



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,

It has been great to see everyone getting back into their daily school routines! We've welcomed back our Forest School afternoons with Mhairi, MNR sports coaching with Mr Price and gym sessions for this term too. We are looking forward to working with



Berkshire Music Trust again this academic year. Next week we will welcome Danielle back to lead our EYFS and KS1 Pantomimus music and dance sessions, and will be meeting our music teacher for the Autumn term who will support KS2 in



learning to play the recorder.



In preparation for our Harvest worship in school, on Tuesday 20th October at 9am, with everyone welcome, please start adding the shopping list items to your own shopping if you are able. Donations for West Berks food bank will be gathered in school from next week to then be collected to be added to food parcels for local individuals and families facing hardship.

We would like to make our families, and school community, aware of a current staff vacancy in school for our Breakfast club provision. Please find further information here; [School vacancies - Chaddleshworth St. Andrew's & Shefford - C.E. Federated Primary Schools](#). Wishing everyone a wonderful weekend,

Ms Munday Headteacher www.csfschools.org

PTFA Fundraising Events – Volunteers Needed!

Following our recent PTFA meeting, we are making some changes to the way we organise and run our main fundraising events throughout the school year.

Our events take a lot of work, planning and coordination behind the scenes, and in order for us to continue running them safely and effectively, we need more parents, carers and members of our school community to get involved and volunteer their time.

This academic year, our main fundraising events will be:

 Fancy Dress Disco – Friday 16th October 2026

🕯 Winter Fayre – Saturday 14th November 2026

🕯 Summer Fayre – Saturday 12th June 2027

You don't need to be a member of the PTFA to volunteer at an event. You may only be able to spare an hour, or perhaps you can help with preparations before the event – every bit of support makes a difference.

These events are a vital part of our fundraising and help us provide additional opportunities and resources for all of our children. To continue making these events a success, it is essential that we have enough volunteers to help.

Volunteer requests and further information will be shared through the class WhatsApp groups, so please keep an eye out for these.

Thank you for supporting our PTFA and helping us raise funds for our children!

If you would like to find out more about how you could help please see one of the co-chairs;

Lottie Hadland or Charlotte Chrimes

or email chair@csptfa.org.uk

The Big Future...

Dame Rachel de Souza, Children's Commissioner for England, has written to ask for your support in making sure pupils at school have the opportunity to take part in a national survey, The Big Future.



Every child's voice matters. This is an opportunity for children at our school to have the chance to add their voices (with support from their parents and carers) too, so that their experiences, views and aspirations are represented when the findings of the survey are presented to the Government. The survey can be completed here: [The Big Future survey](#).

Travel survey...



Our school has been asked to take part in a project about walking, wheeling and cycling to school.

[Active School Travel Online Primary School Survey 2026 | National Centre for Social Research](#)

The survey is run by the National Centre for Social Research (NatCen), Britain's largest social research organisation. NatCen is running the survey for Active Travel England, who work to make walking, wheeling and cycling a safe and attractive choice for everyday trips.

Parents and carers of pupils in reception, year 1, year 5 and year 6 in our your school are invited to complete the survey. Take part in this survey to share your experiences of walking, wheeling, or cycling to primary school, and what could make it better. Responses will be gathered until 14th October 2026.

The online survey should take around 10 minutes and should be completed by 14th October 2026.

To take part, please use the following link: [Travel to school survey](#)

Please note: Taking part is your choice. There are no right or wrong answers.

You can complete the survey once for each child in reception, year 1, year 5 or year 6.

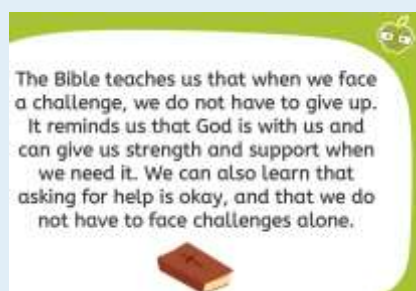
Your child does not have to regularly walk, wheel or cycle to school for you to take part in the survey.
 What will I be asked? How you / your child travels to school. What helps or makes it hard to walk, wheel or cycle to school. What you think about changes to help children travel actively to school.

Picture News...

This week's BIG question is:



What keeps us going when things get tough?



Class worship...



How have we all been..."Living life in all its fullness" (John 10:10) this week?
 Our Christian value focus for this term is 'Community' ...

	In Robins...	Barney, "I had fun in my new class. I played with my new friend Eli."
		Nancy, "Starting my new school!"
	In Kingfishers...	Darcey, "Helping my brother carry toys when we went to visit nanny."
		Margo, "I enjoyed Art with Miss Lally when we were mixing primary colours."
	In Owls...	William, "I have taken part in rugby and swimming and really enjoyed it."
		Lola, "I went to soft play during the holidays and went on a dark, long slide and had fun!"
	In Red Kites...	Seb, "I have lived life in all it's fullness by playing football at lunchtime!"
		George, "I have lived life in all its fullness when playing with my rabbits Nutkin and Pickle."
	School adults...	Mrs Higgins, "Enjoying the new Robins class and our first whole week as a whole school community."

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

September 2026

October 2026

Tues, 6 th	PTFA Bag2school collection.
Wed, 7 th	Welcome church service, 9am St Andrew's, Chaddleshworth School community welcome to join us
Mon 12 th - Fri 16 th	Parent teacher meetings
Fri, 16 th	PTFA fancy dress disco
Tues, 20 th	9am Harvest worship in school Parents/carers welcome to join us
Wed, 21 st	Last day of term 1
Thurs, 22 nd	School closed (INSET)

November 2026

Mon, 2 nd	Term 2 begins
Sat, 14 th	PTFA Winter Fayre

December 2026

Wed, 16 th	Christmas Church service, 9.30am St Mary's Great Shefford
Thurs, 17 th	Whole school pantomime trip
Fri, 18 th	Last day of term 2

January 2027

Mon, 4 th	School closed (INSET)
Tues, 5 th	Term 3 begins

February 2027

Wed, 3 rd	Candlemas Church service, 9.30am St Mary's, Great Shefford
Fri, 12 th	Last day of term 3
Mon, 22 nd	Term 4 begins

March 2027

Wed, 24 th	Easter Church service: 9.30am St Marys, Great Shefford
Thurs, 25 th	Last day of term 4

April 2027

Mon, 12 th	Term 5 begins
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May 2027

Mon, 3 rd	May Bank holiday
Fri, 28 th	Last day of term 5

June 2027

Mon, 7 th	Term 6 begins
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July 2027

Wed, 21 st	Leavers Church service, 1.30pm St Marys, Great Shefford
	Last day of term 6
Thurs, 22 nd	School closed (INSET)

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

PTFA news & updates...

BAG 2 SCHOOL

FREE FUNDRAISING FOR SCHOOLS

In partnership with your school or organisation



Shefford C E Primary School

Bag 2 School is a company that specialises in the reuse and recycling of good quality second-hand clothing and we have arranged to make a collection from your school. All the bags will be weighed and you will be paid for the total weight collected. Remember, the more you collect the greater the benefit to your school.



PLEASE USE YOUR OWN BAGS (THERE IS NO LIMIT).



When the clothes have been removed from the bag the plastic will be packed and sent for recycling.

We are collecting good quality items for RE-USE:
Men's, ladies' & children's clothing, paired shoes, handbags, belts & accessories.
(No uniforms, workwear, pillows, duvets or pieces of fabric please)

The more we weigh the more we pay!
Extra bags are welcome - there's no limit

Please return your Bag2School on:

Tuesday 6th October 2026 by 9am

01609 780 222 www.bag2school.com helpdesk@bag2school.com

Please drop off any donation from now to the bike shed and they will be stored until collection day.



* Luna & Leah *

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...

Harvest Supper

Friday 9th October 7:30pm
At Great Shefford Village Hall

Delicious home cooked meal
(inc. vegetarian & GF options)
Social Club bar open.
Tickets £15

Everyone is welcome
Please call or text 07867 934 387
Email denise.herrington@btinternet.com

Funds raised will support and maintain our historic parish churches

West Berks
Foodbank
Together with Trussell

**Harvest
appeal**

Help support your food
bank this Harvest

In the three weeks leading up to Harvest, the food bank will provide over 600 food parcels for local individuals and families facing hardship.

Donate food
Donate an item or two from our shopping list, ensuring we can provide food for people facing hardship in your community.

Donate money
Help to cover the costs of storing and distributing food, as well as developing sustainable projects.

Shopping list

- Tinned veg
- Pasta Sauce
- UHT Milk
- Coffee
- Cereal
- Tinned tomatoes
- Sugar
- Sponge pudd
- Toilet roll
- Shower gel

westberks.foodbank.org.uk

Registered charity in England: 1120996

CLOSED FOR REPAIR

As we take steps to make the church safe, the services due to take place in St Mary's, Great Shefford will take place in St Stephen's, Shefford Woodlands until further notice



Please note that this also means Great Shefford will remain locked for visitors

SPECTACLE of LIGHT

WELFORD PARK

Half Term
Treat -
Kids Go Free*
on 25th October

Alice's Amazing
Adventures in Wonderland!

One free child ticket with every paying grown up.
Offer ends Sunday 6th Sept



September Timetable

All regular sessions delivered live online via zoom, 90 minutes long

£24 each or FREE with School Membership

Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Recordings available for 48 hours

Facing Defiance	1 Sep 10am
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	1 Sep 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	7 Sep 10am
Raising Self-Esteem	7 Sep 7pm
Introduction to OCD	8 Sep 10am
Decreasing Depression	8 Sep 7pm
What is ACT?	14 Sep 10am
Improving Family Communication	14 Sep 7pm
Supporting a Child with ADHD	15 Sep 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	15 Sep 7pm
Understanding the Teenage Brain	21 Sep 10am
Understanding Anger	21 Sep 7pm
Autism: Improving Communication	22 Sep 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	22 Sep 7pm
FREE - Masking Awareness	24 Sep 7-8pm
Anxiety Explained	28 Sep 10am
School Anxiety	28 Sep 7pm

Masking Awareness



Free online talk for parents
24 September 7pm - 8pm

Book online
facefamilyadvice.co.uk
Parent - Live Talks page

