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 was wonderful to see so many of our children, families and members of the local community supporting the PTFA Winter Fayre last weekend. Thank you to everyone who was able to support the event, and a huge well done to our PTFA team, who came together to provide a festive event for everyone to enjoy.



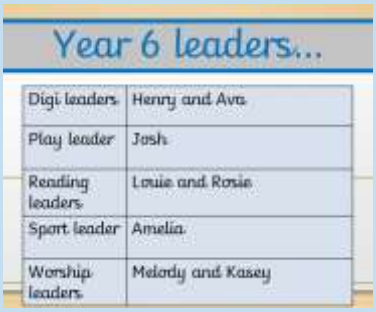
This week we were delighted to offer everyone in Kingfishers, Owls and Red Kites a hockey taster session with Berkshire Hockey and Coach Liam this week. We look forward to welcoming them back for further sessions later in the academic year.

Wishing everyone a wonderful weekend.

Ms. Munday Headteacher www.csfschools.org

Year 6 leaders...

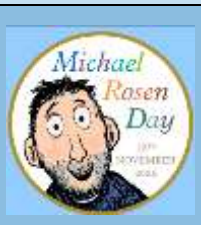
Thank you to our Year 6 who have volunteered for leadership roles in school. We are looking forward to working with the children to develop their understanding of leadership whilst contniunung to be positive role models, supporting pupils and staff in their chosen leadership areas, whilst continuing to help create a safe, welcoming, and successful learning environment for everyone in our school.



Year 6 leaders...

Digi leaders	Henry and Ava
Play leader	Josh
Reading leaders	Louie and Rosie
Sport leader	Amelia
Worship leaders	Melody and Kasey

Michael Rosen poetry day...



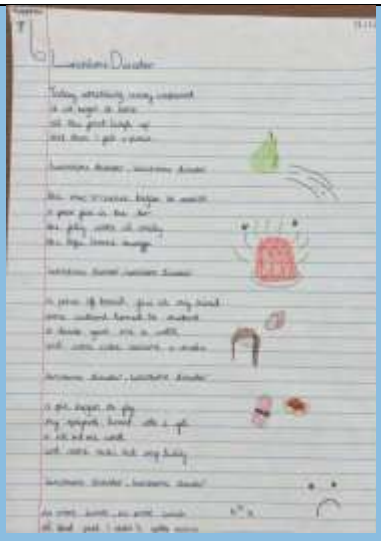
The aim of the day was to make reading, listening to, and writing poetry fun, enjoyable and accessible for all, helping children to discover its magic.

This year's theme was SILLY SCHOOL STUFF, which was a fantastic opportunity for our school to get involved and get creative, inspired by Michael and his fantastically funny poems about everyday life at school.

'Last Thursday, we celebrated Michael Rosen Poetry Day across the school, and the children's sense of humour really shone through in their writing. In the photos, you'll spot a flying blanket in My Silly Journey to School from Kingfishers (Years 1 and 2), doughnuts doing cartwheels in On My Plate from Owls (Years 3 and 4), and sneezing mac and cheese in Lunchtime Disaster from Red Kites (Years 5 and 6)! I hope the children's poems and illustrations make you smile as much as they made me smile.' Mrs Mirza









Challenge yourself 26…

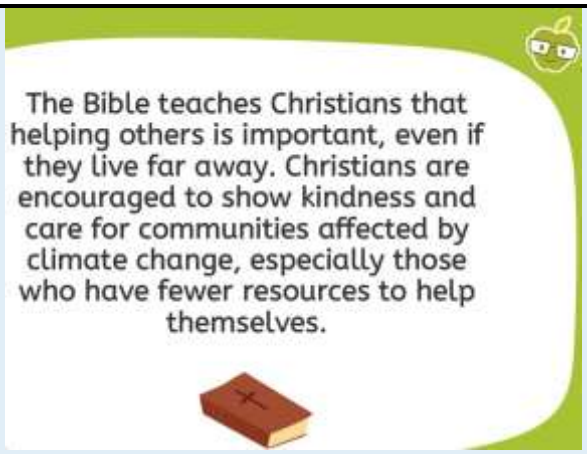
As a school, we recognised the important work of the charity 'Children in Need' and gathered our pennies for Pudsey as part of our whole-school fundraising efforts. Margo decided to take on the 'Challenge yourself 26' with Children in Need, with a plan to swim 26 lengths of the swimming pool in November! Margo managed to reach her goal in just two swimming sessions – with 9 lengths completed in the first visit and then 17 lengths in the second visit. Margo's challenge raised more than £400 for Children in Need! What an amazing achievement, well done Margo!

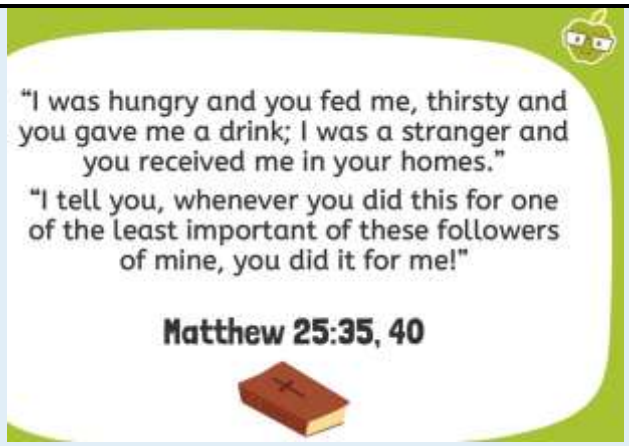
This week's BIG question is:

Is it fair that some countries have to do more than others?



Leaders from around the world are meeting in Türkiye for COP31, to discuss how to protect our planet from climate change. They will talk about how countries can work together and whether richer countries should help those affected by floods, droughts and rising seas.





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...	Barney, "I liked coming to school on a Saturday for the Winter Fete and seeing all the people."
		Nancy, "I have been living life in all its fullness by learning to write my name on my own."
	In Kingfishers...	Jesse, "My Mum and me helped in the Winter Fete - Mummy was selling cakes and I helped out with selling sweets."
		Benjamin, "I really enjoyed PE this week, we were learning to play hockey and I have never played hockey before."
		Ellie, "I have shown compassion by inviting my friend into my game."
		Everly, "I helped carry some equipment with an older child."
	In Owls...	Isla, "I have lived life in all its fullness by being kind to my friends."
		Archie, "I have shown compassion towards my dad because he had surgery on his ankle and I am making sure nothing hurts his ankle."
	In Red Kites...	Seb, "I worked hard to simplify fractions with support from my friends."
		Ava-Rayne, "I have enjoyed learning about other cultures in RE and bullying awareness in PSHE."
	School adults...	Miss Lally, "In Kingfishers, we have shown compassion by being kind to one another and listening carefully to our friends."
		Mrs Higgins, "Last weekend, I went to a friend's birthday party, which gave me the opportunity to catch up with people I care about greatly but hadn't seen for a long time. It was really lovely to see everyone, and it certainly put a smile on my face."
		Mrs Mirza, "Mano and Toto are my kittens, and they're only a few months old. I show them compassion by giving them a warm place to sleep and a gentle cuddle when they come to me."

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

November 2026	
December 2026	
Tues, 15th	Afternoon Christmas performance, 2pm
Wed, 16th	Christmas Church service, 9.30am, St Mary's, Great Shefford
	School Christmas lunch day
	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



* Charlie *

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.

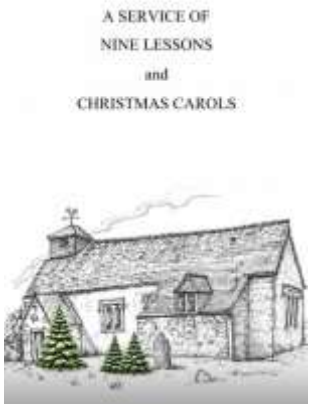
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Saturday 19th December at 3pm
St Thomas' Church, East Shefford







December Timetable

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Raising Self-Esteem	30 Nov 10am
Introduction to OCD	30 Nov 7pm
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	7 Dec 10am
Supporting a Child with ADHD	7 Dec 7pm
Improving Family Communication	8 Dec 10am
What is ACT?	8 Dec 7pm
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	14 Dec 10am
Autism: Improving Communication	14 Dec7pm
Understanding Anger	15 Dec 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	15 Dec 7pm

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