



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,

You may be aware that 2026 has been announced as 'The National Year of Reading' by The Department for Education, in collaboration with the National Literacy Trust. The campaign aims to tackle the profound decline in reading enjoyment in the UK and reconnect people of all ages with reading as a relevant and immediately rewarding activity. In school our ongoing love for reading continues and reading opportunities across the school are a big focus for us, from enjoying class novels together, to individual reading opportunities, sharing varied and diverse texts in our classrooms and opportunities for us all to read for pleasure. We love reading! Click the 'Go all in' icon to find out more about reading as a family.



We have been preparing for our **Candlemas service** at St. Mary's Church, in Great Shefford next Wednesday. We welcome our families and community to join us for the service that will start at 9.30am.

We are all looking forward to a Maths filled **NSPCC Number Day** next Friday- how will everyone 'Dress up for Digits' as part of the celebration?

Wishing everyone a wonderful weekend,

Ms Munday Headteacher www.csfschools.org



Whole School Worship...

We shared the story of 'The Lion Inside' this week to help us understand a little more about being courageous and what that might look like in our lives (click on the book cover to share the story again). We predicted a timid mouse and a fierce lion, however those stereotypes were challenged as we read through the story. The mouse was incredibly brave in facing its fears and the lion had fears where inner strength and bravery were needed too! Margo recognised the similarity with the Bible story of David and



Goliath, and that size doesn't always equate to the strength and courage we hold within. Emily M shared that the story taught us that, 'No matter how small you are or what you look like, you can always try your best!' Archie encouraged us all to, 'face our fears' and Stanley shared that we, 'don't need to be afraid of big things!' What a super story to help us understand a little more about our Christian value of Courage!





Sustainability workshop...

"Red Kites were lucky to welcome visitors from WeSET for a comic co-creation sustainability workshop on Thursday afternoon. We discussed renewable energy, using resources sustainably and choices we can make for the benefit of the environment and community around us. We were then tasked to come up with a comic - including a sustainable hero - in our groups. The collaboration was incredible and our visitors commented on how engaged everyone was, how knowledgeable they were and how well they worked together. The comics produced were fantastic and featured heroes such as Walter the World and Sustainable Pip. Head to our class blog to see the finished projects!" 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...	Lowena, "I had the courage to keep on walking on our welly walk."
		Jesse, "I helped make daddy better with a plaster when he hurt himself."
	In Kingfishers...	Olivia, "I went to the library and got a new book."
		Ellie, "I practised reading my new books."
		Teddy, "I liked doing computing and logging on myself."
		Freya and Ivy "We have enjoyed having a sleepover. We played with our teddies, watched Frozen and enjoyed jellybeans for our snack"
		Spencer "I loved going to Beavers where we got to make slime!"
	In Owls...	Luna "I have been really enjoying wrestling and this weekend I will get the chance to stay up and watch WWE"
		Violet, "I used courage during my roller-skating test and showed resilience when I made my cushion."
		Leo, "I showed courage by signing up for the speed stacking event, as I have not done it before."
	In Red Kites...	Archie, "I showed resilience when I hiked up a mountain in Scotland with my family."
		Tuppence, "This week I really enjoyed working on our hero for our sustainability workshop."
		Lilly-Kate, "I'm proud of myself for standing up and talking in front of the class. I didn't want to do it but I did it!"

Picture News and the BIG question this week...**The BIG question...**

Does how we
behave matter as
much as how well
we play?

The Football Association (FA) has published a review looking at behaviour in football across England. It wants to ensure football practice and matches are safe, fair, and enjoyable for everyone, including players, referees, and fans. The review encourages all involved in the sport to play their part in supporting and following values of positive behaviour.

The Bible tells us that respect is about recognising that every person is important. This idea is known as the Golden Rule, because it is a simple guide for how to live our lives in that we should treat others how we wish to be treated.

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...

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

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 -15 th	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...



Would your child like to try a new instrument?

Please contact our brass and woodwind music teacher, Mr Crouter, for more information: Call 07776 381 510 or 01488 680 674

Email timcrouter@aol.com

Children are welcome to come and try an instrument first if they would like to.

Wantage Gymnastics Centre

GRAND OPENING

Sunday 1st February 2025 10:00am - 3pm

Unit 6, W&G Estate, East Challow, OX12 9TF

Free Open Gym

Don't miss the fun and see what Wantage Gymnastics is all about

Pre-School | Beginners | Squad Gymnasts

Any Questions: office@wantagegymnasticscentre.co.uk

MOVIE IN THE HALL

Fantastic Mr. Fox

Tuesday 17 February | Adults £5 Child £3

Doors open at 10am, film starts at 10.30am

The café will be open serving cinema sweets and treats.

Book online: www.westberkshireheritage.com/whats-on

West Berkshire Council

JACK AND THE BEANS TALK

Mon 16 Feb Shaw House 11am & 3pm Adults £50, Child £7

Was it a dream or did I hear a talking bean? A charming story with an enormous beanstalk, bags of gold and a sneaky old giant. Jack and the Beans Talk is a cautionary tale about what might happen if you throw things out of the window!

www.westberkshireheritage.org/whats-on

Shaw House, Church Road, Newbury RG14 2DR 01635 279 279

West Berkshire Council

WEST BERKSHIRE MUSEUM

Museum Explorers

Tuesday 17 February | 10.30am - 12pm | Free

A relaxed morning for children with additional needs and their families to enjoy the Museum when there is less hustle and bustle (as we are closed to the public on Tuesdays). The downstairs museum galleries will be open, and there is an opportunity to take part in a craft.

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SCAN TO FOLLOW ROCKET PROPELLED GAMES

Saturday's & Sunday's booking advisable

Opening Times
 Mon 12-10pm
 Tue closed
 Wed closed
 Thursday 10-10pm
 Friday 10-10pm
 Saturday 10-10pm
 Sunday 10-4pm

Table Prices
 Per table (1-6 people)
 1 hour £6
 2 hours £10
 3 hours £15




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 Newbury RG14 5HB

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How to reserve a table
 We do accept walk ins
 But it's best to book in advance

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WEEKLY EVENTS

MONDAYS

12-2pm Brunch Club £5 pp
 Includes sausage roll & hot drink
 2 hour game play
 Suitable for solo players

4-6pm After School board
 game Club
 £2.50 per child (Parents free)
 Neurodiverse Friendly



WEEKLY EVENTS

THURSDAYS

10-12pm Baby & Toddler Session
 Free to meet up

12-4pm Home Education Session
 £2.50 per child, parents free

4-6pm After school club
 £2.50 per child, parents welcome
 for free
 Pokemon & Warhammer



WEEKLY EVENTS

FRIDAYS

12-2pm Brunch Club £5 pp
 Includes sausage roll & hot drink
 2 hour game play
 Suitable for solo players

4-6pm After School Club
 £2.50 per child (Parents free)
 Dungeons & Dragons, RPG



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: [\[booking link\]](#)

