

NEWSLETTER

Chaddleshworth St. Andrew's and Shefford
CE Federated Primary Schools

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



Christian Values: Courage, **Compassion**, Trust, Friendship, Wisdom, Endurance

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your feedback following the Nativity and Carol Concert. You clearly loved it! Thank you to everyone for supporting the events from helping to learn lines, making costumes, decorating the hall, lighting the stage, directing, writing...it really does take a large, dedicated team and it was certainly worth the fantastic effort! The children are very tired and we hope a restful weekend will restore them, ready for the last three days!

Best wishes,
Mrs Stephenson
Headteacher

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Clubs Start Back Monday 15th January 2024

Sign up forms will be sent out the first week back.
If you require Breakfast Club and/or After School Care, please arrange your bookings via the school gateway app or contact the school office.

Getting a new device for Christmas?



Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme

HAF provides free holiday club places for children and young people eligible for free school meals. Please find a link to a [flyer](#) in regards to the Winter HAF programme. For parents to book their eligible child(ren) onto a HAF holiday club place, they should visit: www.westberks.gov.uk/HAF, to access all booking links. For any HAF enquiries, please contact Hannah Lee at hannah.lee1@westberks.gov.uk.

Elf Mile! Thank you to everyone who has sponsored already. If you haven't had a chance to send your sponsorship money in, you can sponsor your little elves here:



[Please pay £2 to Shefford and Chaddleshworth Schools PTFA \(sumup.com\)](http://www.sumup.com)

[Please pay £5 to Shefford and Chaddleshworth Schools PTFA \(sumup.com\)](http://www.sumup.com)

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Childcare Support

From January, eligible working parents of two-year-olds will be able to register, to access 15 hours free childcare per week from April 2024. [Applications](#) open on 2nd January for the first wave of new government-funded childcare offers. More information on the childcare support available to parents can be found on the [Childcare Choices website](#), where parents can explore the early education entitlements and other government help with childcare costs.

West Berkshire Libraries - December 2023

Seasonal events are taking place in West Berkshire libraries throughout December. Most of these are FREE, with materials provided where required and no need to book in advance. Some of the highlights include:

Christmas crafts, new each week – 9 to 23

December throughout opening hours at

[Burghfield Common Library](#)

Christmas Storytime – Wednesday 13 December, 11.15 -11.45am at [Newbury Library](#)

Carols, crafts, children's stories and refreshments – Saturday 16 December, 10am -12pm

at [Thatcham Library](#)

Christmas crafts – Saturday 16 December,

10.30am -12pm at [Lambourn Library](#)

Storytime with music and drama – Thursday 21

December, 10.30 -11am at [Pangbourne Library](#)

Festive-themed LEGO session – Thursday 21

December, 2.15 - 4.15pm at [Theale Library](#)

Full details of these events and details as to what else is on offer, can be found on [Events website](#).

Big Questions

What is the best present you could ever have?

Christian Value

Compassion

Class Blogs

Do have a look at the updated class blog pages to find out about your child/ren's learning this week.

[Robins Class Blog](#)

[Kingfishers Class Blog](#)

[Owls Class Blog](#)

[Red Kites Class Blog](#)

Diary Dates

December	
Tues, 12th	EYFS/KS1 Nativity 1.30pm—2.00pm KS2 Carols 2.15pm
Wed, 13th	EYFS/KS1 Nativity 6.00pm—6.30pm KS2 Carols 6.45pm
Thurs, 14th	Owls walk up Buckham Hill—welly/walking boots required Great Shefford Under 5s Nativity 11am
Fri, 15th	Elf Mile PTFA event
Tues, 19th	St Mary's Church Service 9.15am All welcome— children will walk from school to the church at 9am Christmas Jumper/T Shirt Day Christmas Lunch
Wed, 20th	Library Van Whole School trip to see 'Sleeping Beauty' at The Hexagon Theatre, Reading
January	
Fri, 5th	INSET—staff only
Mon, 8th	Term starts

Golden Moments

"Our DT project was to make a bag and we've gone through each of the steps of research, design, make and then evaluate. Every bag is unique and they are so proud of them!" Ms Munday

"The walk up the hill to see Great Shefford as a settlement (the Geog. topic this term) was magical as they were able to share all their learning." Mrs Chapman

"Watching two children play a self made game together, taking turns." Mrs Simpson-Jones

"The effort that has gone into writing their chapters, the innovation and invention, the power of the vocabulary. Wow! And they have loved sharing them with parents too." Miss Oram

"Having been immersed in the Nativity story, their recounts were amazing—so much detail and enthusiasm to write." Mrs Harris

"The children are tired, but despite that, they walked sensibly to the church, enjoyed the Pre School Nativity and walked back sensibly, chatting sociably with their friends." Mrs Higgins