



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,



What an end to the week, with our Red Kites sharing their inspirational, engaging and persuasive leadership speeches. Our year 6 children were able to put themselves forward as candidates for our House Captain roles for the year, and subject leadership. Year 5s also had the opportunity to present their speeches to lead them into leadership roles across the school this year. Well done Red

Kites! See the outcome of the house votes later in this newsletter!

Next Friday (10th October) is World Mental Health Day. We invite all children, and adults, to wear something yellow in recognition of this important day - it could be a yellow ribbon, yellow hat, yellow socks, a yellow t-shirt, or even yellow trousers (part uniform / part yellow is perfectly acceptable e.g. school jumper with a yellow skirt).

"Come together in yellow on Friday 10th October (World Mental Health Day) to show children and young people they're not alone with their mental health."



We are looking forward to our first Church Service of the year at St Mary's in Great Shefford on Wednesday 8th October.

Reverend Mike will be welcoming our new

starters and celebrating Harvest with us, everyone is welcome to join us for a 9.30am start to the service.

If you are able please do bring in donations for our harvest collection, for the West Berks Food Bank, to place on the table in the entrance corridor in school.

Wishing everyone a wonderful weekend,

Ms Munday Headteacher www.csfschools.org



Harvest appeal

Help support your food bank this Harvest

In the three weeks leading up to Harvest, the food bank will provide over 250 food parcels for local individuals and families facing hardship.

Donate food

Donate an item or two from our shopping list, ensuring we can provide food for people facing hardship in your community.

Donate money

Help to cover the costs of storing and distributing food, as well as developing sustainable projects.

West Berks Foodbank
westberks.foodbank.org.uk

Registered Charity in England & Wales 1171140

Shopping list

- Fruit Squash
- Baked Beans
- Dried Pasta
- Tins Tomatoes/Passata
- Tea Bags (small boxes)
- Tinned Custard
- Tinned Soup
- Sweet Biscuits
- Confectionery
- Deodorant

Our school Houses...

All the creative efforts came together from last week's House meetings to form each House's team poster for this year, and wow they do not disappoint!



House captain elections...

The persuasive leadership speeches were written, the speeches were shared with compassion and confidence, the teams listened carefully, considered their options, voted with pride and decided as a team!

Introducing our House Captains for this academic year...



Jess & Joseph



Sophie & Erin



Sullivan & Evie

We look forward to your leadership and support for the members of your team in all that we do whilst 'living life in all its fullness'.

**Parent and carer workshops...**

A reminder to EYFS and KS1 (Robins and Kingfisher parents and carers) that you are invited on Tuesday 7th October 2025, to join Mrs Mirza, Mrs Langford, Mrs Harris and Mrs Higgins at the end of the school day 3.20-4.30, for our 'Supporting your child to read' workshop. Click here to book your place: [EYFS and KS1 Parent Workshop](#)

A reminder to KS2 (Owls and Red Kites parents and carers) that you are invited to our Key Stage 2 Reading Workshop on Thursday 10 October at 3.30 pm in the school hall. At this workshop, we will share how we teach reading in Years 3-6 and how you can best support your child at home.

Click here to book your place: [KS2 Parent Workshop](#)

Parent teacher meetings...

Please complete your meeting bookings with your child/ren's teachers by Monday 6th October. Appointments will be confirmed as soon as possible next week.

EYFS and Year 1

[ROBIN CLASS PARENT MEETING FORM](#)

Year 2

[KINGFISHER CLASS PARENT MEETING FORM](#)

Year 3 and Year 4

[OWL CLASS PARENT MEETING FORM](#)

Year 5 and Year 6

[RED KITE CLASS PARENT MEETING FORM](#)

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

Can sport bring people closer together?

Running charity, parkrun, has announced a new project called parkrun primary, which is bringing junior running events closer to primary schools. The aim is to give children more chances to run or walk and volunteer on weekends in a fun, free, and inclusive way. Organisers say it's not just about fitness, but also about helping children build friendships, confidence, and life skills in their local community.

The Bible tells us about the importance of getting together as a community. It encourages Christians to think of ways to motivate one another to show love to others and do good deeds. It asks people to encourage one another. Christians believe service to others is very important, because it helps demonstrate love for God and 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 AGM will be on Friday the 10th October at 7.30pm in Chaddleworth village hall, all welcome.

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

October 2025	
Mon, 6th	Year 5 & 6 footgolf event 3-6pm, Park House
Wed, 8th	Welcome and Harvest service at St Mary's Church, Great Shefford. 9.30am start, everyone welcome.
Fri, 10th	World Mental Health Day- wear something yellow to show your support PTFA AGM, 7.30pm, Chaddleworth village hall.
Mon, 13 th – Fri, 17th	Parent teacher meetings – appointment bookings open
Tues, 14th	Year 3 and 4 hockey event, Henwick Astro
Thurs, 16th	Year 1 & 2 Multiskills, Park House
Fri, 17th	KS2 Hungerford Tag Rugby Tournament
Thurs, 23rd	Last day of term 1
Fri, 24th	INSET day
HALF TERM Monday 27 th - Friday 31 st October	
Fri, 31st	Application deadline for year 7 placements in Secondary schools
November 2025	
Mon,	INSET day
Tues, 4th	First day of term 2
Wed, 19th	PTFA Bags 2 Schools collection day
Fri, 28th	PTFA non-uniform day – bottle tombola donations request
December 2025	
Sat, 6th	PTFA winter / Christmas Fair
Term Dates - Chaddleworth St. Andrew's & Shefford - C.E. Federated Primary Schools	

Parent and carer community news and information...

Chaddleshworth 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!

West Berks
Foodbank
Together with Trussell

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WEST BERKSHIRE
MUSEUM

Roman Family Fun Day

Saturday 4 October | 10am - 3pm | Drop-in | Free

Do you know who a centurion was? Find out from the historical re-enactors of Butser IX Legion. Dressed in historical costume, they will show you what life in Roman Britain was like, demonstrating skills that you can have a go at. There will be an opportunity to take part in Roman-inspired crafts as well as to complete a themed trail.

www.westberkshireheritage.org/whats-on

West Berkshire Museum, The Wharf, Newbury, Berkshire RG14 5AS
T: 01635 519562 E: museum@westberks.gov.uk



Book a [free taster session](#) using our online
calendar to find out how Code Ninjas Newbury
can support your child's education.



We look forward to seeing your child soon at
Code Ninjas Newbury.

Parents of 3 or 4 Year Old Children

Apply now for a
Reception Year
school place

For September 2026

Closing date for applications
15 January 2026



Contact details

Admissions Team, Council Offices, Market Street,
Newbury RG14 5LD
Office hours - 8.30am to 5.00pm Monday to Thursday,
8.30am to 4.30pm Friday
Call 01635 551111 Email: admissions@westberks.gov.uk

Applying for a secondary school place

For September 2026

Closing date for applications
31 October 2025



Contact details

Admissions Team, Council Offices, Market Street,
Newbury RG14 5LD
Office hours - 8.30am to 5.00pm Monday to Thursday,
8.30am to 4.30pm Friday
Call: 01635 551111 Email: admissions@westberks.gov.uk



Matthew Barber
Your voice in Thames Valley

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Design a Christmas Card

2 Nov

I'm excited to launch a local Christmas card competition for all primary-aged children in the Thames Valley! I warmly invite children from primary schools and voluntary groups such as Brownies and Cubs, from across Thames Valley to unleash their creativity and design a festive card on the theme of **Helping People At Christmas**.

The winning design will be printed and sent out to people across the Thames Valley and beyond. The winner's name and school will also be featured inside the card.

Please submit your creations on the entry form by noon on Friday 29th November. [Download an entry form here](#) matthewbarber.co.uk/christmascard

Matthew Barber
Your voice in Thames Valley

Christmas Card Competition
Design a card on the theme: **Helping People At Christmas**

Only use within the space shown. No photos, sketches or digital design photos.

First Name: _____ Surname: _____

School/Group: _____ Age: _____

Home address: _____

Orchard View, Church Street, West Hanney, OX12 0LW by 12 noon on Friday 29th November 2024.

Email address: _____

It is the responsibility of the winner and runner-up. This can be a submission email address if preferred.

Christmas Card Competition Rules

As your Police & Crime Commissioner I send lots of Christmas cards and I'd love my card to be designed by a child from our area.

I'm very excited to launch my 2024 Christmas Card Competition for primary school-aged children across Thames Valley.

The competition is open to all children up to the age of 11 and the winner's design will be featured on the front of the card.

Please create your entry on entry form enclosed (more copies can be downloaded and printed at www.matthewbarber.co.uk/christmascard) using pencils, pens, or paint, but please avoid glitter, stickers and digital designs.

1. All entries must be submitted no later than 12 noon on Friday 29th November 2024.
2. Please send hard copies by post to PCC Christmas Card Competition, Orchard View, Church Street, West Hanney, OX12 0LW, or good quality digital photographs or scans to matthew@matthewbarber.co.uk by Friday 29th November 2024.
3. Please ensure you include an email address in order to contact the winner and runners-up. This may be a school or organisation email address if you prefer.
4. The winner and runners-up will be notified no later than Monday 2nd December 2024.
5. The designs will also be published online and on social media, along with the name and school/organisation of the winner and runners-up.
6. All entries should fit with the theme of 'Helping People at Christmas'.
7. Originals sadly cannot be returned.
8. Entry is limited to one per child.
9. By submitting an entry to the competition, participants agree that their artwork can be used as the Christmas card for Matthew Barber, the Police & Crime Commissioner for Thames Valley, and that it can be reproduced in local media and local literature, online and on social media.
10. The winner will receive a professionally printed version of their artwork.

Design a Christmas Card – Matthew Barber - Your voice in Thames Valley

MINDFUL BRAIN PRESENTS...

Big feelings, Brave Minds
A family workshop on the Brain & Body!
Age: 7-12 & their grown-ups

Friday 31st October 2025 9.30 - 11.45am
Birch Copse Primary School
Limited Spaces - Reserve Yours!

£99 per pair (1 adult & 1 child)
£50 per additional child
Adult with a max of 3 children.
Children are not permitted without an adult.

For more information:
katie@mndbrn.co.uk

<https://www.mndbrn.co.uk/parentinfo>

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[Events | Mindful Brain](#)

Big feelings, Brave Minds
A family workshop on the Brain & Body!

Join us for a fun interactive family workshop designed to help children (and their grown-ups) understand how your brain and body react to tricky situations - and what you can do to stay calm, focused and confident.

What's in store?

- BRAIN SCIENCE MADE SIMPLE - meet your Amygdala (your brain's alarm system) and your Prefrontal Cortex (your brain's smart decision maker)
- CONNECTION GAMES - strengthen the brain's self-regulation skills through fun, interactive play
- CREATIVE CALM KIT - start building a personal toolkit of calming resources to use at home
- MINDFULNESS & BREATHWORK - learn simple powerful techniques to manage big feelings
- PARENT & CHILD BONDING - work together to build resilience, confidence & emotional regulation



The Downs School Compton and
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Autumn term Swimming lessons

- Fast pupil progression
- Very small groups
- Friendly and fun
- 30 yrs experience



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Visit our website: www.spotlightuk.org
Get in touch: 07804 880072 | scarlettsmiles@spotlightuk.org

October

Half Term 2025



Fairy Door Trail

Mon 27 - Fri 31 Oct | 10am - 4pm | £2 donation

Explore the grounds to find the fairy doors, there will also be magical craft and colouring available in the Activity Room.

*Included in the cost of Family Activity Day on Wednesday 29 October.

Movie in the Hall:

Monsters Inc.

Mon 27 Oct | 10.30am | Adult £5, Child £3

Sulley and Mike Wazowski are the top scare team, but when a little girl wanders into their world, it's the monsters who are scared silly! The café will be open serving cinema sweets and treats. Book online.

Hickory Dickory Dock

Puppet Theatre

Tues 28 Oct | 11am & 1pm | Adult £10, Child £7

Join us for a merry slapstick two person show, starring glove puppets, silly museum curators, dozy delivery drivers, a magnificent clock and that song you've all been waiting for! Book online.

Family Activity Day:

Monsters Rock!

Wed 29 Oct | 10am - 3pm | £2.50

Join us for a spookily good craft making a monster from a painting stone and acrylic paint pens. The Fairy Door Trail is included in the ticket price.

No need to book, just drop-in | Last entry 2.45pm

Shaw House

School of Enchantment

Fri 31 Oct | 6.20pm - 8.30pm | £8

Calling all young witches, wizards, and magical creatures. The doors to the Shaw House School of Enchantment will be opening once again!

Discover your school house, follow the Toadstool Trail through the grounds, create monstrous crafts in the Great Hall and visit our brand new Owlery to meet some fantastic feathered friends with Berkshire Birds of Prey.

Plus games, trick or treating and a spellbinding story time. Please wear your finest fancy dress and bring a torch.



www.westberkshireheritage.org/whats-on
Shaw House, Church Road, Newbury RG14 2DR | 01635 279 279




October Half Term

Museum Explorers

Tues 28 Oct | 10.30am - 12pm | Free

A relaxed morning for children with additional needs and their families to enjoy West Berkshire 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. Book Online.

Dragon Hunt!

Thurs 30 Oct | 5.15pm - 7pm | Free

Join us for a family-friendly dragon hunt through the dimly lit museum, please bring a torch.

Blaze, the Museum dragon, and his dragon friends have decided to play hide and seek. Count the newly hatched glow-in-the-dark dragons as well as Blaze's dragon friends and then find the greatest treasure of them all – a dragon's egg!

No need to book, just drop-in.
Last entry to the event 6.40pm.

Messy Museum Morning

Batty Bats!

Fri 31 Oct | 10am - 1pm | £2.50

Using a card cone, straw and other craft materials you'll make a pop-up puppet bat coming out of a bat cave! A complementary free trail will also be available.

No need to book, just drop-in.
Last entry to the activity 12.45pm.

Arts Award in a Morning

Thurs 30 Oct | 10am - 12.30pm | £6.50

Start your journey at West Berkshire Museum with a craft and museum trail before moving on to Newbury Library for a story-based session. Finish at the Corn Exchange with a drama session, and you will also have an opportunity to complete your 'Discover' level Arts Award there (Arts and Culture Passport) with an additional charge of £4.75.

For more information and to book, please contact the Corn Exchange, 01635 527733
www.cornexchangenew.com



www.westberkshireheritage.org/whats-on
West Berkshire Museum, The Wharf, Newbury RG14 5AS | 01635 519562





Waterside Centre

Half Term Climbing

29th and 31st of October

Juniors Aged 8-11:
11:30am-12:30pm

Youth Age 12+:
3:30pm-4:30pm

£10 per person!

Reduced rate available
via class pass voucher



Booking link

watersidecentre.co.uk | waterside@berkshireyouth.co.uk
Waterside Centre, Waldegrave Place,
Northbrook Street, Newbury, RG14 1DS




Waterside Centre

Half Term Junior Club

Age 8-11 years | 9:00am-4:00pm

Tuesday 28th - Friday 31st October



Booking link

Just £25 per day!

Breakfast
Session
8.30-9am
£2.50 extra

**Includes Lunch and FREE Climbing
Wednesday & Friday**

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