



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,



The weather has certainly turned autumnal this week and has inspired conversations of awe and wonder linked to the mist settling on cobwebs around the playground and the change in the colour of the leaves on some trees.



We were delighted to attend our first Berkshire Sport Network Foot Golf event this week. Well done to George, Seb, Grace, and Harry, who represented our school brilliantly, demonstrating excellent teamwork, coordination, and accuracy throughout the challenges.



Thank you to everyone who was able to join us for our Welcome Service at St Andrew's this week. It's always a special occasion when we gather in church together to share our words, songs and prayers. We hope the Robins children enjoy sharing stories from their Storyteller Bibles, which were gifted to them during the service. We heard from some of Owls Class about the things our children can look forward to during their time at school. Spencer shared, *"When you join our school you can look forward to learning new things every year. You can be part of our school community and make new friends."* Emily remembered, *"When you join our school you can look forward to trying out for being a house captain in Year 6, try new things and make new friends. You can also go on residential with your friends and learn our Christian Values"*. Freya explained, *"You can look forward to learning our Christian Values and being a part of our school community. When you go on a whole school trip you will have the best day ever. Christmas and Easter are particularly fun because Santa and the Easter Bunny deliver special treats for us."*



Tomorrow is 'World Mental Health Day', which takes place every year on 10th October. We had flashes of yellow worn today to show our support and understanding of the importance of good mental health and wellbeing. In our whole school worship today we considered what 'mental health' means to us...



Being aware of our feelings

Talking about our emotions and feelings

Thinking of ways we look after ourselves and others

Having calm, relaxation time

Wishing everyone a wonderful weekend,

Ms Munday Headteacher www.csfschools.org

House meetings...

Last week everyone had a busy Friday afternoon creating their personalised house poster for the year. The ideas were colourful and creative, with everyone working together. The eye-catching posters are now displayed in school for everyone to see!



This week's BIG question is:

How do stories help communities grow?



Watch an informative video [HERE](#)

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 'Community' ...

	In Robins...	Nancy, "We went on a really long welly walk - we went up the big hill, it was so much fun we could see everything." Daisy, "I really loved the welly walk too and I talked to my friends Caleigh and Nancy and we got to hold hands on the walk."
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	In Kingfishers...	Benjamin, "In Gymnastics we had to climb up the wall bars and I was so scared but I managed to do it, it felt great!"
		Cooper, "It was really good being up so high in Gymnastics, I haven't climbed up that high on the wall bars before."
		Rosie, "I enjoyed helping my friend paint their night sky like the Artist Vincent van Gough in Art this week."
		Everly, "I enjoyed working in a small group climbing the equipment in Gymnastics this week."
	In Owls...	Reuben explained, "Rule of Law: We have laws in a country and there are consequences if you break the law."
		Emily explained, "Tolerance: Being kind to people even if they are different to us."
	In Red Kites...	Harry, "I've learned how to find missing numbers in a bar model."
		Kasey, "I'm proud of my work in Maths this week because I kept trying."
	School adults...	Mrs Langford, "Just seeing all the effort and participation that went into the first House Meeting of the year. The older children really supported the EYFS and the whole afternoon had a community feel about it - it was a lovely experience for all".

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](#)

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

October 2026

Mon 12th - Fri 16th Parent teacher meetings

Fri, 16th PTFA fancy dress disco

Tues, 20th 9am Harvest worship in school
Families welcome to join us

Wed, 21st Last day of term 1

Thurs, 22nd School closed (INSET)

November 2026

Mon, 2nd Term 2 begins

Sat, 14th PTFA Winter Fayre

December 2026

Wed, 16th Christmas Church service,
9.30am St Mary's, Great Shefford

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 - Chaddlesworth St. Andrew's & Shefford - C.E. Federated Primary Schools

PTFA news & updates...

This year, the PTFA have partnered with My Child's Art to offer you the opportunity to purchase high-quality Christmas cards and other items printed with a unique festive design by your child. The design sheet will be sent home with your child this



week to be completed. Please follow the instructions on the sheet carefully (no glitter or glue!)

Designs can be returned ASAP and **no later than Monday 19th October.**

This will allow the company to scan all the designs ready for ordering in time for Christmas.

We can't wait to see all the fantastic designs!



* Eli, George & Rupert *

Parent and carer community news and information...

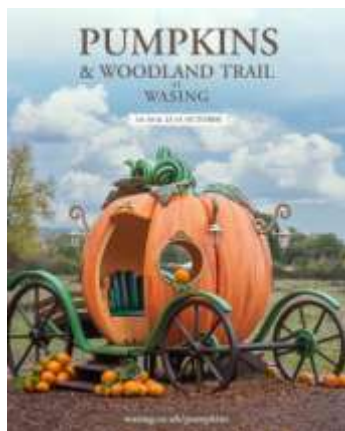


If your child was born between 1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023, you should apply for a place at an Infant or Primary school.

You can apply online at
<http://www.westberks.gov.uk/primary-school-admissions>
 between 12 September 2025 and 15 January 2026.



For more information on school admissions, including information on each school in West Berkshire, go to
www.westberks.gov.uk/secondary-school-admissions



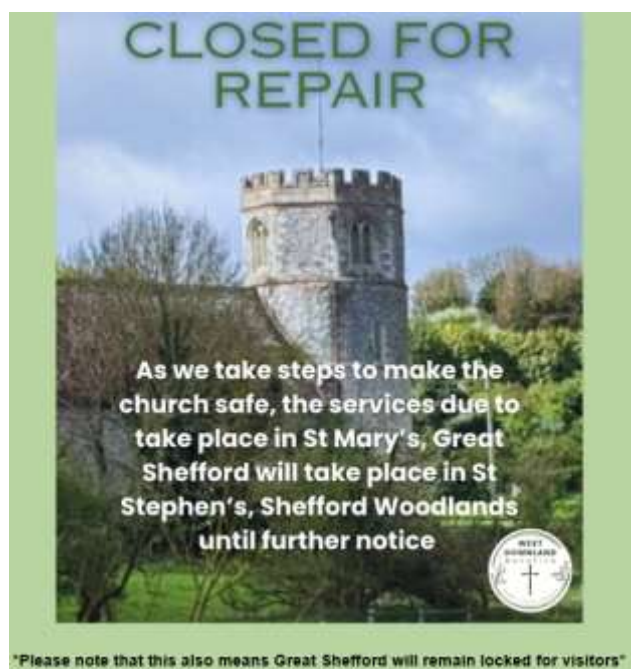
Wasing Estate's Annual 'Pick Your Own Pumpkins and Woodland Trail' Event 2026

On **16–31 October** (selected dates), **Wasing Estate** is hosting its annual '**Pick Your Own Pumpkins and Woodland Trail**' for families to commence their autumn celebrations, immersed in nature. Upon arrival, guests will be invited to wander down the Estate's enchanting woodland trail, where a **life-sized fairytale pumpkin carriage** awaits, alongside stunning autumnal views and plenty of **picture-perfect moments** for the whole family.

Nestled in the heart of **Berkshire**, guests will have the chance to spot woodland creatures, make a wish at the **wishing well**, light a candle for a loved one and explore the mysterious **Witch's Apothecary**, before heading to Wasing's rustic pumpkin patch – wheelbarrow in hand! – to pick their perfect pumpkin.

Once the pumpkin-picking is done, visitors can head to the **cosy stretch tent** to choose from a selection of **specialty pumpkins** and tuck into delicious seasonal treats, from Wasing organic beef pasties and sausage rolls to warming pumpkin soup, alongside crêpes, doughnuts and pizzas. Showcasing Wasing's **estate-to-plate ethos**, with organic beef reared on the Estate, it's the perfect way to round off an autumnal day out before heading home to carve their very own Wasing pumpkin.

For 2025 highlights & more info visit: <https://www.wasing.co.uk/pumpkins>



Hungerford & Area Family Hub Timetable September-December 2026



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	EXTRAS
Kintbury Stay and Play 9:15 - 10:45 Starts 7th Sept 26 Free drop in session Term Time only (Alternative venue may be available in holidays) Venue - Kintbury St Marys Primary School RG17 9NM Triple P Parenting Program 10-week program Starts 12th Oct 12.30 - 2.30 Venue - The Croft Hall, The Croft, RG17 0HY	Lambourn Stay & Play (Little Lambourn Lights) 10:00am - 11:30am A group run in collaboration with the Lambourn Primary School Cost £1 Term Time only (Alternative venue may be available in holidays) Venue - Lambourn CofE Primary School	Baby Group Hungerford 8:30am-11:00pm Free drop in session Baby Weighing available Breast feeding support Breakfast provided Venue - The Croft Hall, The Croft RG17 0HY Cruisers & Crawlers (Peep themed) 11.30 - 1.00pm Free drop-in session Venue - The Croft Hall, The Croft RG17 0HY Baby Massage 5-week course Starts 23rd Sept Time 2.00 - 3.30pm Venue - The Croft Hall, The Croft RG17 0HY	Stay & Play Hungerford 8:30am-11:00am Free drop in session Venue - The Croft Hall, The Croft RG17 0HY Growing Resilient Parents 5-week course Free course Starts 24th Sept Venue TBC	Events yet to be decided	EXTRAS Halloween themed Messy Play session within our Stay & Play session - 22nd October Post Natal - Weaning session within our Baby Group - 23rd September

Follow the QR code to explore West Berkshire Family Hubs and register today.



Follow the QR code to book online.



Hungerford Family Hub (Office based in Hungerford Nursery School), The Croft, Hungerford, RG17 0HY



Hungerford Apple & Rural Heritage Festival
Sunday 11th October
 10am to 3pm
 £1 entry
 Croft Field, Hungerford RG17 0HY

- lots of local stalls - meet the sheep - ferret racing -
- cook like a Viking - make a wheatsheaf loaf -
- bring your apples to press - street food - Morris Dancing -
- have a go at woodworking & spinning -

Pumpkin & Squash Competition

Grand Raffle
Prize draw at 2pm



Harvest appeal

Help support your food bank this Harvest

In the three weeks leading up to Harvest, the food bank will provide over 600 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.



Shopping list

Tinned veg
 Pasta Sauce
 UHT Milk
 Coffee
 Cereal
 Tinned tomatoes
 Sugar
 Sponge puddings
 Toilet roll
 Shower gel

westberks.foodbank.org.uk

Registered charity in England: 1120966



October Half Term

Museum Explorers

Tues 27 Oct | 10.30am - 12pm | FREE

Book online

A relaxed morning for children with additional needs and their families to enjoy West Berkshire Museum when there's 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.

Arts Award in a Morning

Thurs 29 Oct | 10am - 12.30pm | £7

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 £4.90.

For more information and to book, please contact the Corn Exchange: 01635 522733 www.cornexchangeuk.com

Creative Craft Morning: Breathe Out Fire, Not Snow!

Fri 30 Oct | 10am - 1pm | £2.50

We love dragons at the Museum and so it will come as no surprise that one of our favourite story books is *Drag by Julia Donaldson and illustrator Axel Scheffler*.

In this craft session, we'll be taking inspiration from this modern classic by making a fire or snow breathing dragon from a craft roll, colourful paper, tissue paper, pom poms and other craft materials.

No need to book, just drop-in. Last entry 12.45pm. Please dress for mess! Complimentary free trail available.

Dragon Hunt!

Fri 30 Oct | 5pm-7pm | FREE

Join us for a family-friendly dragon hunt through a dinky W museum, please bring a torch. Blaise, 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 Blaise'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 is 6.40pm.

For more information about all the October half term events at West Berkshire Museum, please see: www.westberkshireheritage.org/whats-on

West Berkshire Museum | The Wharf | Newbury | RG14 5AS

T: 01635 519562 E: museum@westberks.gov.uk

www.westberkshireheritage.org/whats-on



October Half Term



The Scarecrows' Wedding Trail

Mon 26 Oct - Fri 30 Oct |

10am - 4pm | Free

About Scarecrows Harry (HMy) and Betty O'Berry, from the popular children's story book *The Scarecrows' Wedding* find the items on their wedding essentials list. The items are scattered around the grounds at Shaw House. Without your help, Harry and Betty's wedding might not go ahead!



Billy Goats Gruff Puppet Theatre

Mon 26 Oct | Shows 11am & 1pm | Book online

Join us for a creative, two person show which delights young audiences with puppets, live music, storytelling and singing. This is the simple story of three hungry goats and a grumpy old troll, told with a gentle ecological message. Adults £12, Child £8 (under 2s free with a ticket holder).



Movie in the Hall: James and the Giant Peach

Tues 27 Oct | 10.30am | Book online

James is an orphan who is sent to live with his wicked aunts. One day a strange man tells him that a marvelous thing will happen and his life will start to change. James escapes in a giant peach and his amazing adventures with new friends begin. Adult £5, Child £3.



Family Activity Day

Wed 28 Oct | 10am - 2pm | Drop in

The Wedding That No One Will Ever Forget! The Scarecrows' Wedding is a fun family favourite and will be making one of the scarecrows in this fun craft, includes a free The Scarecrows' Wedding trail. Last entry is 15 minutes before the end.



A visit from the Pumpkin King and Halloween Ragdoll

Thurs 29 Oct | 11am, 1pm or 3pm | Book online

We invite you to join us for a spooky show! The Pumpkin King and Halloween Ragdoll will delight young audiences. Child £15, one accompanying adult free.



School of Enchantment

Sat 31 Oct | 6.20pm - 8.30pm | Book online

Discover your school house as you undertake a quest through the grounds. Create spooky crafts in the Great Hall and test your magic skills. Children £5, each child ticket includes one accompanying adult free.

www.westberkshireheritage.org/whats-on

Shaw House, Church Road, Newbury RG14 3DR | 01635 279 279



Group Triple P

The Triple P - Positive Parenting Program® knows all parents have different needs.

That's why Triple P has many different ways for you to get your parenting help. So you can choose what will suit you and your family best.

We are running a FREE 8-week course on Mondays from 12th October at 12-2 pm, at the Croft Hall, Hungerford.

Who is this for?

- parents of children birth-12

Triple P can help you

- encourage behaviour you like
- deal with problem behaviour
- become confident as a parent
- be realistic about parenting
- take care of yourself

Group Triple P is a great opportunity to meet other parents in similar situations - other parents who'll support you and share stories with you.

From the start, you'll be given tips and suggestions to suit the needs of your family. You'll see scenes from Every Parent's Survival Guide DVD, which will show you how the ideas work in real life.

If this is an area you would like support with then please book onto our course via email at Hungerfordfamily@westberks.gov.uk

The Croft Hall, Hungerford, RG17 0HY

YOUNG SINGERS WORKSHOP

@WBMC OPEN DAY

FREE - SIGN UP NOW!

Come and have a go in our YOUNG SINGERS workshop, open for all students in years 4-6! All abilities welcome. come and give it a go!

Saturday 17th October 10.40-11.20am

Kennet School, Thatcham RG19 4LL

WITH TEACHER
GEORGIA OLDMAN

What else is on at WBMC Open Day?

- Live Band & Orchestra Performances
- Have-a-Go on Musical Instruments
- Discover Drums, Brass & Woodwind
- Join the 'World Singing Day BIG SING!
- Early Years Music, Games & Concert
- Coffee, Cake & Chat



OPEN DAY: Saturday 17th October 2026

Entry between 10.00am - 3.00pm

West Berkshire Music Centre

Kennet School, Thatcham RG19 4LL

Questions? Email musiccentres@berkhamusictrust.org.uk for more info!



OCTOBER CAMP FUTURE FOOTBALL

BOYS & GIRLS AGES 5-13

Day pass £30
3 day week £82.50

10% Wholesaler price - Members: www.tfgcamps.org.uk (Wholesaler 16/10/2026)

Dates: TUE 27 - THURS 29 OCT 2026

Times: 8.30AM TO 4PM

Activities:

- ✓ 3G Pitch
- ✓ Qualified Coaches
- ✓ Established 16 years

Alfredian Park, Wantage
Alfredian Park, Manor Road,
Wantage, Oxfordshire, OX12 8DW

Book online
www.tfgcamps.com

More Information: www.tfgcamps.com | info@tfgcamps.com



SPOTLIGHT UK Creating positive memories

Free funded spaces for children adults £6.50

High Score Arcade Andover

Sunday 18th October

1pm-2pm
2pm-3pm
3pm-4pm

Under 7s must be accompanied by paying adult

Bookings must be in advance please email
activities@spotlightuk.org
www.spotlightuk.org Reg Charity 1129258



OCTOBER HALF TERM ACTIVITIES

OLD LIBRARY NEWBURY

CLICK TO VISIT THE WEBSITE

Create and Make
Mon 26 - Thu 29 Oct,
8.30 - 5.30pm or 10am - 4pm

Join us this half term for some Autumn Adventures and Halloween fun! There will be Arts and crafts, drama and more for your little one to do. Led by professional practitioners they will explore their creativity, develop new skills and make new friends.

11 - 14 Club!
Tue 27 - Thu 29 Oct, 10am - 4pm

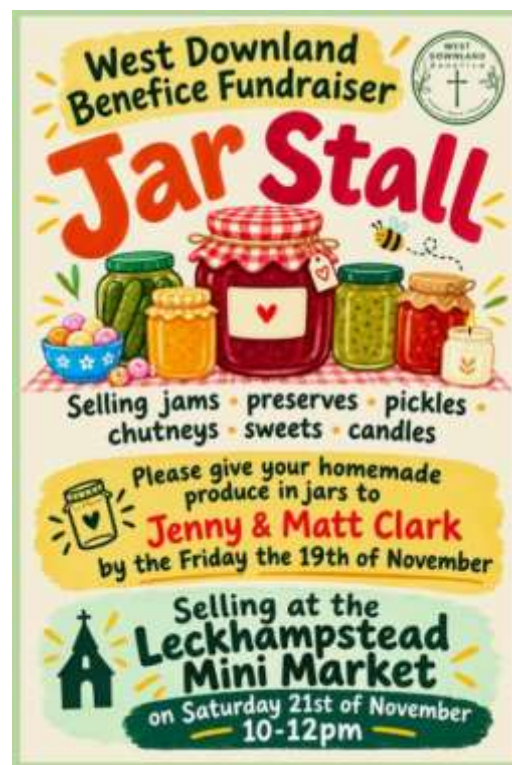
Take part in this fun and ambitious willow lantern making session where you will work together as a group to create a giant lantern! Join us for one day or all three.

Arts Award in a Morning
Thu 29 Oct, 10am - 12.30pm

Complete your Discover Arts Award with us. Take part in creative activities at the Corn Exchange, Newbury Library and West Berkshire Museum.

Halloween Storytime and Craft
Fri 30 Oct, 10am - 11.30pm

Join actor, voice artist and award winning audiobook narrator Fran Burgoyne for a spook-tacular session. Come dressed in your favourite costume, enjoy a Halloween story and make a fang-tastic craft to take home.



West Downland Benefice Fundraiser Jar Stall

Selling jams • preserves • pickles • chutneys • sweets • candles

Please give your homemade produce in jars to
Jenny & Matt Clark
by the Friday the 19th of November

Selling at the
Leckhampstead Mini Market
on Saturday 21st of November
10-12pm