Serfboard No.3 Friday 16th October 2026

It’s been a busy couple of weeks in school since our last newsletter. From sports fixtures to class photos, flu jabs to probably one of our most important tasks this term, we held interviews for our prospectus Headteacher yesterday and today. It was wonderful to have pupils involved in this process and they certainly put the candidates through their paces. We hope to be able to update you on this in due course.

World Mental Health Day

Last week, we marked World Mental Health Day with a thoughtful and uplifting assembly led by Ms Browne, our Mental Health Lead in school. Pupils learned about looking after their wellbeing, talking about their feelings and knowing that it is always okay to ask for help.

Well Windsor Mufti

Last Friday, 9th October, pupils came to school in mufti, with the money raised going towards our chosen charity, Well Windsor. Thank you to everyone who joined in, wore something blue or donated to the charity. Your kindness and generosity are truly appreciated, and we are delighted that our donations will go towards such a worthwhile

cause in our local community. The money is still being counted; we'll have more on the total soon!

Farewell to Revd Sally

Last week we said goodbye to Revd Sally, who led her final collective worship with us. At the end of collective worship Mrs Adamson shared some special memories of Revd Sally in her time joining us at STERF and our Head Pupils' presented her with a beautiful rose bush for her to plant in her new garden. Revd Sally has been a warm and welcome presence in our school community, and she will be very much missed by pupils and staff alike. For many years, she has led our Wednesday Collective Worship to pupils alternating weeks with Cannon David. We wish her a happy, peaceful and well-deserved retirement. Thank you, Revd Sally, for everything.

Information Evening for Years 6 and 7

We were pleased to welcome parents and carers of Year 6 and Year 7 pupils to our Information Evening. It was lovely to see so many of you there, and we hope the evening gave you a helpful picture of what lies ahead for your child. Thank you for coming along and for your continued support.

Progress Evening for Year 6 Thank you to all the Year 6 parents and carers who joined us for Progress Evening. It was a valuable opportunity to talk about how your children are settling in and to celebrate the progress they are making. We appreciate your time and the positive conversations we shared. As always, if you have any subject specific questions at any point please don't hesitate to email your child's classroom teacher via the Main Office.

Celebration Day

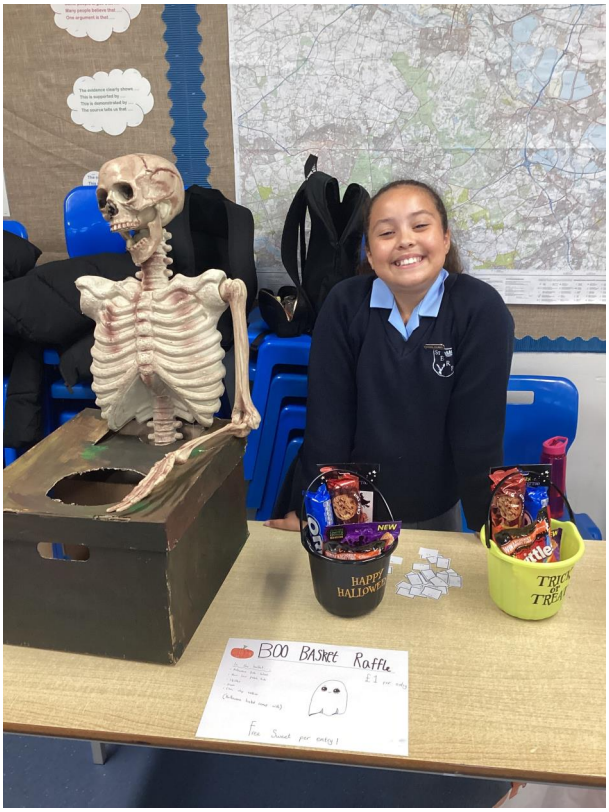
Celebration Day is a truly special day for the whole STERF community. On Wednesday, 14th October, the whole school ventured to church for our annual Celebration Day service. Mrs Adamson and Mrs Bagshaw, alongside Deacon Stephen led the service with RE club and some staff completing readings. Tutor groups returned to school and then spent the afternoon enjoying fundraising for charity. Our pupils did an amazing job! From the planning stage in form time to the execution of their stall's pupils threw themselves into every activity with enthusiasm, kindness and pride, and we were so impressed by their effort and teamwork. We appreciate all the effort families have gone to in order to make this a successful charity event as we know so many of you have supported them at home with their ideas. The day was such a joy. Service is such an important school value for us as a school. Each and every one of our pupils demonstrated this on the day, they supported and encouraged other stall holders and we are proud that all money raised will go to charity. The counting is underway. We hope to be able to share the final figure with you soon!

Harvest Collection

Thank you so much to everyone who donated to our Harvest collection. Your generosity has been overwhelming and we have been touched by the kindness shown by our pupils, families and staff. Every tin, packet and gift will help to support those in our community who need it most. Thank you for helping us to share the spirit of harvest, and for showing the true meaning of giving and caring for others.

Half term / Inset Day

Just a reminder that we break up for half term on Friday 23rd of October. School finishes at normal time. There is Inset Day on Monday 2nd November. We look forward to welcoming up pupils back on Tuesday 3rd November. It will be week A when we return. We hope all our families have a relaxing week together.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We are delighted to announce that four students from St Edward's Royal Free Ecumenical School (some of whom are now ex-students, having submitted their stories while they were still with us last summer) were selected to receive prizes for their exceptional writing in the local **Windsor Writers' competition**.

Some of our former students, who now attend other schools, also entered this fabulous competition again and won prizes once more, which is wonderful to see.

Here is the list of winners from our school:

- **Nora (ex-6/3)** received a **Commended Award** for her poem *'Underworld'*, while **Charlotte (7/3)** also received a **Commended Award** for her poem *'What Really Happens on Inset Days'*.
- **Phoebe (ex-6/2)** won **2nd place** for her story *'The Hamster Detective Squad'*, **Grace (7/3)** won **2nd place** for her poem *'Away with Fairies'*.

Overall, our school received **four awards**, the highest number of awards won by any school in the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead (RBWM) that submitted entries.

What a fantastic achievement and a very proud moment for the students and their teachers!

Wow Writers

At STERF, we love to celebrate the creativity of all our pupils writing. Each fortnight we award our Wow Writers award to pupils who have excelled in a piece of writing in any subject that week. Today, Mrs Noctor awarded Wow Writer badges to George P (7/3 Silver badge), Isla B (6/1 Bronze badge), Mark T (8/3 blue badge), Ishani T (7/2 blue badge) and Noam (5/4 blue badge). Winners included a letter to Lady Macbeth, a response to the question 'Which Celtic invention was most important?' and a dramatic diary entry.

Congratulations to all pupils!

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News

KS2 x-country- On Thursday 1st October our KS2 runners went to TWBS Stovell playing fields to participate in the annual x-country competition. Pupils had to run 2 laps of the field in their age group category. Our pupils did amazing and received the following results:

Yr5 boys team: 1st place

Yr 5 girls team: 1st place

Yr6 girls team: 2nd place

Yr6 boys team: 1st place

Congratulations and well done to all involved.

KS3 netball- On Thursday 8th October, our Year 7 and Year 8 netball teams headed to Dedworth for an exciting KS3 tournament. Facing off against tough competition from both Dedworth and Trevelyan, every single player stepped up and performed brilliantly. After some fantastic, hard-fought matches, our Year 8 team secured a superb 3rd place finish, while our Year 7s fought hard to place 7th. A massive well done to everyone involved for representing the school so proudly!

Football Round-Up

It has been another positive week for football at the school, with some excellent performances across the year groups.

Year 6 – It was great to see such a fantastic turnout at the Year 6 football trials. Thank you to everyone who came along and showed enthusiasm and commitment. We look forward to seeing how the squad develops.

Year 7 – A brilliant start to the District Cup campaign, with the team securing a convincing 5–0 victory against St Bernard's in the first round. Brodie and Flynn both scored twice, while Rocco added the fifth goal, taking his tally to an impressive five goals in two games. Well done to the whole team on a fantastic performance.

Year 8 – The Year 8 team continued their National Cup campaign with an excellent victory against École Jeannine Manuel School in the second round. Harry T scored the decisive goal, while Benjy produced a fantastic performance in goal to help the team secure the win. Congratulations to the whole team on progressing to the next round.

Curriculum

Next term pupils will be participating in the following activities during their lessons. Please ensure they are coming into school in the correct PE kit and all jewellery is removed.

KS2 PE: Basketball

KS2 Games: Football (**Shin pads and boots required)**

KS3 PE: Basketball

KS3 Games: Rugby **(Boots and gum shields required**)

Upcoming events

18th October- Windsor Lions swimming gala

22nd October- KS2 Dodgeball at St Peter's

4th November- Yr8 netball at Furze Platt

MILLIONAIRE READERS

1 Million Words

(5/1) Arthur H

(5/2) Harry H

(7/1) Antoni D

(7/1) Nate B

(7/4) Millie W

2 Million Words

(5/2) Savannah B

(7/1) Nate B

(7/3) William B

Finance Updates

Year 5 Butser Farm - Tuesday 20th October 2026

A reminder that the permission form and payment of £27.00 for this trip was due on Tuesday 13th October.

For all those that have paid, thank you. To anyone with an outstanding payment please make payment on Scopay urgently.

Year 5 Swimming 2026-2027 (5/1 Only)

There are payments outstanding for the Year 5 Swimming (5/1 only). Please complete the permission form and payment of £36.00 on Scopay.

For all those that have paid, thank you.

Student Council Trip to Parliament - 28th September 2026

There are payments outstanding for the Student Council Trip to Parliament that took place on Monday 28th September. Please complete the permission form and payment of £25.00 on Scopay.

For all those that have paid, thank you.

Locker Payment 2026-2027

Please ensure the £15.00 locker payment has been made for the academic year; this needs to please be paid via Scopay.

After School Clubs (Paid) - Autumn Term 2026

We have payments outstanding for the after school clubs, a reminder to please log onto Scopay and make payment for any paid clubs being attended this current term.

School Fund & DT/Art Contribution

We would welcome any voluntary contributions to the School Fund and DT/Art Contribution, these can be made via Scopay.

Thank you for all contributions received to date.

Tax Free Childcare Payments

For those parents who are making tax free childcare payments, please could you ensure you notify Finance in order for us to reconcile any payments.

Please email finance@sterf.org.uk with your child's name, form group, amount paid and where you would like payments allocated (wraparound care only).

*1 - Churches Together in Windsor warmly invites your pupils, staff and families to **Carols on the Hill**, Windsor's open-air Christmas carol service outside Windsor Castle, by the statue of Queen Victoria.*

- ***When:** Friday 11 December 2026, 6pm – 7.30pm*
- ***Cost:** Free – all ages welcome*
- ***Details:** churchestogetherinwindsor.org.uk – Carols on the Hill 2026*
- ***Poster to print or share:** download the poster*

It's a short, joyful service of well-known carols with live music, led by local church leaders. Children are very welcome, and the collection supports two local charities.