47-48 Twenty-Sixth Sunday of the Year Time B. The Speaker will be Deacon Michael.

LIVE STREAMING: Please note that due to the ongoing refurbishment works in OLOP there will be no live streaming for Sunday masses, Funerals and Baptisms. St Andrews shared Church where we are celebrating all our Masses and Sacraments does not have this facility in place. All inconveniences caused by this is highly

MASS INTENTIONS: If you wish to book a Mass Intention please place the intention in an envelope, write the name of the person(s) who the Mass is for, whether Deceased or Intention, also the name of the person who is of

PARISH SUPPORT GROUP: We have a parish support group for those who have been bereaved. If you feel this might be for you please ring 01628 666278. You will be warmly welcomed.

VACANCY

CHAPLAIN: The advert is for a full time Chaplain to be based at Wexham Park Hospital in Slough (Frimley Health NHS Foundation Trust). Full information for the position and an application form can be found by visiting. Our Vacancies - Frimley Health NHS Foundation Trust Careers (fhft.nhs.uk).