



Community, Compassion, **Courage**, Trust, Perseverance, Thankfulness

Chaddleshworth and Shefford Federated CE Primary Schools

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year!

Welcome back to a frosty and fresh Term 3.

Thank you to all our families and children who shared thoughtful cards with Christmas greetings and kind gifts, we hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas break.



We started the week with our first whole school worship of 2026, sharing the Bible story of David and Goliath from the Old Testament.

We thought about the courage David took from his belief in God and the messages we could take from the story... to be brave, to trust in God and step out of our comfort zones.

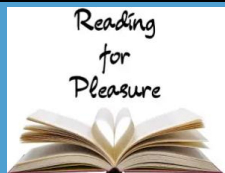


**Be Bold,
Be strong**

Click on the song title to listen to our hymn linking to our Christian value of Courage for this term.

Wishing everyone a wonderful weekend,

Ms Munday Headteacher www.csfschools.org



Whole School Reading Challenges...

Before the Christmas break all children were introduced to a holiday reading challenge to encourage continued reading for pleasure.

It's been great to hear from children about their achievements and enjoyment of reading, with a wide range of texts read, shared and enjoyed. Everyone who took part has been presented with their certificate of participation in our whole school Sing and Celebrate worship today. The competition element of the challenge took place this afternoon, with many raffle tickets in the draw! Well done to Lowena and Emily SJ, we hope you enjoy spending your book token on something new and interesting to read!

Snowy fun...

On Tuesday we watched and we waited! Playtime arrived and, it had settled!

What fun we had enjoying the light snow on Tuesday.



The weather warning alerted us to the possibility of more snow on Friday, but it wasn't to be!



Cricket coaching...

We were excited to welcome the Berkshire cricket coach in this week to work with Red Kites and Owls this term. The children were keen to share,

Kasey, "It was really fun. I liked all the activities."

Quinn, "There were lots of activities to do, not just a game of cricket. I like working with another specialist sports coach."

Hollie H, "It was very fun using cones, soft balls, tennis balls and stumps."

Grace, "I liked the game turning cones over and then catching the balls to win cones."





We look forward to the rest of the sessions this term!



Class worship...

How have we all been..." Living life in all its fullness" (John 10:10) this week?

With particular focus on our new Christian value of 'Courage' for this term...

	In Robins...	Darcey, "I didn't want to go up a steep hill with my friends but I went up."
		Rupert, "I helped cheer somebody up (who wasn't in my class)."
	In Kingfishers...	Enna, "I thought I couldn't juggle but I could!"
		Everly, "I thought the path would be slippery but I walked on it." (everything was OK!)
		Baker, "I can't wait to go to London with two of my friends this weekend to see the live Monster truck show!"
		Charlie, "I have loved using my new telescope!"
		Aster, "I went to see my baby cousin. Whilst I was there I went to a 'chocoshop' and saw a cake in the shape of R2D2 that actually moved!"
		Ivy, "I was excited to go back to dancing and I went back to riding at the end of December"
	In Owls...	Seb, "I lived life in all its fullness over the Christmas holidays when I went skiing with my dad and sister."
		Sophie, "During the holidays I went swimming and I read a lot of books for the reading challenge."
	In Red Kites...	Louie, "PSHE was good because we were learning about discrimination."
		Darcy, "I have enjoyed creating a double page spread because we learnt lots of facts about Ancient Greece to share."
		Ava-Rayne, "I liked cricket this week because we learnt new skills."
		Lilly-Kate, "I've enjoyed learning how to say different countries in French."
		Eleanor, "I have really enjoyed cricket because the activities were fun!"
Our school adults...		"I really enjoyed spending time with my family doing Christmas things together." Mrs. Oberholzer

Picture News and the BIG question this week...



The BIG question...

What role will reading play in our future?

The National Year of Reading 2026 is a special year, created to help children and adults in the UK enjoy reading more. Everyone is encouraged to explore all kinds of stories, books, comics, magazines, websites, and even audiobooks, with the theme 'Go All In'. Throughout the year, schools, libraries, and communities will run fun events and challenges to help everyone find a type of reading they love.

The Bible encourages Christians to be curious, through asking questions and seeking out knowledge. Christians believe a wise person knows there is always more to learn about God, being a good person, and the world around us.



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

PTFA news and updates...

The next PTFA meeting...

When:

Thursday 15th January 2026, 7pm.

Where:

The Ibex, Chaddleworth.

All welcome!

Please come and join our amazing PTFA team, who support our school with fantastic events and opportunities for our children and school community, to plan for future events and fundraising.



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

January 2026	
Mon, 12 th	After school clubs this term; Monday – MF Dance Tuesday – Harry Potter Club Thursday – MNR multisports Friday – Evolve Football club
February 2026	
Wed, 4 th	Candlemas Church service, all welcome, 9.30am start at St Mary's Church, Great Shefford
Fri, 6 th	NSPCC Numbers Day 2026
Mon 9 th -15 th	Children's Mental Health Week
Fri, 13 th	Last day of term 3
Tues, 17 th	Lunar New Year Shrove Tuesday
Mon, 23 rd	Term 4 begins
March 2026	
Fri, 27 th	Last day of term 4
April 2026	
Fri, 3 rd	Good Friday
Sun, 5 th	Easter Sunday
Mon, 6 th	Easter Monday
Mon, 13 th	Term 5 begins
May 2026	
Mon, 4 th	Early May Bank Holiday
Fri, 22 nd	Last day of term 5
June 2026	
Mon, 1 st	Term 6 begins
July 2026	
Tues, 21 st	Last day of term 6
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Parent and carer community news and information...

CHILDREN'S COMMISSIONER

The Children's Commissioner has recently published a new guide,
[What I wish my parents or carers knew: A guide for parents on managing children's digital lives.](#)

The Children's Commissioner has shared,
 "Supporting children's safety is a shared responsibility between families, schools and wider society. For parents and carers, this responsibility has become increasingly complex as children's lives are now deeply intertwined with the digital world. Many parents face difficult decisions about how to balance protecting children from online harm with enabling access to spaces that are now central to learning, socialising and play. This guide is written, in recognition of the complex, rapidly evolving landscape in which children – and parents – are navigating. It focuses on the challenge of managing children's everyday online habits. This guide was written with the direct involvement of children in England. It is a reflection of their views. My office visited schools to speak to teenagers, and spoke to my Youth Ambassadors and Youth Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Panel to get their expertise on what works and what doesn't work between parents or carers and children in the 21st Century.

When I speak to children about what they would do differently when it comes to being online, with the benefit of hindsight, I ask them: would they give a smartphone to their own teenager? Almost unanimously, they tell me no. They want to be protected from it as long as possible.

As educators and leaders, you play a vital role in supporting parents and carers to navigate these challenges.

Responses to my recent school survey show just how concerned school leaders are about their children's safety online, despite most already taking steps to limit or ban devices from the classroom. Children are clear that they value firm, informed and protective boundaries when adults have concerns about the content they are accessing online.

As parents, carers, and educators, our job must begin and end with our children's care and safety. It's what they expect and what they want from you.

As one young person told me: "Don't be afraid to be firm... If you are worried [that] your child is seeing harmful content and you don't know what they're watching and it's affecting the behaviour, just take it that you know best – they don't."

I hope this guide will be a useful resource for your school community, and I encourage you to share it with staff and parents where appropriate.

Yours sincerely,

Dame Rachel de Souza
 Children's Commissioner"



Discounted Family Fun upto half price off

Paddle Boarding (£6.50) Ninja Warrior £8 Ice Skating £6.50 Laser Tag £5 Soft Play £3.50	Donutting £6.50 Glo Golf £5 Bowling £4.50 Flip Out £6.50
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Days Out including Chessington, Legoland and more

Gold membership is £7.50 per person per year which gives you access to a year's timetable of activities at upto 50% off and then our charity funds the difference.
 email activities@spotlightuk.org

SCARLETT'S SMILES

Paddle Boarding (£5) Ninja Warrior £6.50 Ice Skating £6.50 Laser Tag £5 Soft Play from £1.50	Donutting £6.50 Glo Golf £5 Bowling £3 Flip Out £6.50 Climbing £5.50
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January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

All Yours Period Boxes

In December we celebrated our 5th birthday and are delighted to be able to offer period boxes again in 2026 to anyone who is struggling to access period products, for whatever reason. We are happy to support both adults and young people through this service.

You can request a free, confidential All Yours Box here:

<https://www.allyoursbox.co.uk/request>

Please note: If you are requesting boxes for more than one person (for example, multiple family members), please indicate the number of boxes needed and any specific product requirements in the comments box on the request form. This helps us make sure everyone receives what they need.

Boxes are prepared and delivered by volunteers, so please allow up to 21 days (though most arrive much sooner).

If we can't deliver to you directly, we'll let you know how to find your nearest collection point.

Period Pants – collection points

Unfortunately, we cannot deliver period pants to individual addresses but if you live in West Berkshire there is a small stock of period pants at Newbury, Thatcham and Burghfield Common libraries. They have a range of sizes, and you are welcome to collect a pair of pants to try for free.

We hope to be hosting more Period Pants Parties at locations across West Berkshire in 2026 so please keep an eye on our social media for more details. We are @allyoursmonthly on both Facebook and Instagram.

With best wishes,

All Yours

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Junior Youth Sessions Year 4-6 | TUESDAY 4:30-6PM
Inters Youth Sessions Year 7-9 | THURSDAY 4:30-6PM
Secondary Aged Young Carers | THURSDAY 6:30-8PM
Primary School Family Drop In | FRIDAY 3:00-4:30PM
Senior 'Chill' Youth Sessions | FRIDAY 6:30-8PM

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3-4.30PM

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