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,



It's been another busy week, with the weather taking a turn towards winter! Please continue to ensure your child/children have their coats with them every day so that they can wrap up warm and enjoy outdoor playtimes.

Our Remembrance Service in school this week was a very special and reflective moment for everyone. Thank you to Seb for his preparation and delivery of 'The Last Post' on the cornet. Such a moving piece of music, played beautifully.

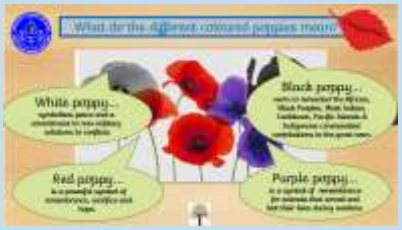
We look forward to welcoming our families and community to the PTFA Winter Fayre tomorrow, at the Shefford School site, between 11am and 2pm.

Wishing everyone a wonderful weekend,

Ms. Munday Headteacher www.csfschools.org



Remembrance...



This week we have thought about November, the month of Remembrance, about the poppies that people are wearing and are on display, and the links we can make to our current Christian Value of Compassion.



"On Wednesday, the 11th day of the 11th month at 11am we came together as a school community to remember those who have lost their lives in war and to reflect on the importance of peace. There was a lovely sense of calm in the hall, and we were so proud of the children's thoughtful responses, excellent behaviour and respect throughout. Seb played 'The Last Post' so beautifully on his cornet that it gave us goosebumps, and you could have heard a pin drop during the two-minute silence.



Thank you to Reverend Matt for leading us in prayer, and to Mrs. Chrimes and Mrs. Langford for setting up the hall so thoughtfully. A special mention goes to our Year 5 and 6 children for their exceptional poppy artwork. Their striking use of colour and detail created a beautiful backdrop for our time of remembrance." Mrs. Mirza

Pennies for Pudsey…

Thank you to everyone who was able to bring in donations today to build the class Pudsey pictures.

Our fundraising total for Children in Need has been counted up as £46.90.

BBC Children in Need have shared that a valuable £46 donation can offer opportunites such as one to one play therapy, emergency baby essentials, teenage wellbeing workshops, youth metoring or youth worker support.

School worship…

As a Church of England school, we come together to engage in Collective Worship every day.

Our worship times provide opportunities for us to flourish spiritually as individuals through our whole-school, phase-team and class worship sessions throughout each school week.

The intent of our Collective Worship is to provide opportunities for children to:

- Experience worship for themselves and reflect on their own thoughts.
- Consider moral and spiritual issues of a Christian character.
- Explore and share beliefs, appreciating and respecting the importance of religious beliefs to those who hold them.
- Participate and respond in various ways, including active listening, participation, singing, music-making and drama.
- Experience Christian festivals and explore Christian values and their relevance to everyday life.
- Hear and respond to selected stories from the Bible and other sources.
- Listen and respond to those from other denominations or faith backgrounds.
- Have a time of quiet reflection, peace and prayer.
- Explore feelings of wonder, awe, mystery and joy, fostering spiritual development.
- Think of the needs of others and develop a sense of community.
- Worship at St Mary's Church, Great Shefford, and St Andrew's Church, Chaddleworth.

Please see our Collective Worship Policy on the school website here:

Collective Worship - Chaddleworth St. Andrew's & Shefford - C.E. Federated Primary Schools

Our weekly worship timetable is:



Monday – Whole school worship with Ms. Munday where picture books, Bible stories, world events and current affairs are shared and discussed to link with our school Christian Values of Community, Compassion, Courage, Trust, Perseverance and Thankfulness.

Tuesday or **Thursday** –Robins and Kingfishers, or Owls and Red Kites, team worship sharing Picture News current news and information of interest with a BIG question to ponder on. The Picture News focus is shared weekly in our school newsletter with the school community too.

Wednesday – Whole school worship with Reverands Matt and Mike, our local clergy, who share key points of the liturgical year and Bible stories linked to our current school Christian value. Everyone is invited to join in prayer and song.

Thursday or **Tuesday** – Class Collective Worship with reflective time to consider the current Christian Value and share examples of the school vision of, 'living life in all its fullness'. Examples shared by children and staff of living our school vision are shared in the weekly school newsletter with our school community.



Friday - Whole school Sing & Celebrate worship with Mrs. Mirza reflecting on the week's achievements (in school and out of school) for children and staff, sharing and celebrating evidence of Christian values in action, with the opportunity to join together in song and prayer.

This week's BIG question is:

What does war leave behind?





Remembrance helps us learn from the past, honour those affected by war and understand the importance of working towards a better future.

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 'Compassion'...



	In Robins...	Eli, "Last week we were learning about Guy Fawkes and I went to see some real fireworks and I remembered the story we learnt in school."
	In Kingfishers...	Albi, "In swimming this week, I had to jump off the side and swim all the way across, it was quite far."
		Benjamin, "I travelled to the North of England last week to watch my Nanny get married. It was a really special day and it took 6hrs and 20 minutes to get there."
		Kaleb, "Enna and I tidied up everyone's wellies at the end of lunch time."

		Margo, "I have shown compassion by raising money for Children In Need by swimming 26 laps. I have done 9 and need to do 17 more!"
	In Owls...	Leah, "I have shown compassion towards my mum by making her a drink."
		Aster, "I have been showing compassion by helping Mrs. Mirza with the classroom chores."
	In Red Kites...	Quinn, "It was effective working as a team to complete long division."
		Seb, "I enjoyed working hard to understand and draw the plant life cycle."
	School adults...	Mrs Mirza, "Our remembrance worship this week was an important reminder to show compassion and kindness towards those affected by war and to pray for world peace."
		Miss Carter, "During the Remembrance service in the hall this week, the whole school came together to share the 2 minutes silence, demonstrating both their compassion and respect. It was very special."

PTFA news and updates...



We look forward to seeing lots of our families and local community at the PTFA Winter Fayre this Saturday between 11am and 2pm.



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

November 2026	
Sat, 14th	PTFA Winter Fayre, 11am- 2pm, Shefford School
December 2026	
Tues, 15th	Afternoon Christmas performance, 2pm
Wed, 16th	Christmas Church service, 9.30am, St Mary's, Great Shefford
	Evening Christmas performance, 6pm
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 - 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



*Alexi, Hollie H, Chase & Amelia *

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.



Café Church is at
St . Stephen's,
Shefford Woodlands.
RG17 7AJ
10.15am Sunday 15th November



Come and join the Café Church team at our all-age service with our story, 'The Parable of the Talents', popular songs and delicious refreshments.



Everyone is welcome.











[Steam Into Christmas at Didcot Railway Centre](#).

Santa needs your help! His reindeer have wandered off around Didcot Railway Centre, and he needs little explorers and their grown-ups to help find them. Follow a festive trail, discover the missing



reindeer, and collect Christmas stocking fillers along the way.

Then meet Santa in his grotto and receive a special gift. Families can also enjoy unlimited steam train rides, explore historic locomotives, and soak up the sights and sounds of a railway at Christmas.

Dates: Weekends in December and selected days before Christmas. Advance booking recommended. Tickets from £20.



Book your ticket today:
https://bit.ly/4yY1lL6


Hungerford & Area Family Hub Timetable
September-December 2026
BEST START IN LIFE
West Berkshire FAMILY HUBS
MONDAY
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 9XN
Triple P Parenting Program
10-week program
Starts 12th Oct
12.30 - 2.30
Venue - The Croft Hall, The Croft
RG17 0HY
TUESDAY
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
WEDNESDAY
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
THURSDAY
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
FRIDAY
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
West Berkshire Council