



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,

It's been another busy week of learning! With children proud to share their progress and achievements such as improved handwriting, presentations of History learning, team work in Forest School, sporting skills and accuracy, applying phonics in reading and writing and development of creative artistic skills too!

Thank you for everyone being weather ready, ensuring children have coats and wellies or trainers for playtimes means we can get outside for fresh air and a run around at break times 'whatever the weather', with only heavy down pours this week taking us inside for wet playtimes.

Wishing everyone a wonderful weekend,

Ms Munday Headteacher www.csfschools.org



Whole School Worship...

Our Christian value focus on Courage this term gave a good opportunity for us to share the Bible story of 'Moses and the Burning Bush'. We needed to find out a little more about Moses first and shared that, *Moses is one of the most important people in Judaism, one of the oldest religions in the world, that began about 4,000 years ago in the Middle East. Moses was a very important leader in the Bible who helped free the Israelites from slavery in Egypt and received the Ten Commandments from God.*

We were then able to find the story in our Worship Bible, in the Old Testament. However we wanted more information about this strange event and how Moses was challenged to use his courage. Click on the story title image to watch and hear the story we shared.



Through our discussions in worship we realised Moses was courageous and used his bravery to listen to God's message and act on it, even when he really wasn't so sure he was able to follow God's instructions at first.



Children were able to share their examples of courage, such as keeping going with sporting challenges, not giving up on tricky learning tasks and being brave to try new opportunities.

Stingers Netball...

'A small group of us went to Park House on Tuesday evening for a very cold netball tournament against lots of local schools. Despite the freezing weather, the girls played brilliantly, showing incredible perseverance and teamwork and really challenging their opponents. We played three very closely-fought matches, with some fantastic interceptions and great movement up the court. The team encouraged each other, cheered on the other teams' successes and showed amazing sportsmanship. A thoroughly well done to all of them; I was so proud!' Mrs Chrimes



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...	Albi, "Daddy helped me to put on my vest and I did the rest!"
		Tilly, "I went down a big water slide. I didn't want to but I did!"
	In Kingfishers...	Ellie, "I did some weeding at school with a teacher."
		Nancy, "I swam under the water."
	In Owls...	Hollie, "I showed resilience during dance club on Monday. Some of the moves were hard, but I kept going and did not give up."
		Alexi, "I used courage in my English lesson to finish writing my character description about Thomas Snoop. I also tried my best to use neat joined-up handwriting."
	In Red Kites...	Eleanor, "Using my writing tools to write a dream narrative."
		Lilly-Kate, "I enjoyed playing netball."
		Sullivan, "Forest school was fun."
		Ava, "I've liked learning about J.M.W. Turner and mixing colours in a colour wheel."
Our school adults...		Mrs Bell, "This week I have enjoyed helping two children learn to crochet at lunchtime! I have been amazed by their patience and determination to give it a go. Little and often, we will get there and we will keep you all posted with what they have created!"

Picture News and the BIG question this week...

The BIG question...
Can awards encourage people to help others and care for the world?

Recently, a new award, called the Jane Goodall Earth Medal, has been created to celebrate people who work to help others and care for the world. It is named after Dr Jane Goodall, who spent her life protecting animals and encouraging people to look after nature. The award recognises kind and caring actions that make a positive difference, even when people are not looking for praise.

The Bible teaches that true faith is expressed through action, not just words. Real change begins with small, daily choices to live fairly and avoid taking too much. As John the Baptist taught, we demonstrate love for our neighbours by sharing generously with those in need and ensuring there is enough for everyone.

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



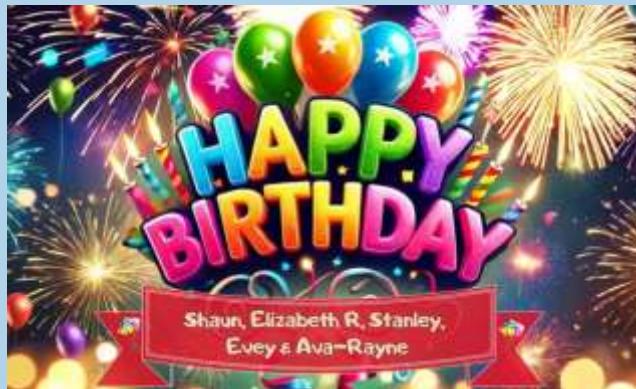
Red Kites

PTFA news and updates...

The PTFA have secured a date for the Little Recyclers' collection for Tuesday 17th March. Please be aware there is storage available so your donations can start arriving as soon as you are ready (dropped off to the bike and scooter covered area) and will be stored safely until the collection date.

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

January 2026	
February 2026	
Mon, 2 nd	Year 3 & 4 football, Park House
Tues, 3 rd	KS1 speed stacking, Park House
Wed, 4 th	Candlemas Church service, all welcome, 9.30am start at St Mary's Church, Great Shefford
Thurs, 5 th	KS2 speed stacking, Park House
Fri, 6 th	NSPCC Numbers Day 2026
Mon 9 th -15th	Children's Mental Health Week
Fri, 13 th	PTFA Valentine's cake sale, 3.15pm, baked donations welcomed
Fri, 13 th	Last day of term 3
Tues, 17 th	Lunar New Year Shrove Tuesday
Mon, 23 rd	Term 4 begins
March 2026	
Tues, 17 th	PTFA 'Little Recyclers' collection day
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
Term Dates - Chaddleworth St. Andrew's & Shefford - C.E. Federated Primary Schools	



Parent and carer community news and information...

The Oxford Brookes Science Bazaar will be held on Friday 21st February, 9:30am-4:00pm, at our Headington Campus (OX3 0BP). The event is designed to inspire curiosity and excitement around science through hands-on, interactive activities, and is most suitable for children aged 5–12, though all ages are welcome.

With over 70 drop-in activities, families can explore science together in a relaxed and engaging environment. On the day, visitors can enjoy:

- Hands-on science activities led by real scientists, researchers, and students.
- Live science shows and demonstrations throughout the day.
- Interactive workshops covering topics such as psychology, medicine, engineering, robotics, coding, nutrition, and more.
- STEM games and challenges, with prizes to be won.

The Science Bazaar is a great opportunity for children to experience science outside the classroom, ask questions, and see how science connects to everyday life and future careers.

Event details

- Date: Saturday 21st February 2026
- Time: 9:30am-4:00pm
- Location: Oxford Brookes University, Headington Campus, OX3 0BP
- Cost: Free
- Booking required: [\[booking link\]](#)



Take part in a consultation on how your fire service is funded. The consultation closes at 9am on 2 February 2026. Please contact us for more information:

rbfrs.co.uk/haveyoursay precepting@rbfrs.co.uk [0118 945 2888](tel:01189452888)

Royal Berkshire Fire Authority (RBFA) is consulting Royal Berkshire residents and staff on Council Tax funding for the next financial year until 9am on Monday, 2 February.

RBFA is committed to delivering value for money across the services provided to local residents. However, due to significant budgetary pressure [as outlined in this letter](#), to maintain the current level of service RBFA is proposing a £5 increase for 2026/27, based on a Band D precept, to £91.31.

Take part in the consultation by [completing this online survey](#).

Many thanks for all your support,

online talk by Jane Keyworth

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3rd February 10-11:30am

3rd March 7-8:30pm



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