

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,**

It has only been a short 5-week term, but wow we have been incredibly busy! This week has been our annual 'Science week' and it began with us linking our Christian value of perseverance with the work and inventions of so many Scientists that we are incredibly grateful for! Sully and Eleanor shared a story about Evolution and Change with us all where the children learnt about how the peppered moth adapted and changed over time due to its surroundings and the impact of industrialisation.



Science week has seen collaboration, prediction making, investigation, conclusion drawing and lots of fun too! Thank you to Mrs Chapman for all your preparation and organisation for such an exciting week packed full of Science!

I hope your bank holiday weekend and half term break are full of lovely things,

*Ms Munday* Acting Headteacher [www.csfschools.org](http://www.csfschools.org)

### Science week...

Mrs Chapman has been busy preparing information, resources and activities for everyone across the school to embrace the theme of this year's Science week, 'Adapt and Change'. Here's a snapshot of what everyone has been getting up to...

#### Robins

Science week this year, it was all about animal adaptation... what a big word that it is!

"What does adaptation mean?" We talked about animals being the best they can be for their environment, for example giraffes with their long legs and a long neck to reach up to the tallest trees to get food"



Robins loved taking part in some under the sea yoga on Monday and then on Tuesday used their knowledge of adaptation to create their very own animals out of junk modelling, thinking carefully about what habitat their animal would live in, with comments like;

"I'm going to need a long neck to reach the tall trees"

"Mine lives under the sea, it needs fins"



#### Kingfishers



We started our Science week by looking at how animals have adapted to suit where they live. We matched the fact cards to the animals. The children then found out how an elephant had adapted and drew some diagrams.

We then looked at what had happened to our cress that we planted last week. Some was grown in the light, some was grown in the dark and some was grown in the fridge. For each place the cress was grown in, there were two trays. One tray where the seeds were watered and one tray where the seeds weren't

watered. Linking our cress and our sunflowers the children discovered that seeds need water, sunlight and warmth to grow into healthy plants.

The children also designed and made bridges that would strong enough to hold a toy car.

This linked our design and technology with science. We used our knowledge of materials from earlier on in the year to help us. The testing with the cars will be carried out after the holidays!



**Owls**

Our Science week has been jam packed with investigations and research. To start the week we explored how animals have adapted and created posters to inform people of these adaptations. Following on from this, we created our own creatures who had adapted to their environment and then wrote a double page spread all about them.



On Thursday, we made mini rockets and tested how far they could go. After our first attempt, we adapted the rockets to see if they would go further. Some children were successful, but others struggled to beat their first distance!

Seb shared that he, "enjoyed making the rockets because we got to adapt them every time."

Friday was the last day for our plants. We drew and discussed how they had changed over the last few weeks and why these changes may or may not have happened. Our final piece of science was to investigate what happens when we flush certain materials down the toilet. We put different materials into bottles of water and observed over the whole day what would happen. At the end of the day we discovered why it's not a good idea to put plastic and wet wipes down the toilet!

**Red Kites & House meetings**

On Thursday afternoon, we joined our houses and completed an enquiry about dunking biscuits! Red Kites shared that they "enjoyed dunking the biscuits", "enjoyed doing experiments. It was fun", "enjoyed finding out about evolution" and "liked discovering the new books and reading about evolution".

**NSPCC PANTS learning...**

This week everyone has been learning again with Pantosaurus, talking PANTS and having conversations about staying safe.

[Let's talk PANTS with Pantosaurus! | NSPCC](#)

Pantosaurus even has a catchy song to share. Click on the image to share the song together...

**Wildlife photography...**

We are incredibly excited to share that...

Everly's fantastic photo won the competition! She was over the moon when she found out and wanted to say thank you to anyone who voted!



'Hawthorne Shield Bug' Everly, age 4.

**Sporting achievements...**

We were celebrating again in worship this week, where trophies and medals were shared for impressive sporting achievements earned through perseverance and hard work! A big well done to Hollie and Quinn on their football medals, Sullivan for his football trophies and Henry for his rugby TREDs award.

**Mini tennis...**

A group of year 3 and 4 children represented our school at the mini tennis held at Park House on Thursday. Every child showed great TREDs throughout the event! (Teamwork, Respect, Enjoyment, Discipline, Sportsmanship) All the hard work took them through their league games and into... the final, coming away with hard earned silver medals all round! Well done to everyone who played.

**Our class worship Bible passage focus...**

'Lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us'. Hebrews 12:1

**BIG question 'Can you think of a 'race' you are running, or have run?' (the race being a challenge you've persevered with)**



## 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...

A BIG thank you again to the PTFA for a super movie night, with Shrek as the voted film, bringing a close to this term.

Please do take a look at the diary dates for future PTFA plans and events.

And save the dates:

**Non-school uniform day!**  
**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June**

The children can wear their own clothes to school in exchange for a bottle donation for our school summer fete tombola!

From shampoo and bubble bath, to drinks or bottles of ketchup, the PTFA would be grateful for any bottles you have in your cupboards!

**Do you have cuddly toys that are no longer played with?**

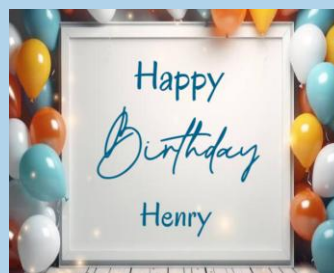
The PTFA are looking for soft toys (in great condition), to be the stars of the summer fete's hugely popular 'Spin the Wheel' teddy game!

If your child is happy to give some of their cuddly toys a new home, please drop off donations in the school bike shelter. Thank you!

Save the date for our  
**Summer Fete!**  
**Saturday 28th June**  
**12 - 3pm**


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

June	
Mon, 2nd	Owls swimming lesson 4 of 10
Wed, 4th	Red Kites Fundraiser - Cake Sale
Fri 6th	PTFA non-uniform with donation for the summer fete bottle tombola (shoes and clothing suitable for PE lessons please)  Whole School Kindness Workshop
Mon, 9th	Owls swimming lesson 5 of 10
Wed, 11th	Tempest Class Photos and Year 6 Combination / Leavers Photograph
Fri, 13th	PTFA Donuts for Dads sale, after school
Sun, 15th	Father's Day
Mon, 16th	Owls swimming lesson 6 of 10
Fri, 20th	Year 4 and Year 5 JOG Primary Project Day
Sat, 21st	Chaddleworth Summer Fete
Mon, 23rd	Owls swimming lesson 7 of 10
Sat, 28 <sup>th</sup>	PTFA School Summer Fete 12-3pm
Mon, 30th	Owls swimming lesson 8 of 10
July	
Mon, 7th	Owls swimming lesson 9 of 10
Tues, 8th	Sports Day
Wed, 9th	Reserve Sports Day
Mon, 14th	Owls last swimming lesson 10 of 10
Fri, 18th	Whole school trip - Cotswold Wildlife Park
Mon, 21st	PTFA school disco and leaver's ball





## Parent and carer community news and information...



UK Health Security Agency

### Should I keep my child off school?


**Yes**

	Until...
Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

**No**

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...


Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



SCAN ME

**Advice and guidance**

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.




### Museum Explorers

**Tuesday 27 May | 10.30am – 12pm | 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 Tuesdays). 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 café.

**Book online:**  
[www.westberkshireheritage.org/whats-on](http://www.westberkshireheritage.org/whats-on)

West Berkshire Museum, The Wharf, Newbury, Berkshire RG14 5AS  
T: 01635 519562 E: [museum@westberks.gov.uk](mailto:museum@westberks.gov.uk)



*All Yours*



## Dads Do Pads

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June  
7.30pm, Online

A special free session from All Yours for those men who want to learn more about period products and how to support their children, or other loved ones, with their periods.

Sign up for free here:  
<https://bit.ly/DadsDoPads>  
or scan the QR code to register



[www.allyoursbox.co.uk](http://www.allyoursbox.co.uk) / [allyours@allyoursbox.co.uk](mailto:allyours@allyoursbox.co.uk)

## Calling all Green Fingred Growers

If you, your granny, sister, friend. Have any surplus seedlings or plants of any sort. Please donate to the plant stall to sell at your school fete!

Help raising funds for school

Plants to be donated from 16th June.

Any questions talk to Nicola Liddiard

Help your pupils be active over half term with these free active challenges.

<https://hactive.com/at-home>

There are many ways you can support their activity over the holidays...

Just share the link with parents through a newsletter or noticeboard or give your pupils a sheet with some of the challenges on. Do some of the challenges in class and ask them to do it for homework or just have some fun with them.



## CALLING ALL YOUNG ACTORS ACROSS OXFORDSHIRE



### THE RAILWAY CHILDREN

## ALL ABOARD FOR AN AMAZING SUMMER ADVENTURE!

**Do you love acting? Dream of being on stage? Want to be part of a real theatre show with professional actors?**

Then hop on board – Didcot Railway Centre and Goble Theatre are teaming up to bring the magical story of *The Railway Children* to life this summer... and you could be in it!

We're looking for local, talented, enthusiastic young people to join our cast and perform in this exciting outdoor theatre production – right in the heart of the historic Didcot Railway Centre, with real steam trains and amazing sets!

**We're casting the following roles:**

**MAIN ROLES** (perform in all 4 shows)

- Roberta (15 years old)
- Peter (12)
- Phyllis (9)

**SUPPORTING ROLES** (perform in 2 shows each – double cast)

- John (14)
- Alfred (12)
- Edith (11)
- Bert (9)
- Emma (8)
- Joan (7)
- Ann (any age)

(Ages are just a guide – if you feel right for the part, we want to hear from you! We actively encourage submissions from everyone regardless of age, ethnicity, gender or disability.)

**No acting experience? No problem!** We're looking for enthusiasm, energy, and commitment. Once cast we will expect full commitment to ALL rehearsals and performances.

**You must be available for all rehearsals.** These will take place 1-2 evenings a week & some Sundays in June and early July. Towards the middle-to-end of August you will be required for more intensive daytime rehearsals in the run up to the performances on 27th, 30th and 31st August. All rehearsals and performances happen at Didcot Railway Centre, so please consider the distance you will need to travel to take part.

**How to Apply**

Ask a parent or guardian to help you send an email to [amy@gobletheatre.co.uk](mailto:amy@gobletheatre.co.uk) with:

- Your name, age, and where you live
- About 500 words on why you want to be part of this amazing production

After this initial round, you will get to meet the director online followed by in-person auditions.

Closing date for applications is 31st May.

So if you're ready to step into the spotlight, wear amazing costumes, and bring *The Railway Children* to life this summer... Don't wait – get your application in now!

**We can't wait to meet you!**



**i** Information for parents/carers **NHS**  
Berkshire Healthcare  
NHS Foundation Trust

## Let's talk about wee and poo

The Paediatric Bladder and Bowel Service  
is coming to a location near you!

Does your child struggle to  
poo? Are they wetting  
themselves? Do you need  
support with toilet training?

The Paediatric Bladder and  
Bowel Service is coming to  
a location near you!

Come and talk to us on the  
Health Bus for free advice.

### Morrisons Reading

Tuesday 17 June and  
Friday 20 June 2025  
10am – 2pm



[berkshirehealthcare.nhs.uk/continence](https://berkshirehealthcare.nhs.uk/continence)

**NHS**  
Berkshire Healthcare  
NHS Foundation Trust

## Are you confident in your continence?

Do you...

- have to rush to the toilet?
- experience bladder leaks?
- struggle with constipation?

The Bladder and Bowel  
Service is coming to a  
location near you!

Come and talk to us on the  
Health Bus for free advice.

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Scan me

Scan the QR code or go to the address  
below to find out more about our service:

[berkshirehealthcare.nhs.uk/continence](https://berkshirehealthcare.nhs.uk/continence)