



Community, Compassion, Courage, Trust, **Perseverance**, Thankfulness

Chaddleshworth and Shefford Federated CE Primary Schools

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has brought the beautiful spring weather we've been awaiting with sunshine and warmth around us. Please remember to send children to school with appropriate outdoor clothing of rain coats for spring showers and sun hats for the sunnier days.



We have a daily selection of varied fresh fruit and vegetables available for all children to choose from every day for their healthy breaktime snack. Children are also welcome to bring in a snack from home, with the request and expectation that foods are a healthy option such as fresh fruit or vegetables, plain rice cakes, whole-grain crackers with cheese or hummus for a balanced snack, or granola bars.



All snacks and foods brought to school should be nut free. Healthy break time snacks positively contribute to a balanced diet, providing foods that are high in nutrients. They help children stay alert and focused, contributing to their concentration and behaviour in the classroom.

We have been able to share our term 5 curriculum maps with all families this week that explain your child/ren's learning for this term. The Curriculum maps and Maths KIRFs (Key Instant Recall Facts) for the whole academic year are also available on the school website for your reference;

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We waved a 'see you later' to Mrs Bell who left us today with all our thanks for everything she has done while working with our school, and with our well wishes for all her new adventures.

I hope everyone has opportunity to enjoy the spring sunshine while it's with us!

Wishing everyone a wonderful weekend,

Ms Munday Headteacher www.csfschools.org

Whole school worship...

This term our Christian value focus is all about 'perseverance'. We have shared our understanding of this word as;

- Things might be tricky, that's OK- don't give up!
- We learn from our mistakes
- We learn to manage our distractions
- We keep on trying our best



This week we shared the story of 'The Most Magnificent Thing' written by Ashley Spires.

A story about creativity, perseverance, and the rewards of determination.

There has been now been an animation created, based on the book. We shared just a short section in our worship time. Click on the title below to take a look at home together to enjoy the whole animated story...



This week's recommended read...



This year is the [National Year of Reading](#) and we have a student reader floor book in our newly developed reading space in school where children can document their recommended reads to everyone. We would like to share a



'recommended read' with everyone each week. This week's recommendation is from one of our reading leaders, Tuppence.

Mayowa written by Chibundu Onuzo





"It is a book full of mystery and adventure. I would recommend this book for fans of books about books (like Matilda). Mayowa is a great character and one day I would love to meet her and Grandpa Edward.

I would definitely give it 5 stars!"



Class worship...

How have we all been..."Living life in all its fullness" (John 10:10) this week?
With particular focus on our Christian value of 'Perseverance' for this term...

	In Robins...	Benjamin, "I cooked broccoli with mummy."
		Jesse, "I went to see my horses."
	In Kingfishers...	Margo, "I had a nice breakfast at breakfast club and I did some drawing."
		Teddy, "At Beavers I was doing my safety towards my badge. There were some dangers and I had to be careful."
		Baker, "I really enjoyed playing tennis with my family this week. Once I practised, I was actually very good!"
		William W, "I have been working hard on 9+ Lego. I have now completed a dreams van all by myself!"
		Charlie, "I feel like today I lived life in all its fullness by coming back to school after being off. I was very happy to come back."
	In Owls...	Hollie, "I persevered to create a persuasive poster in my English lesson. I found it challenging, but I did a good job in the end."
		Seb, "During Forest School, I helped Harvey tie the knot in the tarpaulin when we were building a den."
		Archie, "I tried really hard in the drumming lesson, and now I am on book two."
	In Red Kites...	Sullivan, "I am proud that I achieved a good score for my reading assessment."
		Lilly Kate, "I persevered with science - there was lots of theory before our practical."
		Chase, "I persevered with my free write - I managed to write a lot."
		Eleanor, "I enjoyed making 'blood' including all the elements such as red blood cells and white blood cells."

Picture News and the BIG question this week...

The BIG question...


Is it ever too late to try something new?




*'The righteous will flourish like a palm tree,
they will grow like cedar of Lebanon;
planted in the house of the Lord,
they will flourish in the courts of our God.
They will still bear fruit in old age,
they will stay fresh and green.'*

Psalm 92: 12-14





An 82-year-old runner, Eileen Hieron, has shown that age hasn't stopped her trying something new. She only started running in her 70s and ran her first marathon at the age of 74. Since then, she has completed nearly 10 marathons and even won her age group at the London Marathon. This Sunday, runners from all over the world will take part in the 2026 London Marathon, and stories like Eileen's are inspiring others to think about whether it's ever too late to try something new.



The Bible teaches that just like a strong, healthy tree, people can keep on growing and producing new things even when they get older. This means you are never too old to learn a new skill, try a new hobby, or start an exciting adventure. It is a reminder that our lives can stay full of energy, happiness, and fresh ideas throughout every stage of life.



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...



The PTFA plans to hold termly pre-loved uniform sales. If anyone has items to donate, please pass them to the school office. If any items are needed before a sale, please contact us on chair@csptfa.org.uk and we will do our best to help.



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

April 2026	
Tues, 28 th	Year 3 and Year 4 Owls Class Swimming, 3/10 session
May 2026	
Fri, 1 st	Owls visit Donnington Castle Bookings open at The Hexagon for ticket purchasing for the JMF- 'Making Waves'
Mon, 4 th	Early May Bank Holiday
Tues, 5 th	Year 3 and Year 4 Owls Class Swimming, 4/10 session
Mon 11 th - Thurs 14 th	KS2 SATS week
Tues, 12 th	Year 3 and Year 4 Owls Class Swimming, 5/10 session
Fri, 15 th	Year 6 celebration day trip
Mon 18 th - Fri 22 nd	Red Kites residential at Grittleton Adventures
Fri, 22 nd	Newbury Spring Festival afternoon performance of 'The Firebird' for Robins, Kingfishers and Owls
Tues, 19 th	Year 3 and Year 4 Owls Class Swimming, 6/10 session
Fri, 22 nd	Last day of term 5
June 2026	
Mon, 1 st	Term 6 begins
Tues, 2 nd	Newbury Weekly News moving up 2026 (year 6) photo. Year 3 and Year 4 Owls Class Swimming, 7/10 session
Mon 1 st - Fri 12 th	Year 4 MTC (multiplication tables check)
Tues, 9 th	Year 3 and Year 4 Owls Class Swimming, 8/10 session
Fri, 12 th	PTFA Ice lolly sale, end of school day
Sat, 13 th	Chaddleworth Fete
Mon 8 th - Fri 12 th	Phonics screening check week
Fri, 19 th	Owls JMF final practice and performance day at The Hexagon
Tues, 23 rd	Year 3 and Year 4 Owls Class Swimming, 9/10 session
Fri, 26 th	PTFA Ice lolly sale, end of school day
Tues, 30 th	Year 3 and Year 4 Owls Class Swimming, 10/10 session
July 2026	
Fri, 3 rd	PTFA Ice lolly sale, end of school day
Sat, 4 th	PTFA Summer fete
Fri, 10 th	PTFA Ice lolly sale, end of school day
Fri, 17 th	PTFA leavers disco
Tues, 21 st	Last day of term 6
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Parent and carer community news and information...



Find more information here:

<https://www.watermill.org.uk/events/spring-fete>

FACE April 2026 Timetable
 All regular 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

Improving Family Communication	27 April 10am
Autism: Improving Communication	27 April 7pm
Supporting a Child with ADHD	28 April 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	28 April 7pm



MAY & JUNE 2026

SUMMER SOCCER SCHOOL

Make friends, learn new skills and have fun!

- FREE football sessions
- Any ages 4-11
- Girls and boys welcome
- Reception, Y1, Y2 encouraged to attend as first steps in football
- FA & UEFA qualified coaches
- Football skills & mini-matches
- Future volunteers and coaches also welcome

23 & 30 MAY | 6, 13, 20 JUNE

Cold Ash Recreation Ground,
 Hermitage Road, Cold Ash, RG18 9JH
 10AM - 11:30AM



info@coldashfc.com



Your local basketball club

BASKETBALL TRIAL

KENNET BASKETBALL

Tall? Not Tall? We're seeking sporty children currently in year groups 5 & 6 to train, this summer, for our U12 National League Squad in season 2026/2027

SATURDAY 16th May 2026 FROM 10.00

Newbury College Sports Hall

To apply for a place in the trial please email enquiries@kennetbasketball.net

KENNET BASKETBALL facebook.com/kennetbasketball

Please contact us for more information
 email: enquiries@kennetbasketball.net
 all our coaches are DBS checked



Dear Parents and Carers,
EXCITING COMMUNITY EVENTS

We are delighted to announce that two of our most popular community events are back. Our legendary period pants parties will be visiting Newbury, Theale and Thatcham libraries over the coming weeks:

Saturday 16th May - 10am - 12pm, Newbury Library

Saturday 30th May - 10am - 12pm, Theale Library

Saturday 13th June - 10.30am - 12pm, Thatcham Library

Come along and pick up free period pants on a first come, first served basis - take them home to try!

Dads Do Pads is also back, with sessions covering both Period Products and the Menstrual Cycle. These free online workshops offer essential information for any dad supporting a young person who is about to start, or is already having, their periods. Sessions take place on 2nd and 9th June, online at 7.30pm.

Information on our period pants parties and how to sign up to

Dads Do Pads can be found on our events page:

<https://www.allyoursbox.co.uk/events>

PERIOD BOX COLLECTION POINTS

From 1st June, we will be moving from home deliveries to community collection points, to help us make better use of volunteer time and ensure our service is sustainable for the long term. You will continue to be able to order reusable period products online. You can still order period boxes for yourself or any family members via our website up until 31st May:

<https://www.allyoursbox.co.uk/request>

If you have used our service before, you will receive an email on 1st May explaining the changes to our service, and how to access period boxes from 1st June.

With best wishes, All Yours

All Yours Period Box CIC - www.allyoursbox.co.uk

Facebook & Instagram - @allyoursmonthly



Would your child like to learn a new instrument? Did you know we have a wonderful music teacher who visits our school every Wednesday afternoon who delivers guitar and ukulele lessons to some of our pupils.

If you would like your child to trial a lesson or would like to sign up, please contact:

Mike Hawthorne:

M-Theory Music

M-Central, Moorside Community Centre

Urquhart Road, Thatcham, RG19 4RE

07976 093957

www.facebook.com/mtheorymusicuk

