Serfboard No.18 Friday 26th June 2026

Longridge: The Year 5 not enough sleep-over!

On the 15th June our Year 5 pupils, and several staff left school for a one-night residential at Longridge in Marlow. This is the first time that we have run this trip and overall it was a really exciting and fun occasion. Pupils took part in a number of exciting activities designed to stretch their resilience and teamwork skills. Our pupils behaved extremely well although many found the sunlight into their tents made them wake up particularly early! This was a really wonderful chance to spend a night away from home in a safe environment and we hope that it encourages many of the pupils to be able to go on a longer stay away next year on the Year 6 PGL trip. Thanks to all the staff who gave up their evening/night/ to make this happen.

Year 7 Options

At about this time of year, each year, our Year 7 pupils are challenged to think about their Year 8 'Option' choice for next year. The letter for this will be sent out soon from Mrs Noctor and the pupils will also have an assembly explaining the process. The option lesson is one lesson each week on the Year 8 timetable where they are able to choose a subject to study in greater depth. This, of course, also allows pupils the opportunity to consider what it is like to make choices, before they go on at upper school in Year 9 and have to make GCSE options. It is also part of our careers learning where we challenge our young people to think about what they enjoy

doing and what they feel they are good at and would like to pursue in more depth and detail. When it does come out then please do read the letter with your child, have a chat and then rank order the subjects and return them ASAP.

A reminder…

We are currently holding waiting lists for all year groups for September. If you know that your child will be leaving us then please do let us know so that we can fill that space. Unfortunately, funding continues to be tight and is calculated partly on pupil numbers. Sometimes parents who have their child on a waiting list are reluctant to move their child to a new school if they have already settled somewhere else, however, if a space is not reported to us and we do not find out until September we do run the risk of being underfunded. We appreciate your support with this.

New Year 5 Parents information evening

Our new Year 5 parents' information evening took place on Monday 8th June with a presentation from Mrs Cairns and Mrs Adamson. It was extremely well attended and was a fantastic opportunity to share information about the school, remind our new parents of our vision and ethos and talk about us as the STERF family. Those parents are also coming into school for the afternoon of the second transfer day, Friday 3rd July and our caterers, uniform suppliers and the PSA second hand uniform stall will also be there.

Thanks from all the staff

Finally, a thank you from Mrs Adamson and all of the staff for your support this week. It has been a really difficult week with the weather and for many families. We are so looking forward to seeing all of the pupils in school on Monday!

MILLIONAIRE READERS

2 Million Words

(7/4) Helena T

(8/4) Ameyali D

4 Million Words

(6/3) William B

8 Million Words

(6/3) Arthur T

10 Million Words

(6/1) Archie B

Longridge 2026

On 15th – 16th June Year 5 pupils travelled to Longridge Activity Centre in Marlow for a one night residential. This had a similar set up to the Year 6 PGL trip and enabled pupils to try different activities, such as climbing, archery, dragon boating, canoeing and lots more, in a setting close to home and for a shorter period of time. Many pupils pushed themselves out of their comfort zones and tried new things, cheered on by their friends and staff group leaders. There were some very tired faces on return to school but lots of fun was had by all.

Sterf Art

Please explore our new online art exhibition of work created during the 2025 - 2026 academic year.

Art, Craft & Design Exhibition 2026

Every pupil is represented in this collection, celebrating the creativity, effort and imagination shown across all year groups.

KOOTH

Kooth

Kooth- priovide free mental health support for young people, whenever they need it. Kooth recognise that as we approach the end of term, the summer holidays will offer young people a well-deserved rest, however the transition away from the daily routine and support networks of school, can be challenging.

Please see the short video from Kooth which is a reminder of the support they can offer young people.

Kooth introductory video

PE Serfboard

Serfboard 26th June

News

KS3 quad kids- On Thursday 11TH June our KS3 pupils took part in our annual quad kids competition. In team's pupils had to complete a 100m race, 800m race, vortex throw and

standing long jump. Our pupils were up against teams from Dedworth and Trevelyan. All pupils were exceptional with their effort and determination to succeed. Well done to all involved.

Curriculum

In term 6 pupils will be participating in the following activities during their lessons and will need to ensure they are bringing the correct PE kit for their safety. For the first incorrect PE kit pupils will be spoken to by their teacher and directed to the uniform page in the planner, the second time pupils will have an email home and the third incidence of incorrect PE kit will result in pupils spending time in the reflection room at lunch.

KS2 PE: Athletics

KS2 Games: Rounder's

KS3 PE: Athletics

KS3 Games: Rounder's (74 handball)

PE Options: Practical- Softball

Reminder: Sports day is on the 10th July. Parents are invited to attend for the afternoon track events only. On Friday 10th July at 12:40 parents/guardians will be able to enter the school site to spectate. Parents/ guardians will need to enter the school via the recreation ground gates and move to the designated spectator area. We advise that any spectators bring their own chairs or blankets to sit on during the afternoon. Once events are finished all spectators will be escorted back to the recreation ground where normal school pick up arrangements for pupils will apply.

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- 5 Weeks of non stop sport
- Monday - Friday
- Starts W/C 27th July

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- 9:00 - 3:00PM
- Early Drop Off available | 8:30 AM

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- Single day | £30
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- Early drop off | £3.00 P/D

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Water Safety

Summer water safety

Accidents are mostly preventable with the correct knowledge and judgment and here are our tips to staying safe in the water during the summer:

To enjoy the water safely and make the right call...

- **Enter slowly and carefully**
  Think carefully about your ability to splash or swim in cold outdoor water. 49% of those who lost their life were classified as swimmers*. Are you really a good swimmer?
- **Stay within reach**
  Don't go too far and stay within a standing depth.
- **Always be supervised**
  Over 70% of fatal accidents occur in the absence of professional supervision. Seek life guarded areas and always make sure some one is available to raise the alarm.

Summer is an amazing time to enjoy our beautiful waterways but we must be mindful that warmer weather is directly linked to an increase in fatal drowning incidents.

Rivers and Lakes/Lochs pose the greatest statistical risk as there are often hazards that the average person is equipped to handle and there is a lack of professional supervision.

In an emergency...

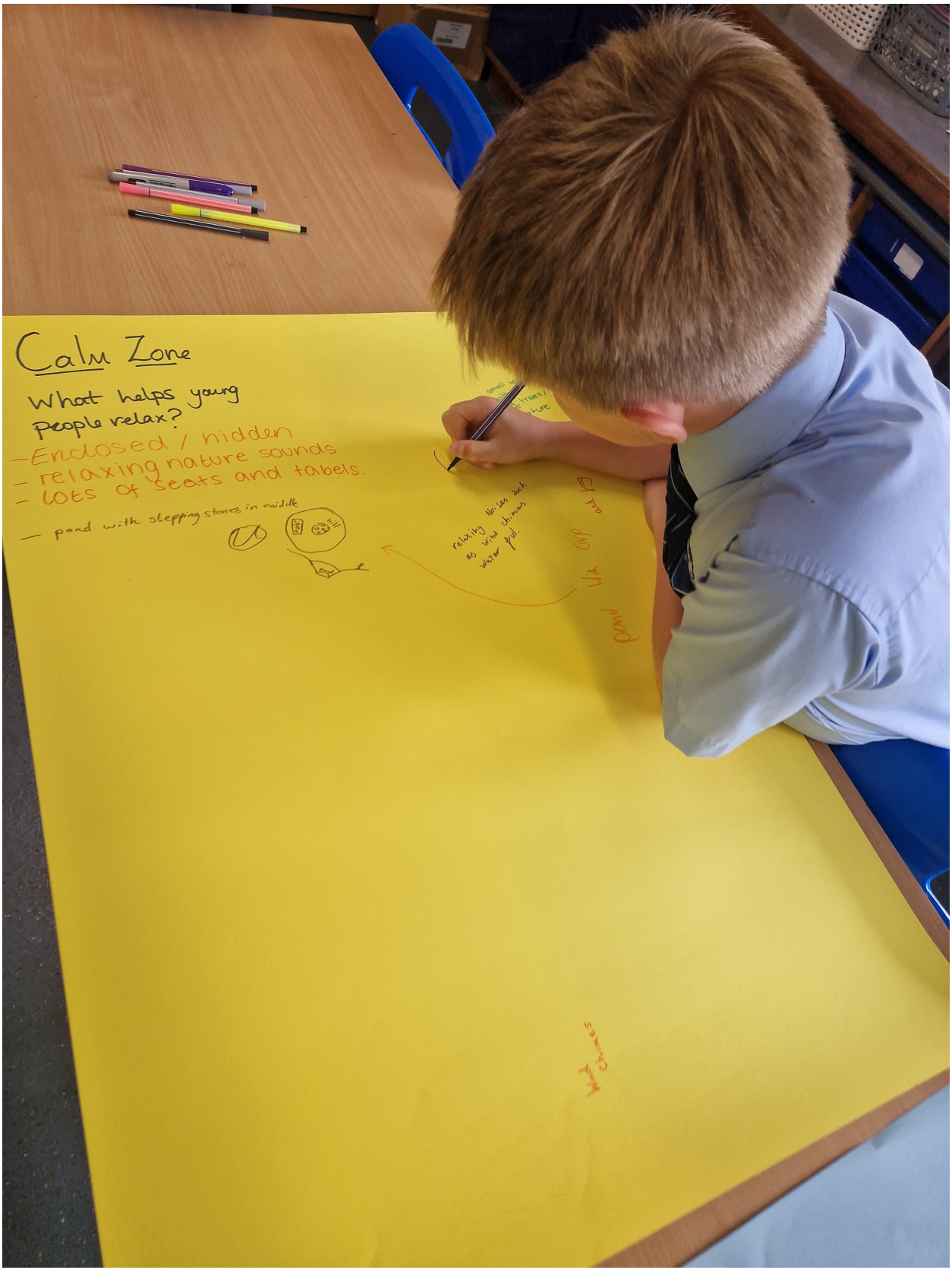
- **Call 999**
  If you are at the coast, call 999 and ask for the Coastguard. Don't enter the water to rescue.
- **If you're in trouble FLOAT and call for help**
  Fall in or become tired – stay calm, float on your back and call for help. Throw something that floats to somebody that has fallen in.

Water Safety

We are continuing to highlight the importance of Water Safety as we work alongside The Royal Lifesaving Society towards our accreditation as a Water Smart School. Guidance and resources attached.

https://www.rlss.org.uk/listing/category/the-water-safety-code

Well Windsor


Calm Zone
What helps young people relax?
-Enclosed / hidden
- relaxing nature sounds
- lots of seats and tabels.
- pond with stepping stones in middle
pond with lily pads
Wind Chimes

We have been so pleased to have worked in partnership with Well Windsor this year, considering ways that we as schools can work alongside the charity to improve mental health and wellbeing of young people. Last week, some members of our student council met with Well Windsor to discuss and share ideas for an exciting local community project. We were delighted to be involved and are looking forward to continuing our partnership on this project and others next year.

https://www.wellwindsor.org.uk/

Collective Worship

Courage

Refugee Week

Illustration © Quentin Blake

Last week, Canon David led our collective worship on the theme of 'courage'. This was in line with the theme of Refugee Week- 15th-21st June 2026. Did you know that the word *courage* comes from the Latin *cor*, meaning “heart.”

Refugee Week 2026 calls us to come together and share the courage to welcome, to stand for what we believe in, and to celebrate culture and community. Pupils reflected on the gospel of Matthew in which we are called to 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' We can all reflect on this in the way that we treat people, also considering our school values of 'Respect' and 'Service'.

First Holy Communion, Windsor

The First Holy Communion team are now accepting applications for the 2026/2027 cohort- if you have a child or children who you wish to receive First Holy Communion please contact the catechists at fhc@catholicwindsor.org for an application form and further details.

Sterf Vacancies

Part Time Receptionist and Administrative Assistant

£4,284 - £4,351 (pay award pending)

Term Time only plus inset days, 1 day a week - Friday 8.30am – 4pm

St Edward's Royal Free Ecumenical Middle School
Co-educational 9-13

Required ASAP

We are looking to appoint a school receptionist / administrative assistant to work as part of our school office team to start as soon as possible. This is a key role within the school. The successful applicant will be a confident and clear communicator, with extensive administrative experience and IT skills.

Experience of working within an education setting would be desirable. You must be able to handle a variety of tasks quickly, efficiently and calmly, including operating a large volume of phone calls and be able to deal with competing deadlines.

The role requires someone who has the ability to multi-task in a fast-paced environment and has good administrative skills. Good personal presentation, a friendly disposition and a willingness to participate in school life are considered important qualities for this position.

Application form and further details are available on the school's website. Please contact Mrs. Mottram in the school office for further information or to arrange an informal visit. We will be delighted to welcome you to our school.

The school is committed to safeguarding its pupils and this appointment depends upon an enhanced DBS disclosure. The application form and further details are available on the school's website. You will also find a letter from the Headteacher in this section, which will offer you additional information on the school. Please contact Mrs Mottram in the school office for further information or to arrange an informal visit before the closing date. We will be delighted to welcome you to our school.

Interviews may be arranged on receipt of application so early application is advised.

Closing date: **9am Friday 3rd July 2026**

Tel: 01753 867809
e-mail: Vacancies@sterf.org.uk
Website: www.sterf.org.uk

Finance Administration Manager

£27,356 - £32,236 (actual salary)

Salary Grade 5 – 6 depending on experience.
37 hours a week, Term-time plus 2 weeks.

We welcome applications from job-share candidates.

St Edward's Royal Free Ecumenical Middle School
Co-educational 9-13

Required ASAP

We are looking to appoint a professional, self-motivated, and organised finance professional to assist on all aspects of financial administration. The successful candidate will focus on the administration of the school finance and lettings. This is an exciting opportunity for someone who is keen to broaden their experience across a range of finance areas.

We are an oversubscribed and thriving middle school in Windsor. The school has an excellent reputation and achieves highly in terms of attainment and progress.

It was rated "Good" overall with "Outstanding" in the Personal Development category in September 2022.

'Leaders have cultivated a school community that values many forms of success. They have placed the development of well-rounded individuals at the centre of their school.'

'Staff feel very well supported by leaders. They are overwhelmingly positive about working in such a considerate and professional community'

The successful candidate will:

- Have experience of financial management and procedures and computerised accounting systems.
- Be highly numerate and literate.
- Have strong attention to detail and accuracy.
- Possess strong organisational skills with the ability to prioritise own work load and meet deadlines.
- Be able to work under the pressure of a busy school environment and remain calm under pressure.
- Have a high level of administrative skills including MS Office Excel and Word.
- Be self-motivated, enthusiastic and hardworking and flexible in their approach.
- Be a positive team player, willing to assist and support, where needed and believe in the importance of team work and a collaborative approach.
- Have a pro-active approach to problem-solving.

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

Prospective candidates are welcome to visit the school but they are not essential.

Application form and further details are available on the school's website. Please note we reserve the right to interview before the closing date.

Closing date: **9am Monday 29th June 2026**

Tel: 01753 867809
e-mail: Vacancies@sterf.org.uk
Website: www.sterf.org.uk

Clerk to Governors

St Edward's Royal Free Ecumenical Middle School
Co-educational 9-13

£2,823 - £3,063 (Pay award pending)
Actual salary based on 4 hours a week, term time only.

Required ASAP.

We are looking to appoint a Clerk to the Governing Body who has experience of providing clerking services in an educational setting or can demonstrate appropriate experience to carry out the role along with a willingness to attend relevant training and development.

Effective governance is essential to the success of our school and clerks have a key role to play in ensuring we support our staff in providing an excellent education for our students.

We are seeking a person of integrity with strong organisational and administrative skills able to commit to evening meetings and related administrative work outside of meetings. This is an excellent opportunity for a positive and professional individual who is genuinely interested in school governance and keen to keep up to date with current educational developments and legislation affecting schools.

The school is committed to safeguarding its pupils and this appointment depends upon an enhanced DBS disclosure. The application form and further details are available on the school's website. Please contact Mrs Mottram in the school office for further information or to arrange an informal visit before the closing date. We will be delighted to welcome you to our school.

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Closing Date: **9am Friday 3rd July 2026**

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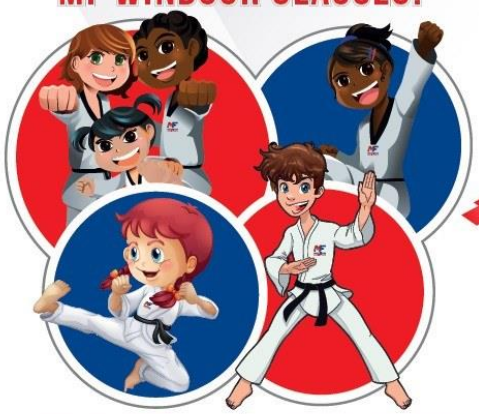

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