

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,

Our first whole week back to school is now complete!

It has been wonderful to see our new children in our school welcomed and supported by everyone, all children stepping up into the expectations for their next year group's learning challenges and hearing everyone's chatter and enjoyment in meeting up again together.



We are so lucky to have such amazing outside space for our children to enjoy. Please can we request that you check your child has wellies (or trainers) in school. Children are able to use the field at playtimes, even if wet, when they can change into suitable foot wear.

We have a huge stock of wellies from last academic year, many unnamed, that we would request are collected to check for sizing at home before returning with a named, suitable pair to stay in school for outdoor play this year.

All families have had their child/ren's term 1 curriculum maps sent out today, via Schoolcomms, to share an overview of the term's learning. These booklets include key vocabulary, homework information and enrichment opportunities. There is reference to Maths KIRFS, Key Instant Recall Facts, that have also been sent out. Both are available for your reference on our school website;

[Class Learning - Chaddleworth St. Andrew's & Shefford - C.E. Federated Primary Schools](#)

Wishing everyone a wonderful weekend,

Ms Munday Headteacher [www.csfschools.org](http://www.csfschools.org)



### We love reading!

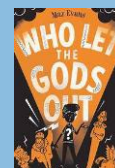
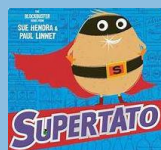
As we start the new school year and set our class and school routines, every class is making sure they take some time for reading for pleasure. Our end of day routine now gives every class time to enjoy reading, and hearing a text read to them.

Robins have the opportunity to vote for their end of day book choice from two books selected from the '50 Recommended reads for EYFS' each day. Two titles that have been enjoyed so far are 'Super Duper You' and 'Supertato'

Kingfishers have enjoyed "Troll" by Frances Stickley and Stefano Martinuz, a gently powerful picture book where they met Troll- an underground bully who learns the power of words and empathy.

Owls class text is 'The Last Bear' by Hannah Gold, a novel that tells the story of a young girl named April and her encounter with a lonely polar bear, highlighting themes of kindness, adventure, and environmental awareness.

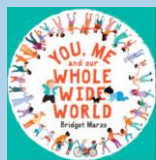
Red Kites class reader is 'Who Let The Gods Out?', a humorous children's book by Maz Evans that follows the adventures of a young boy named Elliot and a Zodiac goddess named Virgo as they accidentally unleash a wicked daemon.





### Whole school worship...

We began the week with a focus on the word 'Community', what it means to us and what it can look like in action. A game of 'me too!' revealed that lots of us did have things in common, just like a community where a group of people have something in common like where they live, their beliefs or what they enjoy doing. We reminded ourselves that our school community brings us all together as friends, for learning and fun. Our behaviour for learning expectations are also helping us to remember the positive choices we make to support ourselves and everyone around us.



The story we shared reminded us that, 'Together we're moving to the beat of all our hearts around one whole wide world'.



### Sing & Celebrate Worship...

Our end of week whole school worship brought us together to share achievements of the week.

It was great to be able to share...

\* Otto's achievement in a running half marathon through 11 Park Runs!

\* Freya and Eleanor's Summer reading challenge achievements.

We have also introduced a new step to all of our daily routines in our end of day prayer. We will share this prayer at the close of each school day with our classes as a moment of calm, reflective worship before we all go on our way at the end of a busy school day.

We thank you Father for today,

And all the learning we've done.

For help we have been given,

For our education and our fun.

### Red Kites families...

The application deadline for year 7 places in Secondary Schools for September 2026 is 31<sup>st</sup> October. With that date in mind we have been sent through information from local Secondary Schools regarding their current opportunities to visit;

**The Downs** - Open morning tours to book Tuesday, 7th October and Thursday, 9th October 2025.

Rising Year 7 Open Evening will take place on Thursday, 2 October 2025, where the school will be open from 6:00pm to 8:00pm for student-led tours of the school. There will be a presentation by our Headteacher, Mr Prosser and other members of the Senior Leadership Team at 6:45pm and 7:30pm. Unlike our Open Morning Tours, you do not have to book places for our Open Evening.

**Trinity** - Open Evening - Thursday 11th September 4pm - 7pm. Open classrooms by appointment only, 16th, 18th, 26th, 30th September, 9th, 14th October 9.15am - 10.45am.

**John O'Gaunt** - Open Evening - Thurs 9th October 2025, 4.30 - 7pm.

Open Morning tours (book online) - Mon 22nd Sept to Thurs. 2nd Oct.

**Park House School** open evening will be on Thursday 18th September at 6pm.

**King Alfred's** - OPEN MORNINGS (WEST SITE) - informal tours of West Site these will occur on 30th September, 1st October, 8th October and 9th October 2025.

### Picture News this week...

Every week our class worship will be led by the current affairs brought to us through an image, discussion and BIG question from 'Picture News' that will spark our children's interest in, and awareness of, the world around them.

	<p>The BIG question...</p> <h2>What makes a building special?</h2>		
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## 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 PTFA would like to welcome everyone back to school for the new academic year.

We'd like to invite any parents or carers who are interested in helping out with events this year to come along to a short meeting after school on

**Tuesday 16th September 3:15-3:45pm.**

Come and find out what the PTFA does and how you can support your children's school.

Your children will be looked after while you attend the meeting - and there will be cake!

See you there!

Charlotte and Kathryn, PTFA co-chairs.

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

September	
Mon, 15th	- Newbury Weekly News EYFS New Class photograph - After school clubs begin this week
Sat, 27th	West Downlands Got Talent! (pre-entry required, see details below)
October	
3rd	School Nurse - Flu Vaccine (parental consent required)
Wed, 8th	Welcome and Harvest service at St Mary's Church, Great Shefford. 9.30am start.
Fri, 31st	Application deadline for year 7 placements in Secondary schools
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## Parent and carer community news and information...



### Join Thatcham's Junior Orchestra!

Being part of an orchestra is a wonderful way to develop your musical skills, work as a team, and share the joy of performing together.

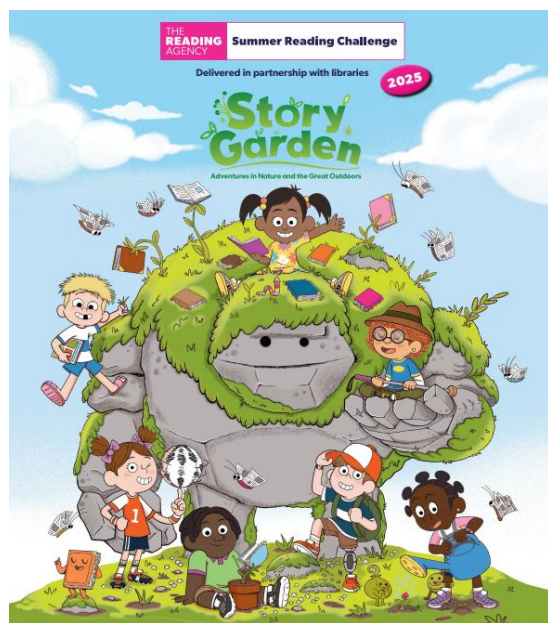
Playing in an ensemble helps build confidence, encourages listening and collaboration, and is a fun way to make new friends while making great music — so why not join us for this exciting opportunity?

When?	Where?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fridays, 4-5pm</li> <li>First rehearsal: Friday 26 September</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Music Department (Room Mu2) @ Kennet School</li> </ul>
Who Can Join?	Why?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Open to all children aged 9-13</li> <li>Must have been learning an instrument for at least six months</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Be part of an exciting new musical journey</li> <li>Meet other young musicians</li> <li>Build confidence</li> <li>Enjoy making music together!</li> </ul>

Interested? Simply scan the QR Code and sign up!



Directed by Pedro Santos, Music Lead at Whitelands Park Primary School



[summerreadingchallenge.org.uk](http://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk)

The challenge finishes 15<sup>th</sup> September 2025

August 2025  
Chaddleworth News

### ALL ABOUT OTTERS

WEDNESDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 6PM

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# SPECTACLE of LIGHT

## WELFORD PARK


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...The whole family absolutely loved it...'

**17 October – 9 November 2025**

The Breathtaking After-dark Experience is Back!

Discover the night-time wonder of Welford Park as you follow a beautiful new Spectacle of Light and Sound around the glorious parkland. Book tickets online [WelfordPark.co.uk](http://WelfordPark.co.uk)



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**Dazzling Spectacle!**  
Discover the night-time wonder of Welford Park through a wonderful spectacle of light and sound. Enjoy this beautiful illuminated trail through the majestic woodland and around the gardens all lit under the stars.

**Eats and Treats!**  
Sip delicious hot chocolate and spiced cider as you meander along this beautiful trail. Take a moment by the house to tuck into scrumptious hot food.

**New for 2025!**  
Explore the stunning light installations, walk through the wondrous woodland and step across the Bridge of Light. Be amazed by the sparkling Light Beams, Moroccan Lanterns and much, much more.

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Adult 16+ £17.60	Adult 16+ £19.80	Adult 16+ £22.00	Adult 16+ £12.80	Adult 16+ £14.40	Adult 16+ £16.00
Child 3-15 £10.40	Child 3-15 £11.70	Child 3-15 £13.00	Child 3-15 £8.00	Child 3-15 £8.80	Child 3-15 £10.00
Under 3's Free	Under 3's Free	Under 3's Free	Under 3's Free	Under 3's Free	Under 3's Free
Family 2+2 £48.80	Family 2+2 £54.90	Family 2+2 £61.00	Family 2+2 £32.00	Family 2+2 £35.20	Family 2+2 £38.00
Carers Free	Carers Free	Carers Free	Carers Free	Carers Free	Carers Free
Book by 3 August	Book by 16 October	Book by 17 October	Book by 3 August	Book by 16 October	Book by 17 October

**Choose Entry Times 5pm to 8pm**  
Estimated walk time 60-75 minutes  
Sadly the paths through the wood and may be difficult for wheelchairs and mobility scooters.  
A DB Partnership production with Welford Park  
Welford Park RG20 8HU  
Three miles from junction 14 of M4 and eight miles from Newbury.

**Further information at [SpectacleofLight.co.uk/Welford](http://SpectacleofLight.co.uk/Welford)**

## MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

### Macmillan Afternoon Tea

on

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September**  
**3pm till 4:30pm**

at

### Chaddleworth Village Hall

All proceeds to Macmillan Cancer Care

Any donations of cakes or raffle prizes to Phyllis Bibbings Monk Orchard Main Street or at the hall from 2pm on the day.

Thank you!

## What Parents & Educators Need to Know about CONSPIRACY THEORIES

Conspiracy theories are false or misleading beliefs that explain events or secret plots, often involving powerful groups. While some things are true, they are not true because through digital media, online influence and misuse of information, they are spread. The UK's National Security Council (NSC) has identified conspiracy theories as a potential threat to national security. This guide will help parents and educators understand the risks, spot the signs, and build children's resilience to conspiracy theories.

**WHAT ARE THE RISKS?**

- UNDERMINING TRUST:** Conspiracy theories can undermine trust in institutions, the media, and the scientific community.
- ONLINE ALGORITHM TRAPS:** Social media algorithms can trap users in a cycle of conspiracy theories, reinforcing their beliefs.
- MENTAL HEALTH IMPACT:** Believing in conspiracy theories can lead to anxiety, paranoia, and other mental health issues.

**Advice for Parents & Educators**

- CREATE SAFE CONVERSATIONS:** Encourage children to ask questions and express their views in a safe environment.
- PROMOTE CRITICAL THINKING:** Teach children how to evaluate information and identify red flags.
- MONITOR DIGITAL BEHAVIOUR:** Keep track of what your child is online and encourage them to think before they post.
- REINFORCE RELIABLE SOURCES:** Encourage children to use trusted news sources and fact-checking websites.

**Meet Our Expert**  
Professor Dr. David C. G. James, a leading expert on conspiracy theories, will be speaking at the event.

**WakeUp Wednesday**  
The National College

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