



Community, Compassion, Courage, Trust, Perseverance, Thankfulness

Chaddlesworth and Shefford Federated CE Primary Schools

'Living life in all its fullness' John 10:10

Dear Parents and Carers,



It's been a busy sports week for everyone!

All classes enjoyed their last gym lesson with Mr Mandry for this term, with much excitement at being able to use the wall bars and ropes in the hall!



A big well done to William, Archie, Lola, Spencer, Ivy, Shaun, Freya and Charlie from Owls class, who took part in the hockey festival at Henwick Astro Sportsground on Tuesday afternoon. They joined children from other schools for a circuit of activities and developed their hockey skills by practising how to control the ball, dribble with a hockey stick and pass to teammates. It was lovely to see them take part in each activity enthusiastically, work together as a team and encourage one another. Most importantly, everyone had lots of fun! *Mrs Mirza*



On Thursday afternoon six very excited Kingfishers: Margo, Otto, Nancy L, William H, Georgia and Teddy took part in a multi skills festival. There were 8 different stations including cup stacking, archery, and floor curling. The children all showed great teamwork and were fantastic school ambassadors. *Mrs Oberholzer*



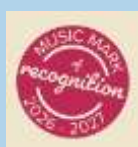
Today the rain cleared and sun appeared for the Newbury RFC Touch Rugby festival. Our Red Kites group of Jax, Quinn, Elizabeth L, Ava-Rayne, Henry, Evey, Ava, Rosie and Seb showcased outstanding sportsmanship by working together as a team, treating their opponents with absolute respect, and keeping a joyful spirit of fun at the heart of every match. We were particularly impressed by their communication throughout to call for the ball, and their ability to keep persevering, pushing for every single well-deserved try! It was an absolute pleasure taking them to this event and wonderful to hear them all say how much they enjoy rugby. *Mrs Brown*

Thank you to everyone who has been able to bring in generous donations for our Harvest appeal. Further donations for the harvest appeal shopping list are welcomed. We are looking forward to celebrating Harvest during our in-school service with Reverend Matt on Tuesday morning (20th October, 9am start). Families and our school community are invited to join us. After our service West Berks food bank will be coming into school to collect the donations and then distribute them to those in need in our community.



Wishing everyone a wonderful weekend,

Ms Munday Headteacher www.csfschools.org



Music Mark award...

We were delighted to receive a message last week notifying us that we had received a Music Mark Award for 'Recognition for Dedication and Improvement in Music Education'. What a fantastic achievement for our school! We recognise the importance of music education, as it supports children's academic, social, emotional and creative development, while also helping them develop a lifelong appreciation of music.

Every week, Robins and Kingfishers look forward to their Pantomimus sessions, full of music, dance and drama. Owls and Red Kites have made super progress in learning to play the recorder this term, with some well-known tunes now being practised. We welcome our peripatetic music teachers into school for private and group lessons in drumming, brass and piano. Our Christmas and end-of-year performances always involve plenty of musical enjoyment and creativity. At the end of each school week we gather as a whole school for our Sing and Celebrate worship, where we regularly share new and old favourite hymns and songs together.



This week's BIG question is:

Do we all need AI wherever we go?

What's happening
in the news this week?



Let's have a look at this week's poster!

12th - 18th October 2026

Meta has created the Muse Charm, a small device that can fit in a pocket or hang from a keyring. The Charm uses Muse, Meta's artificial intelligence (AI), so people can talk to it, ask it questions, and show it what is happening around them. It is designed for adults over the age of 18, and Meta aims to have the new device ready to buy by December.

Solomon had become king after his father, David. One night, God appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, "Ask for whatever you want me to give you". Solomon could have asked for riches, a long life, or victory over his enemies. Instead, he asked for wisdom, so that he could understand what was right and wrong and make good decisions for his people. God was pleased with Solomon's choice. He gave him great wisdom and understanding.



So give me the wisdom I need to rule your people with justice and to know the difference between good and evil. Otherwise, how would I ever be able to rule this great people of yours?

Kings 3:9



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...	Eli, "On our welly walk we were learning to look left and right before crossing the road - we had to really concentrate."
	In Kingfishers...	Albi, "I really enjoyed crawling through the tunnel in gymnastics." Benjamin, "In Forest School, we used a drill to drill a hole in a conker and made a necklace." Ellie, "I enjoyed finishing my Starry Night painting in Art with my friends." Olivia, "I enjoyed our Gymnastics lesson on the equipment with Mr Mandry and Miss Lally."
	In	Hunter, "I have used British Values by being kind and respectful to my teachers and friends."

	Owls...	Archie, "I have used British Values by helping my friends when they were sad."
		Charlie, "I showed British Values by being helpful when I helped Mrs Mirza put away all the chairs in the hall after parents' evening."
	In Red Kites...	Grace, "I have enjoyed learning about the end of world war II. It was fun to work together to write a radio broadcast script about it."
		Amelia, "I enjoyed working as a team in football this week."
	School adults...	Mrs Oberholzer, "I have loved spending a morning in Robins this week, hearing about their learning and seeing it all in action, as well as seeing all their smiley faces."
		Miss Carter, "Myself and Arthur have been living life in all its fullness in Maths this week, we have been learning about composition of numbers. We have had a lot of fun!"

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**

Tues, 20 th	9am Harvest worship in school Families and school community welcome to join us.
Wed, 21 st	Red Kites WWII 'Evacuation Day' Last day of term 1
Thurs, 22 nd	School closed (INSET)

November 2026

Mon, 2 nd	Term 2 begins
Sat, 14 th	PTFA Winter Fayre

December 2026

Wed, 16 th	Christmas Church service, 9.30am St Mary's, Great Shefford
Thurs, 17 th	Whole school pantomime trip
Fri, 18 th	Last day of term 2

January 2027

Mon, 4 th	School closed (INSET)
Tues, 5 th	Term 3 begins

February 2027

Wed, 3 rd	Candlemas Church service, 9.30am St Mary's, Great Shefford
Fri, 12 th	Last day of term 3
Mon, 22 nd	Term 4 begins

March 2027

Wed, 24 th	Easter Church service: 9.30am St Mary's, Great Shefford
Thurs, 25 th	Last day of term 4

April 2027

Mon, 12 th	Term 5 begins
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May 2027

Mon, 3 rd	May Bank holiday
Fri, 28 th	Last day of term 5

June 2027

Mon, 7 th	Term 6 begins
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July 2027

Wed, 21 st	Leavers Church service, 1.30pm St Mary's, Great Shefford
	Last day of term 6
Thurs, 22 nd	School closed (INSET)

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

PTFA news & updates...

Thank you for all the donations for our Bags to school collection. We'll update you with the total weight and fundraising amount when it is confirmed with us.



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 was sent home with your child last 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!



What a fun-filled fancy dress disco everyone enjoyed this evening! There were some amazing costumes on show.

Thank you to the PTFA and helpers who planned, organised and supported this event for our children.

Parent and carer community news and information...

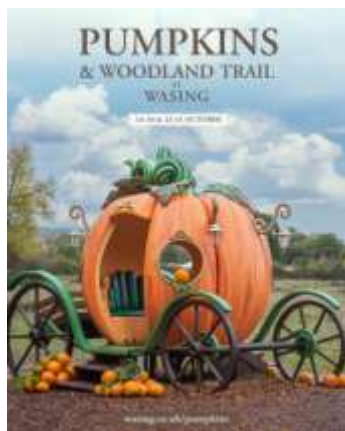


If your child was born between 1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023, you should apply for a place at an Infant or Primary school.

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



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>



CLOSED FOR REPAIR

As we take steps to make the church safe, the services due to take place in St Mary's, Great Shefford will take place in St Stephen's, Shefford Woodlands until further notice

Please note that this also means Great Shefford will remain locked for visitors



THE GREAT CHADDLEWORTH SCARECROW HUNT
FROM 24TH - 31ST OCT

HELP US TRANSFORM CHADDLEWORTH INTO A VILLAGE FULL OF SPOOKY, SILLY & SPECTACULAR SCARECROWS!

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PRIZES AVAILABLE FOR MOST POPULAR SCARECROWS

	1ST	2ND	3RD
	£200	£100	£50

EMAIL ENTERTAINMENT@CHADDLEWORTH.NET TO REGISTER YOUR SCARECROW ON THE MAP

REGISTER YOUR SCARECROW BY MONDAY 19TH OCTOBER. DISPLAYED BY 24TH OCTOBER!



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WITH LIVE BRASS BAND

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1:30PM & 4PM

The Beacon, Wantage
wantageband.org/events



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AGES 4-12

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VENUES
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TESTBOURNE COMMUNITY SCHOOL (10:00-11:30)
THE HURST LEISURE CENTRE (10:00-11:30)

DATES
26TH - 30TH OCTOBER (ALL VENUES)
SEE WEBSITE FOR TIMES AND DETAILS

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EARLY BIRD OFFER
Use code EARLYBIRD to receive £5 OFF (must be 10+ bookings)

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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 (Pump 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



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 gallery will be open, and there is an opportunity to take part in a craft.

Arts Award in a Morning

Thurs 28 Oct | 10am - 12.30pm | £7
Sort 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 theme (Arts and Culture Passport) with an additional charge of £4.00.

For more information and to book, please contact the Corn Exchange: 01635 527733
www.cornexchange.newbury.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 incal. Complimentary free trail available.

Dragon Hunt!

Fri 30 Oct | 4pm-7pm | FREE
Join us for a family-friendly dragon hunt through a dinky hi 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 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

Mon 26 Oct - Fri 30 Oct |

10am - 4pm | Free

Based on the story by Mary O'Hare and Betty O'Hare, 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 night may go awry!



Family Activity Day

Wed 28 Oct | 10am - 2pm |

Drop in

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



Billy Goats Gruff Puppet Theatre

Mon 26 Oct | Shows 11am &

1pm | Book online

Join us for a creative, fun puppet 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 5s free with a ticket holder).



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 £10, one accompanying adult free.



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 stranger man tells him that a marvellous frog will happen and his life will start to change. James escapes in a giant peach and his adventures with new friends begin. A5, Child £2.



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 learn your magic spells. Children £5, each child ticket includes one accompanying adult free.

www.westberkshireheritage.org/whats-on

Shaw House, Church Road, Newbury RG4 4DR | 01635 475 475



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

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OPEN DAY: Saturday 17th October 2026

Entry between 10.00am - 3.00pm

West Berkshire Music Centre
Kennet School, Thatcham RG19 4LL

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



OCTOBER

HALF TERM ACTIVITIES



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NEWBURY

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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.

Café Church is at
St . Stephen's,
Shefford Woodlands.

RQ17 7AJ

10.15am Sunday 18th October



Come and join the Café Church
team at our all-age service
with our story,
'A Time to Build',
popular songs and delicious
refreshments.



Everyone
is welcome.



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

Please give your homemade
produce in jars to
Jenny & Matt Clark
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Selling at the
**Leckhampstead
Mini Market**
on Saturday 21st of November
10-12pm