



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

Chaddlesworth and Shefford Federated CE Primary Schools

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

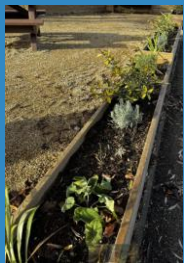
What a difference a week makes, the weather has certainly turned and winter has arrived! Well done to everyone bringing in coats, hats and gloves to be able to wear at playtimes to still enjoy being in our wonderful outside spaces without getting too chilly.



Please look out for letters and communications regarding the whole school Nativity and Carols and other Christmas themed news.

Wishing everyone a wonderful weekend,

Ms Munday Headteacher www.csfschools.org

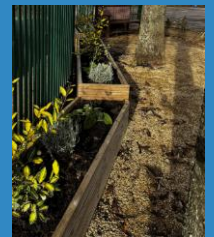


Triangle garden planting...

We arrived back to school this week to see that our



triangle garden planters are now full of interesting, sensory plants! We can see



some hardy plants through the colder months, and look

forward to watching the spring bulbs emerge as the weather gets warmer in spring!



Football tournament preparation...

The Red Kites football team joined together with Mr. Simpkins for their first training session of the year. They braved the cold and headed up on to the pitch for dribbling, passing, ball control and shooting practice. With super team work and resilience aplenty on display! Thank you to Mr. Simpkins for his support for our team of budding footballers.



Michael Rosen Day poetry...

Last week Michael Rosen Day was embraced across the school! Where reading, listening to, and writing poetry fun was the aim of the day! This year's theme was 'Funny Food' and the children were able to discuss, plan and present their own poetry on this theme.



Mrs. Mirza, our English lead teacher, shared our class poetry winners, who received a book prize, in our end of week celebration worship. Well done everyone for your creative, fun, food themed poetry!

Robins...

- Lowena

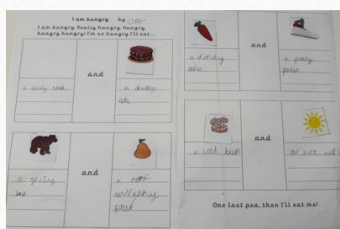


- Miriam



Kingfishers...

- Otto

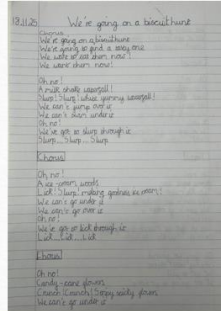


- Spencer

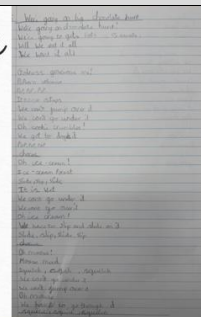


Owls...

- Violet

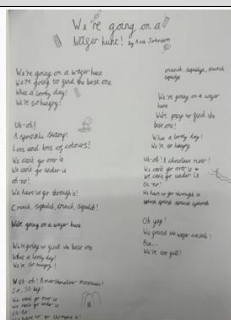


- Sophie

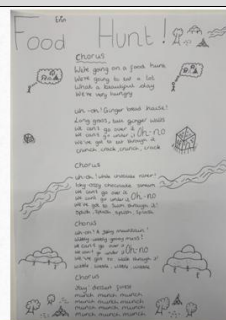


Red Kites...

- **Ava**







- Erin



Class worship...


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

	In Robins...	Benjamin, "Playing Spiderman."
		Lowena, "Helping people when they fall over."
	In Kingfishers...	Olivia, "Playing with people who are lonely."
		Teddy, "Doing P.E. on Monday. I was happy because I scored 50!"
		Baker," I faced a fear and went on a high rollercoaster and fell proud of it."
		Ivy, "I'm going back to swimming - I'm so excited!"
	In Owls...	Sophie, "I was able to make pasta with my mum and also made toast for myself. I felt proud and happy."
		George, "I have been spending quality time with grandparents and my friends."
	In Red Kites...	Ava, "I was very proud when I got the ball into disk 20 with my left hand during PE on Monday."
		Alfred, "I really enjoyed the football training for our school team this week."
		Melody, "I loved taking part in the alternative Olympics - the sit down volleyball was great fun!"
Our school adults...		Mrs Stephens, "I have been living life in all its fullness by going to a show at the corn exchange."
		Mrs Chapman, "It was lovely to see everybody engaged and passionate during our computing lesson. The children were very good at evaluating video games."


Picture News and the BIG question this week...

The BIG question...

Can technology help us too much?



Nike has revealed a new type of powered shoe, called Project Amplify, which uses small motors to boost a person's walking and running movement. The shoes are designed to reduce tiredness and make everyday movement easier, especially for those who need extra support. Nike says the aim is to help people stay active, independent and mobile in their daily lives.



The modern world is busy, with fast, fun and easy technology. Technology is a useful tool which is not bad on its own, it just depends on how we use it. The Bible reminds us that if technology becomes a distraction and we rely on it too much, we should focus on what truly matters, like our contributions to the world, and the quality of our relationships with others.

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 are preparing for the Christmas Fair and are requesting quality cuddly toys in a cuddly toy amnesty. Please send any donations to the school office - by Friday 28th November.



Thank you to everyone for their donations for the 'Little Recyclers' collection this week, we weighed in at 258 kg, with a total of £116.10 funds raised! Amazing!



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

November 2025	
Fri, 28th	PTFA non-uniform day – bottle tombola donations request
December 2025	
Tues, 2nd	Red Kites trip to Oxford National History Museum
Wed, 3rd	Kingfishers group 1 trip to Wantage museum
Thurs, 4th	Kingfishers group 2 trip to Wantage museum
Sat, 6th	PTFA Christmas Fair, 11am – 2pm
Tues, 9th	Nativity and Carols dress rehearsal day 1.15pm
Wed, 10th	Nativity and Carols afternoon performance 1.30pm
Thurs, 11th	Nativity and Carols evening performance 6pm
Wed, 17th	Christmas Church service, 9.30am, St Mary's Church, Great Shefford, all welcome School dinner Christmas lunch day
Thurs, 18th	Whole school pantomime trip to the Corn Exchange, Newbury



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



Parent and carer community news and information...

Chaddleworth St. Andrew's and Shefford
Church of England Federated Primary Schools



'Living life in all its fullness'

Starting school in September 2026?
Come and see what makes our school special!

We are a small, nurturing school where every child is known, valued
and encouraged to thrive academically, socially and spiritually.



We would love to welcome you for a visit.

Come and meet our staff, see our classrooms and discover why
our families love being part of our community.

To book a visit, please contact our school office...

Tel. 01488 648657 Email: Office@csf.w-berks.sch.uk

We look forward to meeting you!

Chaddleworth and Shefford
school

Christmas wreath workshop

Friday 28th November

6-8pm £35

In the school hall

All welcome, join us
For a festive evening

What's included - Your wreath base,
feathers, refreshments.

Contact Nicola - 07766050175

For more information and to book your place

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**ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SERVICES
IN THE WEST DOWNLAND BENEFICE**

30 Nov	Advent Sunday Carols 10:30 am - St James, Leckhamstead A service of Advent music and readings followed by refreshments.	21 Dec	Christmas Café Church 10:30 am - St Mary's Great Shefford The Christmas Story, Catechism, Church style. Breakfast served from 10:00 am.
07 Dec	Carols Round The Tree 4pm - Leckhamstead Green Join us as we light the Christmas Tree and sing carols before drinks in the village hall.	21 Dec	Nine Lessons and Carols 7pm - All Saints, Brightonton Readings and Carols led by the parson choir. With Mulled Wine and Mince Pies.
12 Dec	Carol Service 7pm - St Stephens, Shefford Woodlands A service of readings and carols with festive refreshments and good cheer.	22 Dec	The Longest Night 7pm - St Mary's, Fawley A service of contemplation and music for those who find Christmas overwhelming.
14 Dec	Community Christingle 10:30 am - All Saints, Brightonton You will remember this as a great way to share the meaning of Christmas.	23 Dec	Carol Singing in The Ilex 7:30 pm - The Ilex, Chaddleworth Another chance to grab a carol sheet and bring the joy of carolling to the local.
14 Dec	Contemporary Carols 7pm - St Mary's, Fawley Readings and Carols with a live band, this is an experience not to be missed.	24 Dec	Carols by Candlelight 7pm - St Margaret's, Cottingham Carols and readings in the beautiful church, in aid of the Church Conservation Trust.
16 Dec	Carol Singing in The Five Bells 7:30 pm - The Five Bells, Welkeston We'll bring the carol sheets, you bring the voices and we'll raise the roof!	24 Dec	Live Nativity Crib Service 4pm - St Gregory's, Wetherby Come dressed in your favourite nativity character as we celebrate the Christmas story in five costumed.
18 Dec	Carols Through The Avenue 8:30 pm - St Mary's, Great Shefford Join us through the beautifully lit avenue of trees into church for carols, a hot drink	24 Dec	Midnight Communion 10:30 pm - St Matthews, Wetherby The most famous Christmas service of all join us as we celebrate the birth of Christ.
19 Dec	Phoenix Brass @ the Pop Up Pub 7pm - St James, Leckhamstead What can be more Christmassy than carols with a live band in the Pop Up Pub!	25 Dec	Christmas Day Communion 9am - St Mary's, Great Shefford 10:30 am - All Saints, Brightonton All welcome to this all-age communion service. Even bring your favourite present!
20 Dec	Christmas Carol Service 3pm - St Thomas, East Shefford Christmas Carols and Readings in the beautiful 12th-century church.		

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WEST DOWNLAND BENEFICE

Chaddleworth and Shefford PTFA

Save the date for our annual

**CHRISTMAS
Fair**

Saturday 6 Dec 2025
11 am - 2 pm

Shefford CE Primary
School, Great Shefford

Come and join us for
STALLS, GAMES, CAFÉ, CRAFTS
AND SANTA'S GROTTO!

An invitation from John O Gaunt for Year 5 parents,



Year 5 Science Show by The Royal Institution

Wednesday 3rd December 2025
16:00-17:00
At John O'Gaunt School
Main Hall

Tickets are free (available from John O'Gaunt office)
Only 100 available
Children must be accompanied by an adult.



Save the Date for Santa's Parade

Sunday 7th December
from 4.30pm

Come and see Santa and his elves as they walk through Great Shefford, spreading festive cheer and sweets, while raising money for **Great Shefford Under Fives!**



The sleigh team will be heading to the village hall where hot drinks and refreshments will be on sale, and our raffle will be drawn! Join us for a wonderful evening of festive fun for all ages!



You are invited to join us at our BOOK TASTING CAFE

Join us for juice, biscuits and books.

Come and explore some different genres and authors.
Read a little and take home books you like the sound of.



On Thursday 27th November 2025
At Lambourn Library
From 3.30pm and 4.30pm
For Primary School Aged Children

Contact lambournlibrary@westberks.gov.uk to express an interest.



Merry Christmas!

December Timetable

All 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 (excluding Free Talk)

Decreasing Depression	1 DEC 10am
Raising Self Esteem	1 DEC 7pm
Understanding the Teenage Brain	2 DEC 10am
Supporting Healthy Sleep	2 DEC 7pm
Autism - Improving Communication	8 DEC 10am
Improving Family Communication	8 DEC 7pm
Supporting A Child with ADHD	9 DEC 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	9 DEC 7pm
Anxiety Based School Avoidance	15 DEC 10am
Understanding Anger	15 DEC 7pm
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	16 DEC 10am
Facing Defiance	16 DEC 7pm

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Wildlife Photographer of the Year
Fri 27 Feb - Sun 26 Apr

THE BASE Greenham

Click here for details



'MY WILD LIFE' PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION 2026

We are excited to bring back our popular 'My Wild Life' photography competition, inspired by the return of the Natural History Museum's 'Wildlife Photographer of the Year 61' exhibition to The Base.

Budding photographers of all ages and expertise can enter – whether it's a spectacular sunset, wildlife discovered on a family walk or snaps of your beloved pet... we are looking for creative thinking when it comes to capturing the wonders that surrounds us, both in your town or countryside.

Finalists from two age categories (Under-18s and Over-18s) will be selected by a panel of expert judges. The general public will then choose the winners from each category in a online vote on The Base's Facebook page.

Don't miss out! You could win...

- **Under-18s:** A Family Base Pass, a Family Day Ticket to Marwell Zoo, and a Marwell Zoo goodie bag, a Berkshire Wildlife Hides 'Kingfisher Hide Experience' for two and featured in Newbury Weekly News.
- **Over-18s:** A Base Pass Plus, a Family Day Ticket to Marwell Zoo and a Marwell Zoo 'Animal Experience', a Berkshire Wildlife Hides 'Kingfisher Hide Experience' for two and featured in Newbury Weekly News.
- **All 1st place, 2nd place, finalists and highly commended entries** will have their photographs displayed as part of the 'My Wild Life' exhibition in Honesty at Parkway and The Base's Runway Gallery.

Submission deadline: 8pm on Sunday 11 January 2026
More info and regular updates at www.thebasegreenham.co.uk/news

THE BASE
Greenham

in association with
honesty  **Marwell Zoo**
Email a completed entry form, including the communication release form (see www.thebasegreenham.co.uk to download) and your photo attached to admin@thebasegreenham.co.uk by 8pm on Sunday 11 January 2026.

Events



Winter Public Opening

6, 13, 20 & 21 Dec | 11am – 3pm | Free
Inspired by Christmases gone by, we invite you to admire decorations through the House representing different eras, from Tudor times to the present day. A reindeer trail will be available for younger visitors at a suggested donation of £2.

Christmas Fair

Sunday 7 Dec | 11am – 3pm | £2 adults, £1 child
Browse over 70 stalls selling locally made gifts, food, drink, decorations and craft. Warm up with mulled wine and seasonal treats from the café and outdoor caterers. Plus a themed craft in our Activity Room and a reindeer trail (trail suggested donation of £2). With vintage music from Gramofun.

Wreath Making

9 & 10 Dec - 10am & 6.30pm | 11 Dec - 10am | £55
Master the technique of mossing your own wreath and then add foliage, dried fruits and cinnamon sticks, fir cones, baubles and sparkles! Price includes a hot drink and mince pie.

Midwinter Revels

Thursday 11 Dec | 7.30pm | Adult £15, Child £5
A celebration of Yuletide Past guaranteed to warm the cockles of the most Scrooge-like heart, featuring Christmas carols, winter folk songs, toe-tapping tunes.

A Visit from Beauty and her Prince

Sunday 14 Dec | 11am, 1pm & 3pm
£10 per child, one accompanying adult free.
The royal couple will delight young audiences with a fun sing-a-long, themed games and story time.

Christmas Carol Concert

Friday 19 Dec | 7.30pm | Adult £12, Child £6
Newbury based chamber choir, Cantemus, will be giving a concert of festive music telling the Christmas story from Advent to Epiphany along with an opportunity for the audience to join in with some of the well-known pieces.

Children's Magic Show

Sunday 21 Dec | 11am, 12.30pm & 3pm
£8 per child, one accompanying adult free
Featuring Mr Muddle the charming, if muddlesome, magician who captivates and amazes children with his comical slapstick magic.

Movie in the Hall: Frozen

Tuesday 23 Dec | 10.30am | Adults £5 Child £3
Fearless optimist Anna teams up with rugged mountain man Kristoff and his loyal reindeer Sven in an epic journey to find Anna's sister Elsa, whose icy powers have trapped the Kingdom of Arendelle into eternal winter.

www.westberkshireheritage.org/whats-on

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