



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

As we come to the end of term 3 it has been wonderful to reflect back on our Christian Values that we have seen in action – Community, Compassion and Courage! Our shared texts have given opportunity for discussion, observing diversity and understanding how these important values weave through all our lives. Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support for our school.

We hope everyone has a restful and enjoyable half term break.

See you all back in school on Monday 24th February.

Ms Munday Acting Headteacher www.csfschools.org

Drumming assembly...

I'm always in awe of people who can play an instrument – and WOW-our drummers did not disappoint! What super performances we were treated to. Thank you to our visitors that joined us to support too.



Alex says, 'Music is a wonderful way to express emotions, and these songs make learning fun while celebrating Valentine's Day.'

If you're looking for more music inspiration, check out our [10 Inspirational Music Videos for Parents to Watch with Their Children](#).

Encourage your child to pick a song, grab their guitar or drumsticks, and have a go at playing along.'

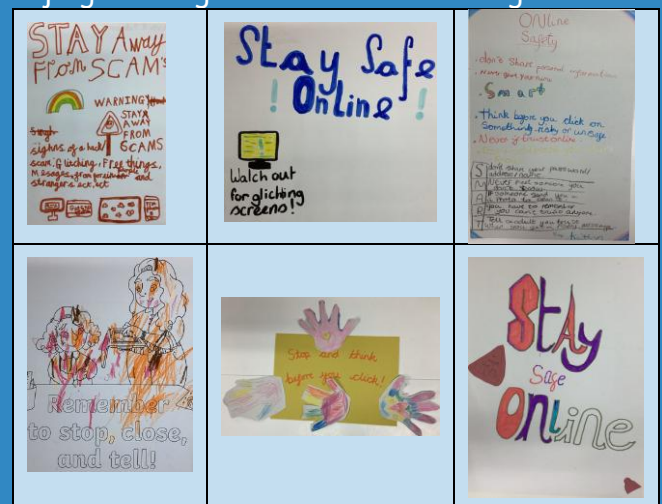
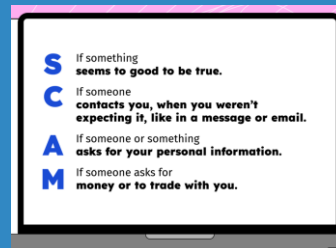
Safer Internet Day...

Tuesday brought us all together to share our understanding about 'Safer Internet Day' with our learning and discussions based



around the theme 'Too good to be true - Protecting yourself and others from scams online'. It also gave an opportunity for

house meetings to share the important online safety messages we've been learning about...



Mental Health and Wellbeing...

At Chaddleworth St. Andrew's and Shefford Primary Schools, we recognise the importance of supporting our whole school community in creating an open environment where Wellbeing and Mental Health needs are discussed and shared.

Mrs Higgins has been busy researching and creating our new information page which is now live on our school website... [Mental Health and Wellbeing Support](#)

TIPS FOR FAMILIES

1 Encourage journaling
Just like Riley, encourage your older children and young people to express their emotions and thoughts through journaling. It can be less confronting than speaking out loud and is a helpful way to process what is going on.

2 Make space for reflection
When children and young people reflect on their different emotions, it can help them better understand themselves and what they need. So for a walk, drive or try some mindful colouring or baking together.

3 Be visual
Use imagery, such as emojis or flashcards to help children and young people recognise and label their feelings.

4 Practice mindfulness
Try mindful activities and quiet family time to enjoy being in the present moment. This can help children and young people be aware of their thoughts and emotions and learn a useful new coping technique.

5 Communicate
Feedback is crucial for helping us see our blind spots and gain greater insight. Children and young people are no different. Creating safe and supportive ways to share your own experience with your child can help them understand themselves and their impact on the world around them.

TOP TIPS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

1 Be curious about your emotions
You're fascinating! Take notice of your emotions and thoughts, either as they come up or maybe later on that day. You can use techniques like meditation or journaling to help you make sense of what is going on inside of you.

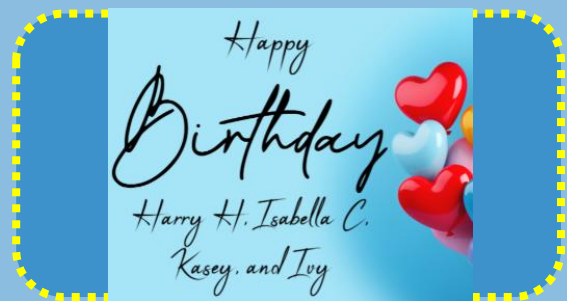
2 What matters most
Our values are often what make us tick, so reflect on what really matters to you. Are you ambitious, funny, kind, creative? Similar to Riley, our beliefs can evolve as we grow older and have new life experiences. If you're feeling lost or confused, take a moment to think about what drives you. It may help you understand yourself better and make choices that feel right for you.

3 Feedback, feedback, feedback
Other people we know can often see things about us that we miss. Sometimes these can be areas for us to develop and sometimes they can be our strengths. Either way it's great to have a friend, family member or teacher that can help us with our blind spots.

4 Get creative expressing yourself
Creativity can often help us express emotions and show parts of ourselves that are sometimes hidden. If you are feeling blue like Sadness, painting might help. If you are feeling bright and happy like Joy, song and dance could be the creative outlet for you. Whether it's painting, music, dance drama or something else. Find your creative outlet and share it with others.

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

February	
17th-21st	HALF TERM
Mon, 24th	Term 4 begins
Tues, 25th	Football friendly, @ Brightwalton
Fri, 28th	Watermill afterschool bake sale
March	
Mon, 3rd	Kingfisher Class Trip to WB Museum
Thurs, 6th	World Book Day
Fri, 14th	Level 1 Bikeability



West Berks proposed School Term and Holiday Dates for Schools 2026/27...

The proposed school dates for academic year September 2026 -2027 have been released. If you'd like to comment on the West Berks proposed term dates, please complete our survey by 5pm on Friday, 28 February 2025. The survey should take about 5 minutes.

<https://www.westberks.gov.uk/article/43749/Proposed-School-Term-and-Holiday-Dates-for-Community-and-Voluntary-Controlled-Schools-2026-27>

PTFA news and updates...

Chaddleworth and Shefford Schools PTFA

House Bake Sale Competition!

Help us raise funds for air fryers and electric hobs for the children to use in cookery sessions!

Please could you bring in baked/bought donations for the following dates:


Watermill - Friday 28th February

All donations will be gratefully collected by a member of the PTFA at the school gates on the Friday mornings.

All cakes will be sold alongside teas and coffees at the end of the school day.

House winners of the competition will be announced in school on Monday 3rd March!

Thank you for your continued support!



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

Our class worship Bible story...

Daniel in the Lion's den



The Big Question...

'When have you needed the biggest amounts of your own courage?'

Parent and carer community news and information...




February Half Term at the Nature Discovery Centre

Natural Mystery Family Event
19th & 21st February
Put your wildlife knowledge to the test and pit your wits against a menagerie of puzzles and games in this escape room style family day out.

Nature Tots - Dinosaurs
20th February
Bring your tots to the NDC for a special session on dinosaurs where they can take part in outdoor nature play, stories, trails and crafts.

Visit our website to book today:
<https://www.bbowt.org.uk/events>

The Nature Discovery Centre
01635 876381
bbowt.org.uk/nature-discovery-centre



February Half Term

LGBTQ+ Family Morning
Mon 27 Feb | 10:30am - 12:00pm | Free, pre-book
Join us for a relaxed morning in the Museum's Long Room, providing a safe space for local LGBTQ+ families to meet one another and be involved in a creative activity.

Museum Explorers
Tues 28 Feb | 10:30am - 12:00pm | Free
A relaxed morning for children with additional needs and their families to enjoy the Museum when there is less hustle and bustle (as we are closed to the public on Sundays). The downstairs museum galleries will be open, and there is an opportunity to take part in a craft. Plus free self-service refreshments in the cafe.

Messy Museum Day
Fri 22 Feb | 10am - 3pm | £2.50, drop-in
Shiny! Make an oversized frog from Age gold coin (also called a stater) from air drying clay and then paint it a shiny gold on top. Afterwards, visit the Treasure Through Time special exhibition to see more precious treasure items unearthed in West Berkshire.

Child places must be booked online.

Child friendly and suitable for 7-11 year olds but younger and older children are welcome. Last entry 4:45pm.

West Berkshire Museum, The Wharf, Newbury RG14 5AS | 01635 519562
www.westberkshireheritage.org/whats-on



Baby Massage

A 5 WEEK COURSE FOR YOU & YOUR BABY

Wednesday 26th February 2025 -
Wednesday 26th March 2025
17.30pm - 2.30pm
The Croft Hall, Hungerford, RG17 0HY
£37.50 per family

Booking is essential
To book, contact the Family Hub:
07771 701911
ktownsend@hungerfordnursery.w-berks.sch.uk



FAMILY DAY AT THE BASE!
Thursday 20 February, 10am - 5pm

Join our first ever Family Day this half-term! We are welcoming families with children of all ages to experience our vibrant exhibition from the inspirational and globally celebrated artist, Yinka Shonibare CBE.

We know the positive impact creative experiences can have on young people's futures, and also recognise that introducing children to the wonders of art galleries can feel a bit daunting. So we've got some ways to help you explore the space together...

What's On In the Gallery:

- Explore our colourful exhibition **Yinka Shonibare CBE: Ritual Ecstasy of the Modern**
- Listen to a podcast about Shonibare's work and watch the TV to understand about how he makes his prints
- Get creative with our **free craft activities** - make masks or crowns and pose for a framed photo wearing your creation, or build a simple mobile to hang at home
- Find out about Shonibare's journey to becoming an artist and explore the world map

Around the building:

- Have a go at some of the free art activities in our new **Community Art Trolley**
- Follow an **art trail** around the building, inspired by Shonibare's artwork
- Peek inside our studios and watch our resident artists get creative
- Take a break, and have a bite to eat and a hot drink, in Honesty Café

Tickets to the Gallery
(Pre-booking recommended)

- Under-12s enter for FREE**
- Full price adults: £8.25 (£7.25 concs)

Alternatively, take a look at our **Family Base Pass** which entitles a family of four unlimited entry to our Gallery for 12 months for just £45 - as well as 10% off in Honesty cafes! [Find out more here](#)

THE BASE

Stephen Powles is coming to Leckhampstead to talk to us about **HEDGEHOGS** and their habitat.


Stephen will be coming to the village hall on March 4th to give his presentation "All About Hedgehogs" - "his talk is about hedgehogs in general and describes them, their lives and the threats they face. It also describes what we can do to help this declining but much-loved British mammal."

Tickets are to be sold at £5 an adult and £10 a family. A hot drink and a pancake will be included in the price as this talk coincides with **SHROVE Tuesday!**

<https://tickets.mykirknowchurch.co.uk/gb/NJEOMi0zMA/>

Please book in advance as we are expecting high numbers from surrounding schools.

We will also have a limited number of activity packs available for children at the talk and every ticket bought will be instantly entered into the raffle. The prize...you guessed it will be hedgehog related





Saturday 22nd February
12.45-1.45pm, 1.45-2.45pm or 3.45-5.15pm

High Score Newbury

£6 per person
Family Fun
25 Cheap St, Newbury RG14 5DB

Bookings must be confirmed in advance please email activities@spotlightuk.org

www.spotlightuk.org Reg Charity 1129258



LEARNING CENTRE
Corn Exchange Newbury offers creative courses and classes for all ages at the Learning Centre.

CREATE AND MAKE

Join us for some creative fun during the school holidays!

Activities include arts and crafts, drama and more!
Your child will get to work with professional practitioners to explore their creativity, develop new skills, and make new friends.

Mon 17 - Fri 21 Feb
Standard day: 10am - 4pm
Extended day: 8.30am - 5.30pm

Mon 7 - Fri 11 Apr
Standard day: 10am - 4pm
Extended day: 8.30am - 5.30pm

Suitable for primary school aged children (ages 4 - 11)

To book, visit cornexchangenebury.com or call the Box Office on 01635 522733

SCAN TO FIND OUT MORE



Let's Play

Fun | Inclusive | Educational

FEBRUARY FUN DAYS

10am - 4pm

Monday 17th February - Friday 21st February


Northcroft Leisure Centre
Northcroft Lane, Newbury RG14 5BS
9.00am - 4.00pm

OPEN TO CHILDREN AGED 5 SCHOOL YEAR 0 - 10
FROM £27.50 PER DAY!

Includes for siblings a full week booking - please see booking page for details.

We accept Children's Vouchers, Tax-Free Childcare & we are OFSTED registered!

Scan the QR code for more information:
Call 01635 520009 or email info@lets-play.org.uk
Book online: www.lets-play.org.uk



HUGS - Help Ukraine Group Support

The Swindon Humanitarian Aid Partnership (SHAP); Stanislav Indurkhya; Dragon Oxford Aid to Ukraine

COLLECTION OF AID FOR UKRAINE
Tuesday 25th February 2025 9.00am-2.00pm

Newbury Rugby Club
Monks Lane, Newbury, RG14 7RW

Please help supply these essential items to frontline communities:

ELECTRONICS (in working order)

- unlocked mobile phones, smart phones & older working mobiles (all with chargers if possible)
- LED torches/head torches (battery, solar or rechargeable preferably with red light option)
- batteries (AA/AAA)
- power banks, chargers (brains or solar)

TOOLS (only as listed)

- generators & power tools
- new & good used saws & socket sets (gig)
- oil accessories: battery chargers, tyre inflators, jump leads, low ropes, winches
- mechanics general purpose (GWS & B&K)
- edge trimmer hand saws, hand axes
- SAFETY
- CLOTHES & FOOTWEAR (only as listed)
- clean hiking boots, moles & warm socks
- dark colour fleeces, plain dark t-shirts
- coloured gear (not dark) (suits)
- dark colour adult waterproofs
- insulating blankets
- thermal blankets, balaclavas, neck warmers, warmers gloves
- new dark underwear & thermal (MFR)
- promotion: clean children's clothes
- FOOD (dry & non perishable)
- including: tea, pasta, tins, tins, coffee, jam, energy bars, wrapped sweets, NO JAMS please

MEDICAL

- all B&B medications including painkillers, cold remedies, multivitamins; **must not expire before 03/03/25**
- Dressings & bandages
- medical & surgical supplies & first aid kits inc. **burn dressings & trauma bandages**
- gym/fitness equipment
- crutches, wheelchairs & mobility aids
- gym/fitness equipment
- SANITARY & (un)perfumed TOILETRIES
- sanitary pads
- hand soap, shampoo, toothbrushes/paste, unperfumed tbc
- toe bath, disposable razors, shaving gel/foam
- hair trimmers (corded or cordless)
- napkins, tampons, sanitary & incontinence pads
- washing powder, washing up liquid, bio only
- OUTDOOR LIVING (see tents at this time)
- groundsheet, tent mats, sleeping bags, camp beds, camping stoves
- heatproof mats
- available online & certain stores
- condes (all sizes) (biscuits, sweet treats, matches)
- BEESWAX (Jars & Unscented)
- hand sanitizer
- handkerchiefs & face only
- diapers/diapers
- PEES

all items CLEAN and ready to use please and NO OTHER ADULT CLOTHING at this time

Sorry, no donations can be accepted before the day.
Please get in touch for more details or to volunteer help
Enquiries: Tony 07999 693399 / Manu 07782 935804

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