

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,

Our week began with Odd Sock Day to kick start our thinking about Anti-bullying week. During worship we shared the odd socks on display and that this gives us a visual, memorable way to start conversations about individuality, respect and community. EYFS and KS1 shared, *"that wearing odd socks made absolutely no difference to how we felt, how we behaved, who we are, how our friends behaved towards us - in fact nothing changed - therefore being different makes no difference at all!"* Mrs Higgins.



We closed the week with a celebration of children's individual and group achievements, just showing how unique and different we all are!

Wishing everyone a wonderful weekend,

Ms Munday Headteacher www.csfschools.org

Remembrance...



This week we all took time to develop our understanding of what Remembrance is during the month of November and why we see poppies of different colours being worn and displayed.



Remembrance: What is it and what happens?

Did you know that there are 4 different colours of poppies people choose to wear and display?

Red poppy... is a powerful symbol of remembrance, sacrifice and hope.

White poppy... symbolises peace and a commitment to non-military solutions to conflicts

Purple poppy... is a symbol of remembrance for animals that served and lost their lives during wartime.

Black poppy... worn to remember the African, Black Peoples, West Indian, Caribbean, Pacific Islands & Indigenous communities' contributions in the great wars.

The whole school came together on the 11th of November at 11am to show their respect in a two minute silence, preceded by The Last Post, played by Seb on the cornet.



Children in Need- Pennies for Pudsey...

Today we were able to put our Christian values of 'Community' and 'Compassion' into action as we gathered our donations of 'Pennies for Pudsey' to raise money for disadvantaged children helped by Children in Need.



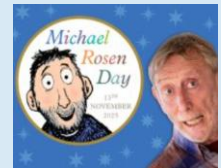
Thank you for your support and generous donations for this charity, we have raised a super £110.32 to share with the charity! Thank you to everyone for your generosity for this deserving cause.

Baptism at St Mary's Church...

"On Wednesday, Red Kites had the opportunity to participate in a mock baptism with Rev Mike and Matt at St Mary's Church. Everyone took their roles very seriously and we acted out exactly how a baptism is conducted in the Church of England - complete with a baby doll in a Christening dress! It was a really lovely experience and helped us to understand the importance of baptism for Christians. Many thanks to Revs Mike and Matt for facilitating this for us!" Mrs Chrimes

**Michael Rosen Day...**

Thursday 13 November 2025 was an opportunity for Owls and Red Kites to celebrate Michael Rosen Day. Where reading, listening to, and writing poetry fun was the aim of the day! This year's theme was 'Funny Food'.



"Owls Class had an amazing time celebrating Michael Rosen Day this week. We began by joining the LIVE Michael Rosen Poetry Party, which the children absolutely loved. They were in stitches of laughter watching Michael Rosen perform his poems with his usual energy, humour and brilliant facial expressions. It was a real treat to see a poet bring words to life right in front of us. Inspired by the event, we spent the rest of the morning exploring how Michael Rosen uses rhythm, repetition and sound effects. The children then created their own class version of We're Going on a Bear Hunt, transforming it into We're Going on a Food Hunt. It was a joyful celebration of creativity, storytelling and poetry and Owls Class definitely did Michael Rosen proud." Mrs Mirza

Class worship...

How have we all been..." Living life in all its fullness" (John 10:10) this week?

	In Robins...	Miriam, "Doing jelly and van in phonics".
		Lowena, "I have enjoyed playing with my friends."
	In Kingfishers...	Stanley, "Enjoyed galloping on his horse."
		Margo, "Going to my cousins birthday party at Clip and Climb, I nearly got to the top!"

		Charlie, "I was so proud when I got a compassionate leaf for helping adults at lunchtime and put out the cups at lunchtime."
		Aurora, "I felt really proud when I got a compassionate leaf for helping a friend when they felt sad"
		Teddy, "I enjoyed arts and crafts club this week, it was fun decorating a leaf."
	In Owls...	Seb, "I played 'The Last Post' on my cornet on Remembrance Day."
		Evey, "I have been helping my mum with chores at home."
	In Red Kites...	Ava-Rayne, "I enjoyed drawing counters to find out if a number was a square number or not; it really helped me."
		Sullivan, "I really liked Michael Rosen and listening to his poems."
		Rosie, "It was great to be part of the baptism. Rev. Mike even had a bubble machine, which was amazing."
Our school adults...		Mrs Chrimes, "I was really pleased with the team work in PE on Monday; everyone encouraged each other and celebrated individual's wins."
		Miss Carter, "I have lived life in all its fullness by doing some arts and crafts with children."

Picture News and the BIG question this week...



The BIG question...

What would you tell world leaders if you were at COP30?

The 2025 United Nations Climate Change Conference, known as COP30, will be held in Belém, Brazil, from 10th to 21st November. At the meeting, country leaders and experts will discuss how to protect the planet by reducing pollution, saving forests and working together. After the meeting, countries will need to share how they will keep the climate promises they made, and stay on target to meet their goals.

The Bible tells us that humans are responsible for looking after the world for God. While we can make use of the land and nature, it is important we do not overwork it and take more than we need. The world needs time to recover so it can be used by future generations.

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...

Please continue to gather donations for the 'Little Recyclers' collection day on Tuesday 18th November...



Bags can be dropped off into the bike shelter to the front of the school in preparation for collection.



The PTFA are preparing for the Christmas Fair and are requesting quality cuddly toys in a cuddly toy amnesty. Please send any donations to the school office - by Friday 28th November.

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

November 2025	
Tues, 18th	PTFA 'The Little Recyclers' collection day
Fri, 28th	PTFA non-uniform day - bottle tombola donations request
December 2025	
Tues, 2nd	Red Kites trip to Oxford National History Museum
Wed, 3rd	Kingfishers group 1 trip to Wantage museum
Thurs, 4th	Kingfishers group 2 trip to Wantage museum
Sat, 6th	PTFA Christmas Fair, 11am - 2pm
Tues, 9th	Nativity and Carols dress rehearsal day 1.15pm
Wed, 10th	Nativity and Carols afternoon performance 1.30pm
Thurs, 11th	Nativity and Carols evening performance 6pm
Wed, 17th	Christmas Church service, 9.30am, St Mary's Church, Great Sheffield, all welcome School dinner Christmas lunch day
Thurs, 18th	Whole school pantomime trip to the Corn Exchange, Newbury
Term Dates - Chaddleshworth St. Andrew's & Sheffield - C.E. Federated Primary Schools	



Parent and carer community news and information...

Café Church

A relaxed all-age service.

10.15am Sunday 16th November
at St. Mary's Church,
Great Sheffield.



Join the Café Church
team and Rev. Matt
for breakfast, crafts,
Songs and the story
of The Big Party!

Come and join us!



West Downland Benefice
Churches in the benefice include: St. Mary's Great Sheffield, St. Andrew's Chaddleshworth, St. Peter's Great Sheffield, St. James' Leckhamptead, St. John's Leckhamptead, St. Michael's Leckhamptead, St. Nicholas' Leckhamptead, St. Paul's Leckhamptead, St. Thomas' Leckhamptead, St. Vincent's Leckhamptead, St. James' Leckhamptead, St. John's Leckhamptead, St. Michael's Leckhamptead, St. Nicholas' Leckhamptead, St. Paul's Leckhamptead, St. Thomas' Leckhamptead, St. Vincent's Leckhamptead.



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ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SERVICES IN THE WEST DOWNLAND BENEFICE

30 Nov 07 Dec 12 Dec 14 Dec 14 Dec 16 Dec 18 Dec 19 Dec 20 Dec	Advent Sunday Carols 10.30am - St James, Leckhamptead A festival of Advent music and readings followed by refreshments. Carols Round The Tree 4pm - Leckhamptead Green Join us as we light the Christmas Tree and sing carols before drinks in the village hall. Carol Service 7pm - St Stephen's, Sheffield Woodlands A familiar service of readings and carols with festive refreshments and good cheer. Community Chanticle 10.30am - All Saints, Brightwood You will remember this one! A great way to share the meaning of Christmas. Contemporary Carols 7pm - St Mary's, Fawley Readings and Carols with a live band, this is an experience not to be missed. Carol Singing in The Five Bells 7.30pm - The Five Bells, Wickham We'll bring the carol sheets, you bring the voices and we'll raise the roof. Carols Through The Avenue 6.30pm - St Mary's, Great Sheffield Join us through the beautiful avenue of trees into church for carols & festive drinks. Phoenix Brass @ the Pop Up Pub 7pm - St James, Leckhamptead What can be more Christmassy than carols with a Brass band in the Pop Up Pub? Christmas Carol Service 3pm - St Thomas, East Sheffield Christmas Carols and Readings in the beautiful 12th Century church.	21 Dec 21 Dec 22 Dec 23 Dec 24 Dec 24 Dec 24 Dec 25 Dec	Christmas Café Church 10.30am - St Mary's Great Sheffield The Christmas Story, Cate Church style. Breakfast served from 10.00am. Nine Lessons and Carols 7pm - All Saints, Brightwood Readings and Carols set by the benefice choir, with Mulled Wine and Mince Pies. The Longest Night 7pm - St Mary's, Fawley A service of contemplation and music for those who find Christmas overwhelming. Carol Singing in The Ibbex 7.30pm - The Ibbex, Chaddleshworth Another chance to grab a carol sheet and bring the joy of carolling to the local. Carols by Candlelight 3pm - St Margaret's, Cotman Carols and readings in the beautiful church, in aid of the Church Conservation Trust. Live Nativity Crib Service 4pm - St Gregory's, Waltham Come dressed as your favourite nativity character as we celebrate the Christmas story in live action. Midnight Communion 11.30pm - St Swithuna, Wickham The final formal Christmas service of all. Join us as we celebrate the birth of Christ. Christmas Day Communion 10am - St Mary's Great, Sheffield 10.30am - All Saints, Brightwood All welcome at this all-age communion service. Even bring your favourite present!
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'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!

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

Chaddlesworth and Shefford school

Christmas wreath workshop

Friday 28th November

6-8pm £35

In the school hall

All welcome, join us

For a festive evening

What's included-Your wreath base, feathers, refreshments.

Contact Nicola - 07766050175

For more information and to book your place

 **Merry Christmas!**

December Timetable

All sessions delivered live online via zoom. 90 minutes long

£24 each or FREE with School Membership

Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Recordings available for 48 hours (excluding Free Talk)

Decreasing Depression	1 DEC 10am
Raising Self Esteem	1 DEC 7pm
Understanding the Teenage Brain	2 DEC 10am
Supporting Healthy Sleep	2 DEC 7pm
Autism - Improving Communication	8 DEC 10am
Improving Family Communication	8 DEC 7pm
Supporting A Child with ADHD	9 DEC 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	9 DEC 7pm
Anxiety Based School Avoidance	15 DEC 10am
Understanding Anger	15 DEC 7pm
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	16 DEC 10am
Facing Defiance	16 DEC 7pm

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You are invited to join us at our

BOOK TASTING CAFE

Join us for juice, biscuits and books.

Come and explore some different genres and authors. Read a little and take home books you like the sound of.

On Thursday 27th November 2025

At Lambourn Library

From 3.30pm and 4.30pm

For Primary School Aged Children

Contact lambournlibrary@westberks.gov.uk to express an interest.

 **Christmas**

AT SHAW HOUSE

Winter Public Opening
 6, 13, 14, 20 & 21 Dec | 11am – 3pm | Free
 Inspired by Christmases gone by, we invite you to admire decorations through the House representing different eras, from Tudor times to the present day. A reindeer trail will be available for younger visitors at a suggested donation of £2.

Christmas Fair
 Sunday 7 Dec | 11am – 3pm | £2 adults, £1 child
 Browse over 70 stalls selling locally made gifts, food, drink, decorations and craft. Warm up with mulled wine and seasonal treats from the café and outdoor caterers. Plus a themed craft in our Activity Room and a reindeer trail (trail suggested donation of £2). With vintage music from Gramofun.

Wreath Making
 9 & 10 Dec - 10am & 6.30pm | 11 Dec - 10am | £55
 Master the technique of mossing your own wreath and then add foliage, dried fruits and cinnamon sticks, fir cones, baubles and sparkles! Price includes a hot drink and mince pie.

Midwinter Revels
 Thursday 11 Dec | 7.30pm | Adult £15, Child £5
 A celebration of Yuletide Past guaranteed to warm the cockles of the most Scrooge-like heart, featuring Christmas carols, winter folk songs, toe-tapping tunes.

A Visit from Beauty and her Prince
 Sunday 14 Dec | 11am, 1pm & 3pm
 £10 per child, one accompanying adult free.
 The royal couple will delight young audiences with a fun sing-a-long, themed games and story time.

Christmas Carol Concert
 Friday 19 Dec | 7.30pm | Adult £12, Child £6
 Newbury based chamber choir, Cantemus, will be giving a concert of festive music telling the Christmas story from Advent to Epiphany along with an opportunity for the audience to join in with some of the well-known pieces.

Children's Magic Show
 Sunday 21 Dec | 11am, 12.30pm & 3pm
 £8 per child, one accompanying adult free
 Featuring Mr Muddle the charming, if muddlesome, magician who captivates and amazes children with his comical slapstick magic.

Movie in the Hall: Frozen
 Tuesday 23 Dec | 10.30am | Adults £5, Child £3
 Fearless optimist Anna teams up with rugged mountain man Kristoff and his loyal reindeer Sven in an epic journey to find Anna's sister Elsa, whose icy powers have trapped the Kingdom of Arendelle into eternal winter.

www.westberkshireheritage.org/whats-on

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