



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,



What a wonderful opportunity we had this week to live out our Christian value of Community. The Robins team created an autumnal harvest display to help set the scene for our Harvest Service, complete with pumpkin

painting and themed books to share.

Thank you to Reverend Matt for leading our Harvest Service in school this week. Children from every class also had the opportunity to contribute. Robin children brought donated food items to the Harvest table, Kingfishers shared their thoughtful harvest prayers, Owls presented a poem of harvest thanks, and Red Kites shared the Bible reading of the Parable of the Sower.

We have been able to share generous donations from our school community with the West Berkshire Food Bank, who will distribute the foods to those in need within our local community. Thank you to everyone for their kindness and consideration of others.

Wishing everyone a restful and relaxing half-term break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Monday 2nd November.

Ms Munday Headteacher www.csfschools.org



WWII experience day...

On the last day of this term, Red Kites took part in an Evacuation Day experience. Everyone's 1940s outfits looked amazing, and we were lucky to welcome visitors from the RAF Welford Historical Society, who brought with them an air raid siren for us to hear and a Jeep made in 1942, which we were allowed to sit in!

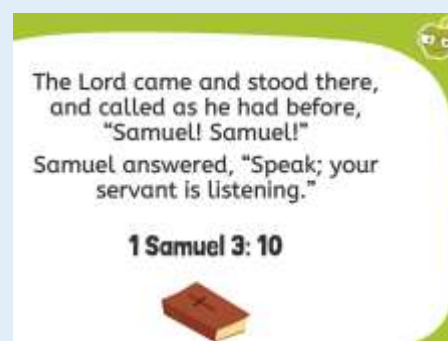
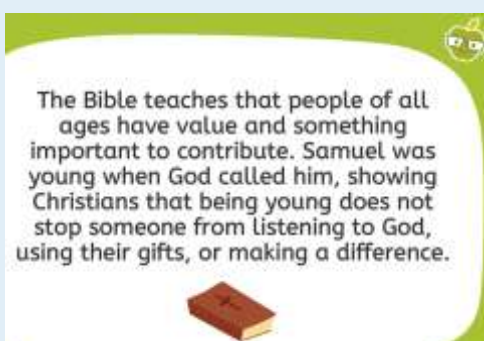


We looked at a real gas mask and got to try on a US soldier's helmet. We also took part in some 1940s-style lessons and got a "taste" of rationing!

A big thank you to Mick and Les for bringing this experience to life for us.

This week's BIG question is:

Should age decide what we are allowed to do?



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...	Arthur, "I liked it when I had to put the pasta on the Harvest table in the Harvest Worship."
		Caleigh, "I enjoyed being the helper today. I had to get the register from the office and be responsible and I liked putting some food on the Harvest table - it made me feel happy."
	In Kingfishers...	Miriam, "I had so much fun in the school disco with my friends. I was dressed as Hermione."
		Jesse, "I came to the school disco dressed in my new firefighter costume. I had fun."
	In Owls...	Freya, "I have lived life in all its fullness by following our behaviour for learning and showing kindness towards my friends."
		Leo, "I have learnt about the five British Values which are : democracy, rule of law, tolerance and mutual respect and liberty. I think everyone should have the same amount of respect as everybody else."
	In Red Kites...	Grace, " I enjoyed all of our WWII day, particularly eating spam!"
		Tuppence, "The WWII day was fun because I was able to try food that was eaten during World War 2."

	School adults...	Mrs Higgins, "This week really demonstrated what a lovely village community we have. Whilst out on our welly walk, Caleigh's grandparents had made myself and Mrs Langford a cup of tea - it was ready and waiting for us when we walked past - much appreciated and certainly put a smile on our faces (and warmed us up)."
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Diary dates... (New dates are added in green)**October 2026**

Wed, 21st	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, 16th	Christmas Church service, 9.30am, St Mary's, Great Shefford
Thurs, 17th	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, 3rd	Candlemas Church service, 9.30am, St Mary's, Great Shefford
Fri, 12 th	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, 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, 21st	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](#)

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](#)



* William W, Louie,
Tuppence & Teddy *

Parent and carer community news and information...

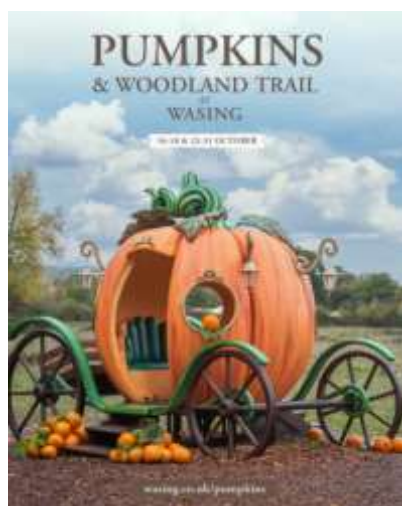


If your child was born between 1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023, you should apply for a place at an Infant or Primary school.

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
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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 metal. 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
trail

Mon 26 Oct - Fri 30 Oct |

10am - 4pm | Free

Based on the story by Mary O'Hara and Betty O'Hara, 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
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. Adults £15, 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



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Saturday 17th October 10:40-11:20am
Kennet School, Thatcham RG19 4LL

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GEORGIA OLDMAN

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- Live Band & Orchestra Performances
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- Early Years Music, Games & Concert
- Coffee, Cake & Chat

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OCTOBER HALF TERM ACTIVITIES

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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 Burgeyne for a spook-tacular session. Come dressed in your favourite costume, enjoy a Halloween story and make a fang-tastic craft to take home.