Community, Compassion, Courage, Trust, Perseverance, Thankfulness

Chaddleworth and Shefford Federated CE Primary Schools

'Living life in all its fullness' John 10:10

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to term 2!



We have a heartwarming message from West Berkshire Foodbank regarding our Harvest donations,

'I just wanted to let you know that your Harvest Festival donations weighed in at 43.4kgs. This is even more than last year so well done to everyone involved. Your donations are the equivalent of 91 meals worth of food so on behalf of the 1000 or so clients that we support every month and the 170 volunteers who work at West Berks Foodbank, thank you for raising awareness of the work that we do and for taking the time and effort to support us again. It means a great deal.'

Another big 'thank you' to everyone who contributed to this donation and helped support our local community.



As we move from autumn into winter please make sure that your child/ren bring their waterproof, warm coats, along with gloves and a hat too, every day so that they can stay warm and dry during outdoor playtimes. Thank you for supporting your children in having suitable outdoor footwear (trainers or boots) in school for playtimes.



Wishing everyone a wonderful weekend,

Ms Munday Headteacher www.csfschools.org

Gymnastic achievements...

Last month Amelia competed in the Oxfordshire County Gymnastics Competition. She performed brilliantly and was crowned Oxfordshire Floor Champion, finishing 4th on bars and 5th in the all-around competition! As a result of her performance, she has also qualified for the regional competition, which brings together some of the top gymnasts from counties across the south of England. Amelia has displayed determination and resilience throughout her training and competitions. What an incredible achievement, well done Amelia!

Pennies for Pudsey…

We would like to invite our children to join us in collecting 'Pennies for Pudsey' in support of Children in Need on Friday 13th November 2026. Children are welcome to wear 'Children in Need' items on the day and are invited to bring in 'pennies' or varied other sterling coins to help build their class Pudsey image.

All monies collected will be donated to the Children in Need charity.

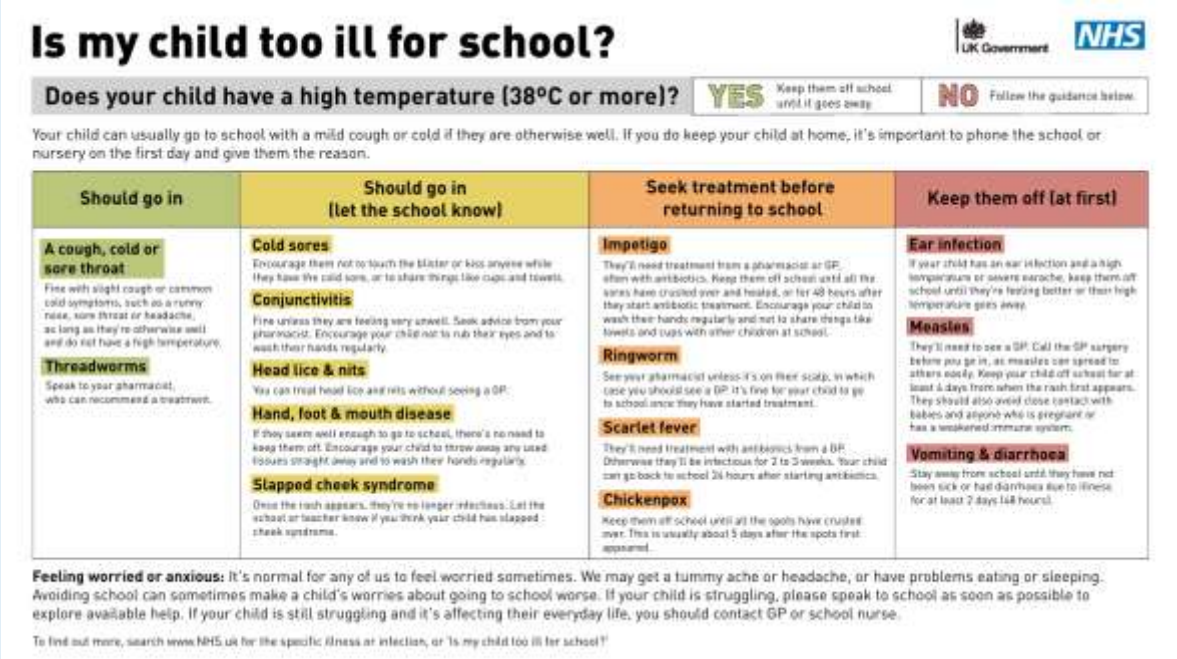
The theme of Children in Need this year is, 'Challenge Yourself 2026'. People of all ages are being encouraged to create a challenge inspired by the number 26 and raise money to help children and young people thrive. Whether it's walking 26 miles, learning 26 new words, baking 26 cakes, giving up a favourite treat for 26 days or trying something completely new, the challenge is yours to make your own. Do let us know if your children, or anyone in the family will be having a go at their own 26 challenge.

We look forward to sharing with you our fundraising total for the charity.

Attendance…

As we are all aware, at school every day counts. Regular attendance is essential for children to achieve their full potential academically, socially, and emotionally. Good attendance also helps children develop positive habits, including responsibility, resilience, and a strong commitment to learning. These are valuable life skills that will support them throughout their education and beyond. Wherever possible, we encourage families to arrange appointments and holidays outside of school time to minimise disruption to learning.

However, we understand that there may be occasions when a child is genuinely unwell and unable to attend school. The Department for Education has produced and shared a guide (NHS poster) for families to support parents and carers in their decision making regarding school attendance in relation to, and during periods of, winter illness.



Is my child too ill for school?

UK Government NHS

Does your child have a high temperature (38°C or more)? YES Keep them off school until it goes away. NO Follow the guidance below.

Your child can usually go to school with a mild cough or cold if they are otherwise well. If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school or nursery on the first day and give them the reason.

Should go in	Should go in (let the school know)	Seek treatment before returning to school	Keep them off (at first)
A cough, cold or sore throat Fine with slight cough or common cold symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat or headache, as long as they're otherwise well and do not have a high temperature.	**Cold sores** Encourage them not to touch the blister or kiss anyone while they have the cold sore, or to share things like cups and towels.	**Impetigo** They'll need treatment from a pharmacist or GP, often with antibiotics. Keep them off school until all the sores have crusted over and healed, or for 48 hours after they start antibiotic treatment. Encourage your child to wash their hands regularly and not to share things like towels and cups with other children at school.	**Ear infection** If your child has an ear infection and a high temperature or severe earache, keep them off school until they're feeling better or their high temperature goes away.
Threadworms Speak to your pharmacist, who can recommend a treatment.	**Conjunctivitis** Fine unless they are feeling very unwell. Seek advice from your pharmacist. Encourage your child not to rub their eyes and to wash their hands regularly.	**Ringworm** See your pharmacist unless it's on their scalp, in which case you should see a GP. It's fine for your child to go to school once they have started treatment.	**Measles** They'll need to see a GP. Call the GP surgery before you go in, as measles can spread to others easily. Keep your child off school for at least 4 days from when the rash first appears. They should also avoid close contact with babies and anyone who is pregnant or has a weakened immune system.
	Head lice & nits You can treat head lice and nits without seeing a GP.	**Scarlet fever** They'll need treatment with antibiotics from a GP. Otherwise they'll be infectious for 2 to 3 weeks. Your child can go back to school 24 hours after starting antibiotics.	**Vomiting & diarrhoea** Stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea due to illness for at least 2 days (48 hours).
	Hand, foot & mouth disease If they seem well enough to go to school, there's no need to keep them off. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues straight away and to wash their hands regularly.	**Chickenpox** Keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over. This is usually about 5 days after the spots first appeared.	
	Slapped cheek syndrome Once the rash appears, they're no longer infectious. Let the school or teacher know if you think your child has slapped cheek syndrome.		

Feeling worried or anxious: It's normal for any of us to feel worried sometimes. We may get a tummy ache or headache, or have problems eating or sleeping. Avoiding school can sometimes make a child's worries about going to school worse. If your child is struggling, please speak to school as soon as possible to explore available help. If your child is still struggling and it's affecting their everyday life, you should contact GP or school nurse.

To find out more, search www.NHS.uk for the specific illness or infection, or 'Is my child too ill for school?'

This week's BIG question is:

How can emojis help us to communicate?



Nine new emoji characters, including a pickle, a lighthouse and a monarch butterfly, have been approved by the Unicode Consortium. The new designs are expected to appear on phones and other devices throughout 2027, giving people more ways to communicate using pictures. The update includes 19 additions in total, once different skin-tone versions of the new hand gestures are counted.

The Bible teaches that symbols can communicate important messages and remind Christians of promises made by God. Today, symbols are used in many ways to share messages, express feelings and help people understand one another, sometimes without using words.

I am putting my bow in the clouds. It will be the sign of my covenant with the world.

Genesis 9:13

Class worship...

How have we all been embracing our school vision of *"Living life in all its fullness"* (John 10:10) this week? Our Christian value focus for this term is 'Compassion'...



	In Robins...	Daisy, "In the school holidays we went to Turkey and we had a lovely time on the beach. I was with my family and that was the best bit."
	In Kingfishers...	Maddie, "I helped a friend when he came into school upset this week."
		Enna, "I invited a friend into my game when she had no one to play with."
		Osea, "I liked being in France in the half term holidays. I also enjoyed games club after school this week. I played some really good games with people who are not in my class."
	In Owls...	Spencer, "On 1st November, I went to a football game with Hungerford Football Club and scored my first goal!"

		Baker, "During the half term holidays, I have shown compassion by looking after my little sister."
	In Red Kites...	Kasey, "I have enjoyed learning about how to complete short multiplication independently."
		Hollie H, "Lots of people have treated me kindly and respectfully this week."
	School adults...	Miss Lally, "In Kingfishers, we show compassion by helping each other learn and feel happy."
		Mrs Langford, "This weekend I am making and decorating a cake for my friend's birthday. I have never done it before so I am a little bit nervous and a little bit excited. It's for a very good friend so I want to be able to do my best."

PTFA news and updates...



Thank you for all the generous bottle donations that arrived today on our PTFA non-uniform day.

Please pop the Winter Fayre date and timings into your calendars and come along to support our wonderful PTFA and school fundraising efforts.



The PTFA Chair's report has been sent through to all families via Parent Comms. The PTFA have worked tirelessly through the last academic year to plan, organise and support a wide range of events, activities and opportunities for our school and our children. We are incredibly grateful for their enthusiasm, commitment and the time they give, all for the benefit of our children.



Thank you to everyone who has been, is and will be part of this amazing PTFA team.

Diary dates... (New dates are added in green)

November 2026	
Fri, 13th	Children in Need, pennies for Pudsey collection
Sat, 14th	PTFA Winter Fayre, 11am- 2pm, Shefford School
December 2026	
Tues, 15th	Afternoon Christmas performance, 2pm
Wed, 16th	Christmas Church service, 9.30am, St Mary's, Great Shefford
	Evening Christmas performance, 6pm
Thurs, 17th	Whole school pantomime trip
Fri, 18th	Last day of term 2
January 2027	
Mon, 4th	School closed (INSET)
Tues, 5th	Term 3 begins
February 2027	
Wed, 3rd	Candlemas Church service, 9.30am, St Mary's, Great Shefford
Fri, 12th	Last day of term 3
Mon, 22nd	Term 4 begins
March 2027	
Wed, 24th	Easter Church service: 9.30am, St Mary's, Great Shefford
Thurs, 25th	Last day of term 4
April 2027	
Mon, 12th	Term 5 begins
May 2027	
Mon, 3rd	May Bank holiday
Fri, 28th	Last day of term 5
June 2027	
Mon, 7th	Term 6 begins
July 2027	
Wed, 21st	Leavers Church service, 1.30pm, St Mary's, Great Shefford
	Last day of term 6
Thurs, 22nd	School closed (INSET)

Term Dates - Chaddleworth St. Andrew's & Shefford - C.E. Federated Primary Schools

Class Blogs

Click on the class bird to link to the class blog pages sharing your child/ren's learning this week...



Robins



Kingfishers



Owls



Red Kites

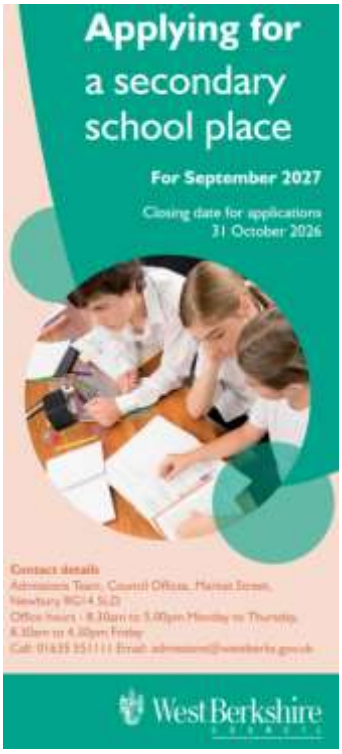


Parent and carer community news and information…



If your child was born between 1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023, you should apply for a place at an Infant or Primary school.

You can apply online at http://www.westberks.gov.uk/primary-school-admissions between 12 September 2026 and 15 January 2027.



For more information on school admissions, including information on each school in West Berkshire, go to www.westberks.gov.uk/secondary-school-admissions







This is the link for the new free Autumn South East All About Family digital magazine aimed at giving parents valuable information for their children. There is exclusive content from NSPCC, St John Ambulance, plus more.
Within there is advice on;
6 Ways To Help Children with SEND Through Autumn Changes
New Children's Books
Family Legal Advice
Back To School Spending Mistakes
NSPCC Childline
Life-Saving Skills from St John Ambulance
Adult Education
Family Help from NSPCC
How To Reduce Packed Lunch Waste
Revision Tips
Five Ways To Make Unfamiliar Food Feel Less Intimidating
Local Events

www.allabout-family.co.uk/south-east/







[Steam Into Christmas at Didcot Railway Centre](#).

Santa needs your help! His reindeer have wandered off around Didcot Railway Centre, and he needs little explorers and their grown-ups to help find them. Follow a festive trail, discover the missing reindeer, and collect Christmas stocking fillers along the way.

Then meet Santa in his grotto and receive a special gift. Families can also enjoy unlimited steam train rides, explore historic locomotives, and soak up the sights and sounds of a railway at Christmas.

Dates: Weekends in December and selected days before Christmas. Advance booking recommended. Tickets from £20.

Book your ticket today: https://bit.ly/4yY1lL6