Serfboard No.19 Friday 10th July 2026

It’s all change

It is that time of the year when we suddenly become very aware that there are many changes afoot for a number of families in our community. Last week, on Thursday and Friday, we welcomed 120 new Year 5s (current Year 4s) into school. It was lovely to see them around the school with their new teachers and also to see current pupils welcoming them. The Year 8s did a fantastic job at their own transition days, with the Upper Schools being very complimentary about their conduct. Well done to them! Yesterday we held a transition day for new pupils (and their parents) who will be joining us in Years 7 and 8 in September. It was lovely to meet them in person and give them a flavour of what being here as part of the Sterf family will be like.

Farewell Year 8!

The end of term is approaching at great speed and we feel great pride and sadness as we say goodbye to an absolutely fantastic cohort of Year 8 pupils. The Year 8s took part in their retreat last week where they were off timetable on Tuesday to engage in a range of reflective activities as they reach the end of their time here at St Edward's Royal Free. This included a visit from Wayne Dixon, who spoke about his own school days and experiences with the pupils. He also gave a memorable rendition of his 'Zach Rap!'- a retelling of the Bible story of Zacchaeus which the pupils remembered and enjoyed very much. We are always so grateful to Wayne for coming into our school - some of our families may remember Wayne from their own school days in the area.

The pupils also visited St Andrew's Church for two sessions which focused on the idea of legacy and leadership. Both important themes as our pupils leave their STERF days behind them and move forward, as future leaders, to their next stage. We are so grateful to the team at St Andrews Church for volunteering their time on such a warm day, to inspire our pupils with these reflections. As well as some school-based activities and a communal year group picnic at lunch time, we ended the day with a session from 'Aim a Little Higher'. This company promotes a growth mindset and having a positive attitude whilst working towards goals and dreams. Emmanuel really inspired our pupils with his stories and engaging message.

We are really looking forward to a lovely leavers' service on Monday at All Saints' Church, Frances Rd. Due to the change in venue, for the first time we have been able to invite families to join us at this event. Finally, we are looking forward to our leavers' disco on Friday 17th July which will provide an opportunity for dancing, singing and general camaraderie and our Leavers' Ceremony on Tuesday 14th July at 4pm.

Sports Day

The first of our two Sports Day sessions took place this morning. (Having been rearranged to accommodate the warm weather, it really was much more comfortable in the morning than the afternoon here on site!) The pupils really enjoyed all of the activities from banner making to football, vortex throw to long jump, there really was something for everyone. A huge thank you must go to Mrs Zealey who worked so hard to create a Sports Day experience on site that was truly memorable.

Year 6 PGL

What a fantastic time our Year 6s had at PGL where they engaged in a variety of exciting activities from archery to canoeing, they really rose to the challenge. This trip is not just a chance to 'have some fun' but an important opportunity for our young people to develop resilience and teamwork skills. Thanks to all of the staff who made the trip possible.

TUTOR LIST 2026/2027

Form	Tutor	Room
5/1	Miss Chambers	6
5/2	Mrs Cairns / Miss Woodbury	16
5/3	Mrs Millington	8
5/4	Mrs Perkins	7
	Head of Year 5 – Mrs Cairns	
6/1	Ms Neil / Miss Wright	9
6/2	Miss Khan	11
6/3	Mrs Bird	2
6/4	Mrs Marsh / Mr Affleck	22
	Head of Year 6 – Mr Affleck	
7/1	Mrs Bagshaw	25
7/2	Mrs Zealey	4
7/3	Mr Ward	24
7/4	Mrs Shaw	12
	Head of Year 7 – Ms Baker	
8/1	Mrs Smith / Mr Davies	3
8/2	Mr Villers / Mrs Hill	15
8/3	Mrs Hopkins / Miss Cartlidge	1
8/4	Miss Brown / Mr Villers	14
	Head of Year 8 – Mr Davies	

Well Windsor Youth Voice Ambassadors

A huge thanks goes to Phoebe and Sam L from Year 8 who acted as Well Windsor Youth Ambassadors this year. Youth Voice is a really important part of the work that Well Windsor do, because they want to ensure that the voices, ideas and concerns of young people in Windsor are heard. Phoebe and Sam attended a couple of meetings this year and contributed to discussions about concerns young people have currently around mental health and wellbeing. They also participated in a documentary with Notice Productions, a youth filmmaking charity dedicated to creating powerful films on issues that matter deeply to young people. A huge well done to both Phoebe and Sam for their participation this year. They received Well Windsor hoodies to continue to promote the great work that Well Windsor is doing.

Year 8 First Aid

Year 8 have been completing work in their PSHE lessons as part of the statutory First Aid curriculum for Key Stage Three. This is an extremely important part of the personal development curriculum we have here at STERF. We know how important it is to raise awareness of First Aid with our pupils for their own and others safety and in their role as citizens in society. In their lesson today, we used teaching and lesson resources from St John's Ambulance to learn about dealing with an emergency and basic lifesaving, including conducting a primary survey and the recovery position. Despite the heat, the pupils enjoyed practicing the recovery position in the hall! St John's Ambulance has a wealth of resources and advice online accessible for families to look at if they would like further information.

https://www.sja.org.uk/get-advice/

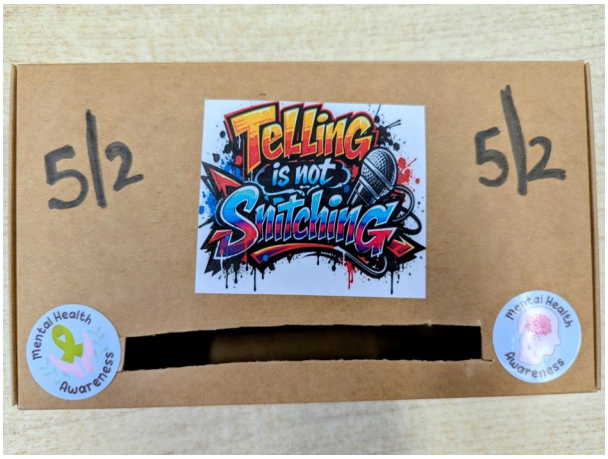
Anti-Bullying at Sterf

Anti-Bullying at STERF 25/26

Teachers and pupils have been busy this year further building on our strong work in the area of Anti-Bullying. Pupils have celebrated Anti-Bullying week, we now have Mental Health/Anti-Bullying Ambassadors in Year 7 who check in with Year 5 and 6 pupils, and have a dedicated webpage which shares with everyone in our school community how to report bullying. Pupils have recently spent their dedicated Anti-Bullying pastoral session this term discussing how their words can have a big impact on others and thought about ways in which they can 'Build each other up' as the Bible tells us to. Staff have focused their training

this year on cyberbullying and we remain committed to ensuring any incidents of bullying are dealt with in a highly effective and consistent way. Here at St. Edward's, we always strive to demonstrate good practice and we are confident that this will be recognised when we submit our work towards the nationally acclaimed Anti-Bullying award during the next academic year. We are currently consulting with pupils on a pupil friendly version of our Anti-Bullying Policy and this will be published on the webpage in the Autumn Term. Please feel free to contact Mrs Birtles or Mrs Perkins via the school office if you have any questions or feedback about any of the above.

*1 - **Using respectful language** - Pupils spent a pastoral session thinking about how their words impact on others and how the Bible tells us to 'Build each other up' with our words.*

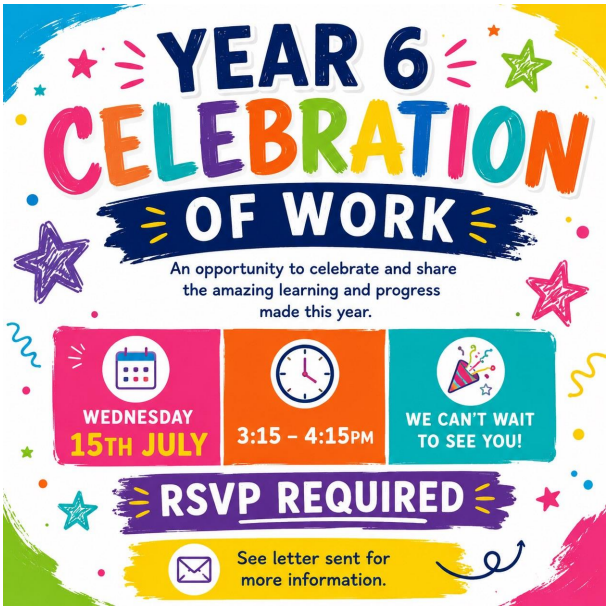


*2 - **Active pupil involvement in Anti-Bullying** - Pupils in Year 5 and 6 tutor groups are encouraged to put their name in a box to let their dedicated Mental Health/Anti-Bullying ambassador know if they want to talk about anything which might be*

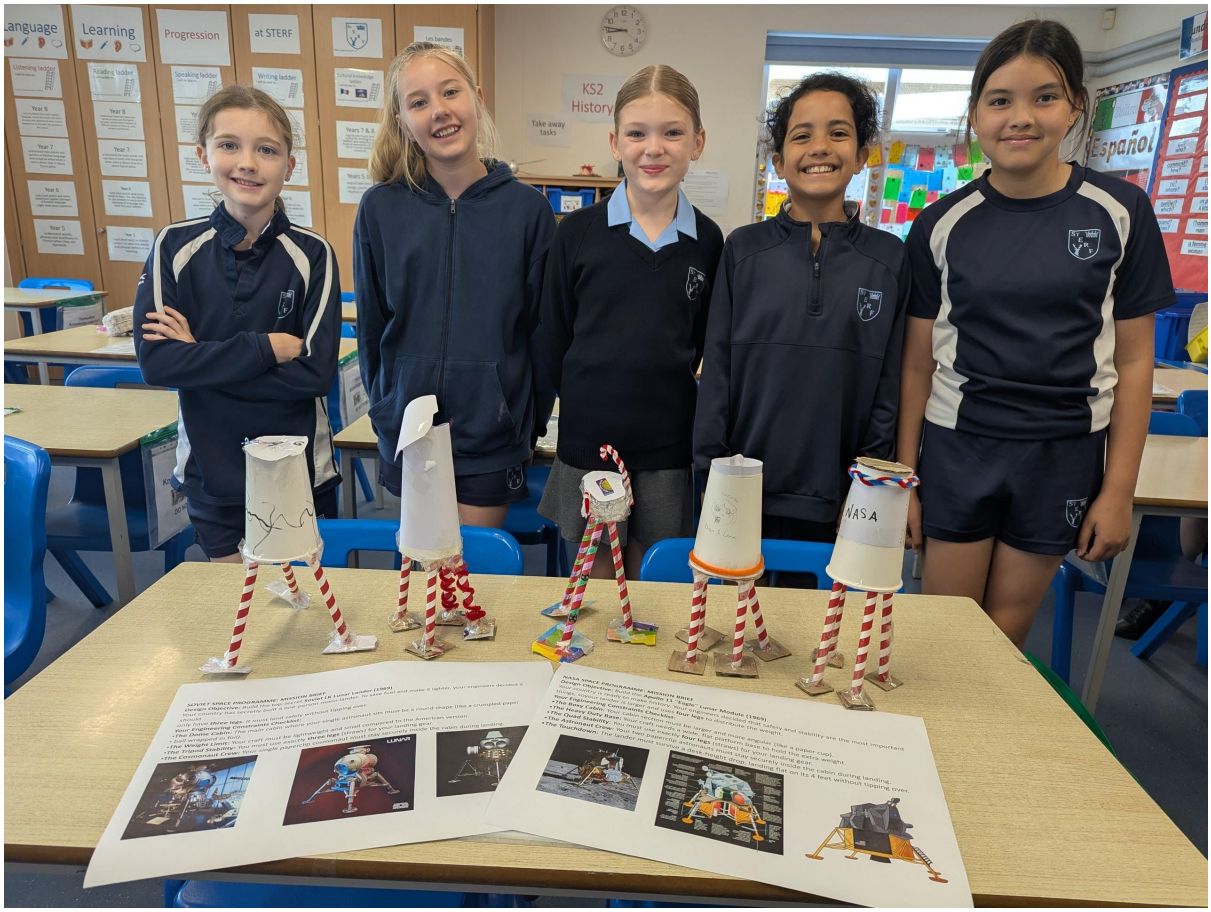
affecting their mental health. Mental Health/Anti-Bullying ambassadors then collect these names and have conversations with these pupils during their weekly visits.

Year 5 Celebration of Work

It was lovely to welcome so many families to our Year 5 celebration of work last Wednesday. We were delighted that such huge numbers could make it. The Year 5 pupils were so proud showing off everything they had been learning this year. It's been fun seeing their faces light up when they found the secret postcards that parents had left them in their books telling them how proud they were of particular pieces of work they had had seen on the evening. Thank you to all our families for the wonderful support you provide your children and the school.



Space Race Fun



The Year 6 pupils who did not attend PGL had a wonderful lesson making historical replicas of the Apollo 11 'Eagle' Lunar Module and the Soviet LK Lunar Lander from 1969. They worked with a design brief to make their own models and evaluated the pros and cons of the two different designs. They concluded that the Apollo 11 Lander was far superior!

PE Serfboard

News

On Tuesday 7th July we were very lucky to have Mr Cullungford from the Matt Fiddes Martial Arts company in to complete some workshops with our pupils. In these workshops, pupils discussed the purpose of martial arts in daily life and started to learn some key skills. If pupils would like more information about his classes and how to sign up, please see Mrs Zealey for more information.

Sports Day Part 2

On Thursday 16th July we will be hosting our rearranged sports day track events for families to attend. On the day the gates will be open from 8:50 for families to make their way to the spectator area. We recommend that spectators bring their own chairs and picnic blankets for the morning. Please also ensure that pupils are in the correct PE kit and bring their water bottles, hats and sun cream for the morning events. Please also remember that the 600m and 800m races will take part on Wednesday 15th July in the morning to allow these to be completed before the heat increases.

WINDSOR RUGBY

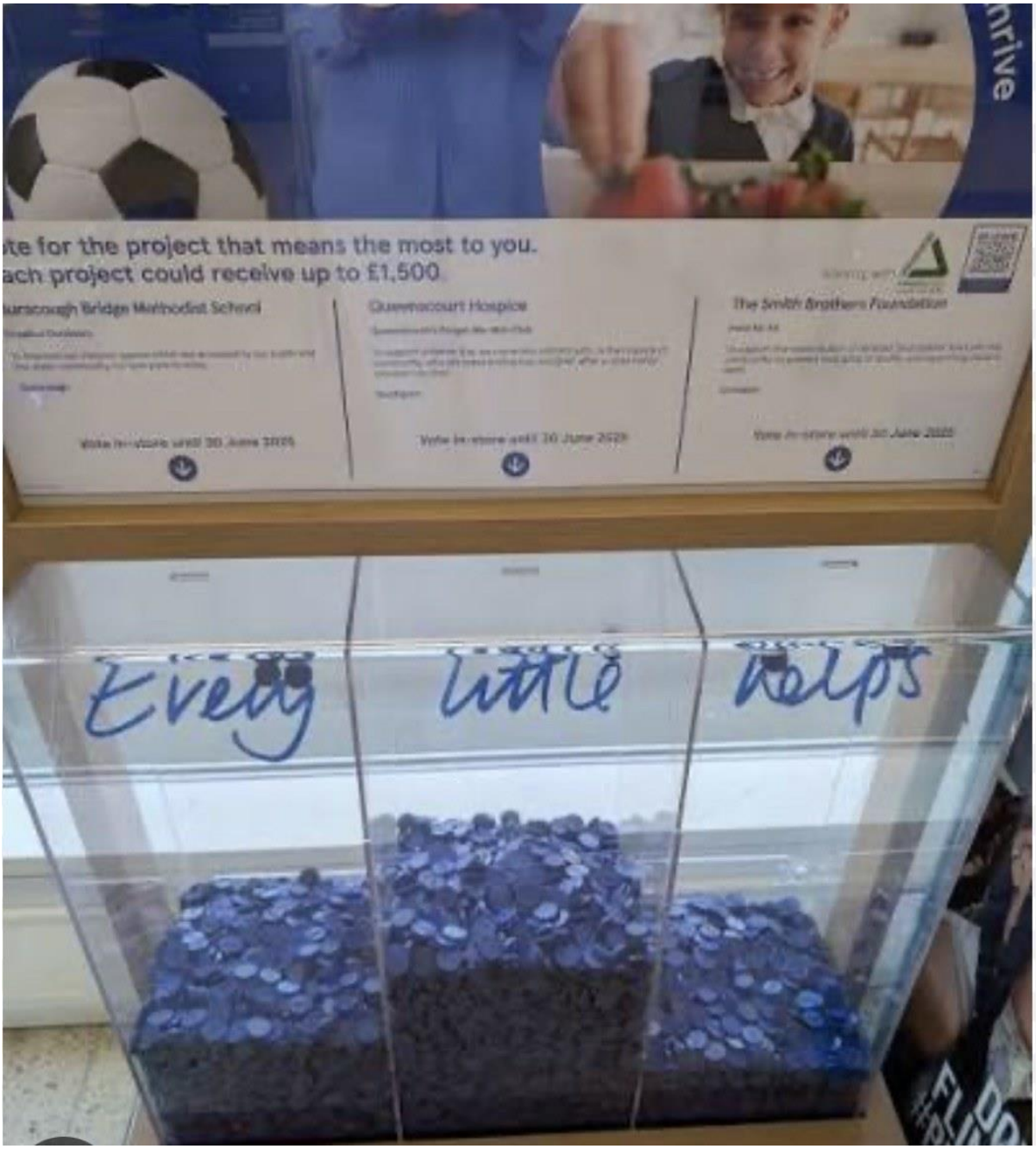
A talented group of Windsor RFU Under 11s had the honour of representing their club at Le Challenge du Vignoble in Épernay, France — one of Europe's most prestigious youth rugby festivals, bringing together nearly 2,200 young players from seven countries across three age groups.

Playing through soaring temperatures, the boys never wavered, displaying remarkable courage, enthusiasm and resilience both on and off the pitch. Their performances were a true reflection of everything Windsor stands for — teamwork, respect, enjoyment, discipline and sportsmanship, making them outstanding ambassadors for the club throughout the tournament.

Competing against some of the best young talent in Europe, they finished an impressive 13th overall, a result every player, parent and coach should be enormously proud of.

Well done to each and every one of them.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!



Sterf PE Department are delighted to be selected for the Tesco Blue Token Stronger Start Community Grant.

We will be raising funds for PE equipment to empower children through diverse sports to boost physical health and build lifelong confidence, teamwork, and positive wellbeing.

The project with the highest number of votes across your region will receive £1,500. The second placed project £1,000 and the third placed project £500. **Voting will commence in store, week commencing Monday 3rd August 2026 until the end of November 2026.**

Pop your blue tokens into boxes at:

- Windsor Superstore SL4 4JT
- Windsor Peascod Street Express SL4 1EA
- Datchet Tesco Express SL3 9HW
- Windsor Tesco Express SL4 3QL
- Langley Slough Express Express SL3 8BB
- Slough Express Express SL3 7HR

To vote, you will need to make a purchase within store of any value. Fingers crossed we can collect as many tokens as possible!

MILLIONAIRE READERS

1 Million Words

(5/3) Salvador O

(5/4) Ellis A-E

(6/4) Katie H

(7/1) Belle W

(7/1) Perreen B

(7/3) Mia H

(8/3) Charles G

2 Million Words

(8/1) Layla P

4 Million Words

(7/3) CJ Mc

5 Million Words

(7/2) Isolde B

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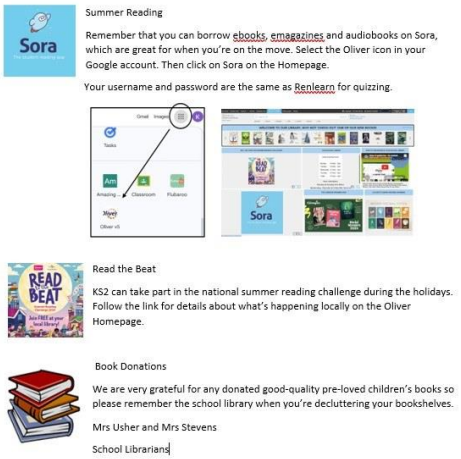
(7/1) Lottie L

HONOURS READER

(6/3) William B



Reminders

1) Before the end of term, could you please ensure your child's Scopay account is up to date with payments on after school clubs, residential trips (in line with the trip payment schedules) and if you are able to make any further voluntary contributions, these would be gratefully received. Additionally, please ensure your child's ParentPay lunch account is up to date, with all lunch debts cleared before the end of term.

2) If your child is leaving the school, please refer to the email communication sent via ParentMail on the 26th June regarding any credit balances on Scopay.

3) We would like to remind you that Scopay is off line for the summer to complete the financial and academic year end – Library Pass, Breakfast Clubs and residential trips will be back on line after the 1st September 2026.

PSA Donations

2nd hand uniform donations are now very short on stock. If you do have some old or spare uniform you are willing to donate please place your items in the blue donation bin in the corner of the staff car park. Thank You, PSA