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 and opportunity in school. We are also starting to prepare for Christmas festivities and celebrations, with a few traditional Christmas carols starting to be sung!

Next Monday, 30th November, is St Andrew's Day.



It has become a tradition in our school to mark this day by raising funds for Great Ormond Street Hospital. We therefore invite everyone to bring in any silver coins they can spare to help fill our Scottish flags, as St Andrew is the patron saint of Scotland.

All monies collected will be donated to Great Ormond Street Hospital, supporting children and families during times of need through services such as play teams for children, accommodation for families, and research into childhood illnesses. Many thanks for your continued support of our school and the charities we are proud to support.

Wishing everyone a wonderful weekend.

Ms. Munday Headteacher www.csfschools.org

Preparing for Farewell and Welcome...

At the end of this term, we will be saying a fond farewell to Mrs Kimber, our School Business Manager, who is retiring after many years of dedicated service to our school and community. Throughout her time with us, Mrs Kimber has made a significant contribution to the lives of countless children and families. Her commitment, kindness and professionalism have been greatly valued by pupils, parents and colleagues alike, and she will be greatly missed.

We would like to thank Mrs Kimber for everything she has done for our school and wish her a long, happy and well-deserved retirement.

We are also delighted to welcome Mrs Farrell as our new SBM who will be joining us from Monday next week to be able to familiarise herself with our school, with opportunity to get to know children, staff and families before the Christmas break. We are looking forward to Mrs Farrell joining our team and we know that she will receive a warm welcome from our school community.



Spirituality...

Over the last few years we have continued to develop our understanding, and offer of opportunity, for Spirituality.

Our school vision statement is, 'Living life in all its fullness' John 10:10, which we aspire to reach through the education, opportunites and experiences we provide for our children and community.



Our Christian values of Communinty, Compassion, Courage, Trust, Perserverance and Thankfulness are part of our everyday conversations in school, with our values tree then displaying coloured leaves to represent the celebrated moments that our values are

seen being put into action in and around school.
We are looking to develop our Spirituality offer further in school, but before we share our thoughts we were hoping to find out from our parents, carers, families and community what they understand Spirituality to be. This will help us in understanding how to develop our offer with supporting information and resources.
Please click HERE to access a google form link which will take just a few minutes of your time to share your current thoughts, understanding and experiences of Spirituality. Thank you in advance for the information you are able to share with us.

Gaming safety…

Many of you will have heard about the excitement around Grand Theft Auto VI last week. This highly anticipated crime adventure follows two criminals navigating a dangerous underworld. However, with graphic violence, sexual content, drug and alcohol use, and mature social commentary, GTA VI is firmly intended for adults – despite its potential appeal to younger audiences. Even without playing GTA VI, children may encounter its adult themes through gameplay clips, livestreams and online discussions. The attached guide explores the potential risks, including inappropriate content, interactions with strangers on other platforms and in-game spending. It also offers practical advice on parental controls, communication restrictions and starting open conversations to help keep young people safe.





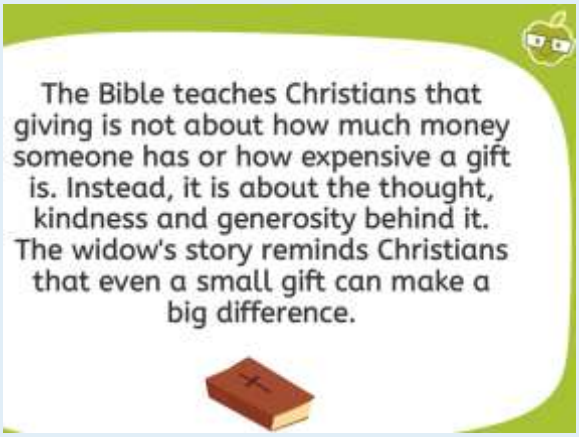
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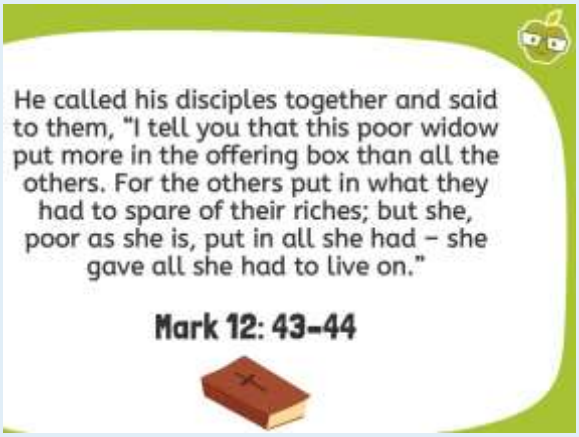
This week's BIG question is:

Does a gift need to cost money?



Each year, the department store chain, John Lewis, produces a Christmas advert, usually released in November. This year's has been released and is called Gloria and Pickles. It follows a grandmother who wants to connect with her grandchildren and struggles to choose gifts for them. With the help of her childhood toy, she is reminded of what makes giving special.





Class worship...

How have we all been embracing our school vision of *"Living life in all its fullness"* (John 10:10) this week? Our Christian value focus for this term is 'Compassion'...

	In Robins...	Nancy, "In Phonics we have been learning to write captions and I could not believe it when I did it by myself for the first time."
	In Kingfishers...	Benjamin, "I just want to read books all the time because I love reading so much. The blue books only had 16 pages but the green ones have 21 pages and they are tricky and I just want to read them all!"
		Jesse, "I fell over on the playground and lots of adults checked that I was ok - they were showing compassion."
		Otto, "When I was playing with my friends, I helped them up when they fell over."
	In Owls...	Shaun, "I helped a friend up in football."
		Ivy, "I've lived life in all its fullness when I took part in a dance challenge, and I won silver!"
	In Red Kites...	Tuppence, "I enjoyed working together at football club."
		Sophie. "In Forest School I enjoyed whittling."
	School adults...	Mrs O, "I showed compassion by helping with Owls learning when Mrs Mirza was unwell."
		Mrs Langford - I have been so impressed and feel really proud of the behaviour for learning that our EYFS children have shown this week. They are so eager to demonstrate how respectful they are, how they work as a team and how they try their best with everything they do.
		Mrs Chrimes, "I enjoyed our choir practise this week, we're sounding really good!"
		Mrs Lambert, "Since starting at this school I have enjoyed getting to know all the children, not just their names but a little bit about them too. I look forward to our conversations when they pop into the office with a message. I have also enjoyed getting to know the families and I feel everyone is very supportive of each other."

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

November 2026	
December 2026	
Tues, 15th	Afternoon Christmas performance, 2pm
Wed, 16th	Christmas Church service, 9.30am, St Mary's, Great Shefford
	School Christmas lunch day
	Evening Christmas performance, 6pm
Thurs, 17th	Whole school pantomime trip
Fri, 18th	Last day of term 2
January 2027	
Mon, 4th	School closed (INSET)
Tues, 5th	Term 3 begins
February 2027	
Wed, 3rd	Candlemas Church service, 9.30am, St Mary's, Great Shefford
Fri, 12th	Last day of term 3
Mon, 22nd	Term 4 begins
March 2027	
Wed, 24th	Easter Church service: 9.30am, St Mary's, Great Shefford
Thurs, 25th	Last day of term 4
April 2027	
Mon, 12th	Term 5 begins
May 2027	
Mon, 3rd	May Bank Holiday
Fri, 28th	Last day of term 5
June 2027	
Mon, 7th	Term 6 begins
July 2027	
Wed, 21st	Leavers Church service, 1.30pm, St Mary's, Great Shefford
	Last day of term 6
Thurs, 22nd	School closed (INSET)

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



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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



Parent and carer community news and information…



If your child was born between 1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023, you should apply for a place at an Infant or Primary school.

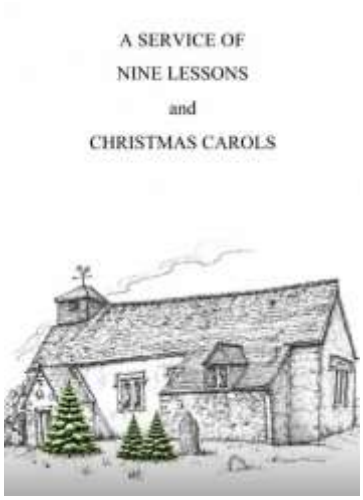
You can apply online at http://www.westberks.gov.uk/primary-school-admissions between 12 September 2026 and 15 January 2027.







Saturday 19th December at 3pm
St Thomas' Church, East Shefford





PERIODS UNPACKED – FREE SESSIONS FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

Periods Unpacked starts in the New Year with two online sessions to help mums, dads and carers feel confident talking about periods with young people.
On Thursday 28th January 2027, online at 7.30pm, Understanding Period Products is a practical guide to the full range of products, from pads and tampons to menstrual cups and period pants, including how to use and care for them.

Then on Thursday 11th February 2027, online at 7.30pm, Understanding the Menstrual Cycle explains the stages of the cycle and how each can affect energy, mood and confidence, so you can offer well-informed support.

Both sessions are held online, with plenty of opportunity to ask questions. To book your place, visit https://www.allyoursbox.co.uk/events


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[Steam Into Christmas at Didcot Railway Centre](#).

Santa needs your help! His reindeer have wandered off around Didcot Railway Centre, and he needs little explorers and their grown-ups to help find them. Follow a festive trail, discover the missing reindeer, and collect Christmas stocking fillers along the way.

Then meet Santa in his grotto and receive a special gift. Families can also enjoy unlimited steam train rides, explore historic locomotives, and soak up the sights and sounds of a railway at Christmas.

Dates: Weekends in December and selected days before Christmas. Advance booking recommended. Tickets from £20.



Book your ticket today: https://bit.ly/4yY1lL6

