



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,

We would like to introduce and welcome Mrs Lambert to our school staff team. Mrs Lambert joins us in our school office and will be the main point of communication for our school via the office email (office@csf.w-berk.sch.uk) and parent comms.



Just as a reminder, our Welcome service is next Wednesday, 7th October, at St Andrew's Church in Chaddleshworth. Please remember to drop your child/ren to St Andrew's (unless you have requested minibus transport through the parent comms google form), where school staff will be ready to greet everyone, from 8.30am. The service will start at 9am, with our school families and community all invited, and very welcome, to join us. The village hall car park will be open for cars to park during the service.



Next week it is 'World Mental Health Day', which takes place every year on 10th October. It is a reminder of the importance of good mental health and the need to prioritise and invest in mental wellbeing. For 2026, the theme set by the World Federation for Mental Health is *'Lived Experiences Heard: Real Voices, Real Change'*. The core message is to move past simple awareness to meaningful engagement by treating lived experience as true expertise. Next Friday (9th October) we invite all children (and staff) to wear something yellow in recognition of this important day - it could be a yellow ribbon, yellow hat, yellow socks, a yellow t-shirt or even yellow trousers (part uniform and part yellow is perfectly acceptable e.g. school jumper with a yellow skirt).

We would like to remind our families to be considerate to our neighbours and local residents when driving to school for drop off and collection of children. Please avoid using, or blocking, private driveways and roads (particularly in and around Spring Meadows) and be considerate when choosing where to park. Thank you for your on-going support with these matters.



Wishing everyone a wonderful weekend,

Ms Munday Headteacher www.csfschools.org

House captains...

Last week our Friday worship was filled with anticipation as we took time to listen to our Year 6

children who wanted to share their house captain speeches with the school and then consider our voting choices.

Our House Captains are elected through a pupil and school staff vote. This approach gives everyone in our school a voice to promote the democratic values that form an important part of our school, and British, life. The candidates were given the opportunity to share their speeches with their peers and school staff, and children and adults were then encouraged to vote for the individual they felt would best represent their house. The voting system provides children, and the whole school, with a meaningful experience of democracy and participation within our school community where we encourage pupils to listen to others, make informed choices and participate in decisions that affect school life.

We are incredibly proud of all the Year 6 children who planned, prepared and presented their speeches on our voting day. We all had tricky decisions to make for our votes!

After everyone had the opportunity to share their choices and all the votes were counted at the start of this week we were delighted to be able to announce our House Captains for this academic year as...



Today's house meetings were an opportunity to award our new House Captains with their pin badges and to get to know their house groups as they began the creation of the house posters for this year. We will share the team creations next week when they are fully completed.

This week's BIG question is:

What are British Values and why do they matter?

Click the image to find out more...



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 'Community' ...

	In Robins...	Barney, "In our Worship song I like hearing the words 'Trust you Lord'." (psalm 23)
		Eli, "I went on the school minibus for the first time. I loved it!"
	In Kingfishers...	Rupert, "I am really proud to be in Anvil because we have new House Captains, Tuppen and Chase. Their speeches were really good and I liked their ideas."
		Darcey, "I liked it when we all came together in our Houses to vote for the new House Captains, it was really exciting."
	In Owls...	Aster, "I have learnt about the British Value of democracy and had my say by voting for our house captains."
		Spencer, "On Saturday, I went roller skating to the Northcroft Leisure Centre with our class mascot - Stig. I had a great time."
	In Red Kites...	When thinking about British Values...
		Hollie W and Hollie H said, "Use kind words, hands and feet to treat others how you want to be treated."
		Sophie thinks we should, "Be respectful of other people's opinions and ideas."
	School adults...	Jaxon shared, "It is important that everybody gets their ideas heard", linking this to British Values.
		Mrs. Higgins, "This week, I have enjoyed listening to the children's explanations and views on democracy during our whole school worship."

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](#)

Diary dates... (New dates are added in green)**October 2026**

Tues, 6 th	PTFA Bag2school collection
Wed, 7 th	Welcome church service, 9am St Andrew's, Chaddleworth The school community is welcome to join us
Fri, 9 th	Wear yellow in recognition of World Mental Health Day
Mon 12 th - Fri 16 th	Parent teacher meetings
Fri, 16 th	PTFA fancy dress disco
Tues, 20 th	9am Harvest worship in school Families welcome to join us
Wed, 21 st	Last day of term 1
Thurs, 22 nd	School closed (INSET)

November 2026

Mon, 2 nd	Term 2 begins
Sat, 14 th	PTFA Winter Fayre

December 2026

Wed, 16 th	Christmas Church service, 9.30am St Mary's, Great Shefford
Thurs, 17 th	Whole school pantomime trip
Fri, 18 th	Last day of term 2

January 2027

Mon, 4 th	School closed (INSET)
Tues, 5 th	Term 3 begins

February 2027

Wed, 3 rd	Candlemas Church service, 9.30am St Mary's, Great Shefford
Fri, 12 th	Last day of term 3
Mon, 22 nd	Term 4 begins

March 2027

Wed, 24 th	Easter Church service: 9.30am St Mary's, Great Shefford
Thurs, 25 th	Last day of term 4

April 2027

Mon, 12 th	Term 5 begins
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May 2027

Mon, 3 rd	May Bank holiday
Fri, 28 th	Last day of term 5

June 2027

Mon, 7 th	Term 6 begins
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July 2027

Wed, 21 st	Leavers Church service, 1.30pm St Mary's, Great Shefford
	Last day of term 6
Thurs, 22 nd	School closed (INSET)

Term Dates - Chaddleworth St. Andrew's & Shefford - C.E. Federated Primary Schools

PTFA news & updates...

Our last reminder to drop off any donations at the bike shed before Tuesday, as collection day is Tuesday 6th October.

If you would like to find out more about how you could help please see one of the co-chairs; Lottie Hadland or Charlotte Chrimes or email chair@csptfa.org.uk



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Parent and carer community news and information...

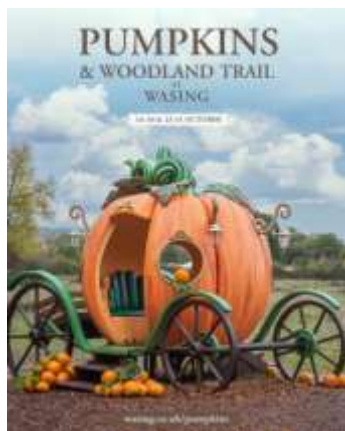


If your child was born between 1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023, you should apply for a place at an Infant or Primary school.

You can apply online at
<http://www.westberks.gov.uk/primary-school-admissions>
 between 12 September 2025 and 15 January 2026.



For more information on school admissions, including information on each school in West Berkshire, go to
www.westberks.gov.uk/secondary-school-admissions



Wasing Estate's Annual 'Pick Your Own Pumpkins and Woodland Trail' Event 2026

On **16–31 October** (selected dates), **Wasing Estate** is hosting its annual '**Pick Your Own Pumpkins and Woodland Trail**' for families to commence their autumn celebrations, immersed in nature. Upon arrival, guests will be invited to wander down the Estate's enchanting woodland trail, where a **life-sized fairytale pumpkin carriage** awaits, alongside stunning autumnal views and plenty of **picture-perfect moments** for the whole family.

Nestled in the heart of **Berkshire**, guests will have the chance to spot woodland creatures, make a wish at the **wishing well**, light a candle for a loved one and explore the mysterious **Witch's Apothecary**, before heading to Wasing's rustic pumpkin patch – wheelbarrow in hand! – to pick their perfect pumpkin.

Once the pumpkin-picking is done, visitors can head to the **cosy stretch tent** to choose from a selection of **specialty pumpkins** and tuck into delicious seasonal treats, from Wasing organic beef pasties and sausage rolls to warming pumpkin soup, alongside crêpes, doughnuts and pizzas. Showcasing Wasing's **estate-to-plate ethos**, with organic beef reared on the Estate, it's the perfect way to round off an autumnal day out before heading home to carve their very own Wasing pumpkin.

For 2025 highlights & more info visit: <https://www.wasing.co.uk/pumpkins>



Saturday 3 October

10am-3pm | drop-in
£1 per person payable on the day (under 5s free)

Learn about life in Roman Britain with historical reenactors from Butser IX Legion.

With hands-on activities, demonstrations, crafts, and a trail.

West Berkshire Museum | The Wharf | Newbury | Berkshire RG14 5AS
T: 01635 519562 E: museum@westberks.gov.uk
www.westberkshireheritage.org/whats-on

THE GREAT CHADDLEWORTH SCARECROW HUNT

FROM 24TH - 31ST OCT

HELP US TRANSFORM CHADDLEWORTH INTO A VILLAGE FULL OF SPOOKY, SILLY & SPECTACULAR SCARECROWS!

BUILD & DISPLAY YOURS. THEN GRAB A MAP AND HUNT THE BEST FREE MAPS AVAILABLE FROM THE JERK FROM 3PM SAT - 31 OCTOBER

PRIZES AVAILABLE FOR MOST POPULAR SCARECROWS

	1ST	2ND	3RD
£	200	100	50

EMAIL ENTERTAINMENT@CHADDLEWORTH.NET TO REGISTER YOUR SCARECROW ON THE MAP

REGISTER YOUR SCARECROW BY MONDAY 19TH OCTOBER. DISPLAYED BY 24TH OCTOBER!

CLOSED FOR REPAIR

As we take steps to make the church safe, the services due to take place in St Mary's, Great Shefford will take place in St Stephen's, Shefford Woodlands until further notice

Please note that this also means Great Shefford will remain locked for visitors

GOL! ELITE COACHING

OCTOBER HALF TERM FOOTBALL CAMPS

AGES 4-12

FUN! ACTIVE! MAKE NEW FRIENDS!

LEARN. PLAY. REPEAT!

VENUES: BASINGSTOKE SOCCER CENTRE, TESTBOURNE COMMUNITY SCHOOL, THE HURST LEISURE CENTRE

DATES: 26TH - 30TH OCTOBER (ALL VENUES)

PRICES: £35 PER DAY OR £150 FOR THE WEEK

FOOTBALL COACHING, CHALLENGES, MATCHES, PLAYERS OF THE WEEK, PRIZES TO BE WON, MAKE NEW FRIENDS

GIRLS ONLY FOOTBALL DAY: 26TH OCTOBER, Basingstoke Soccer Centre

EARLY BIRD: 26TH OCTOBER, 10am-12pm, £5 OFF

www.goliteprocoaching.co.uk/holiday-camps/

Hungerford & Area Family Hub Timetable September-December 2026



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	EXTRAS
Kintbury Stay and Play 9:15 - 10:45 Starts 7th Sept 26 Free drop in session Term Time only (Alternative venue may be available in holidays) Venue - Kintbury St Marys Primary School RG17 9NM Triple P Parenting Program 10-week program Starts 12th Oct 12.30 - 2.30 Venue - The Croft Hall, The Croft, RG17 0HY	Lambourn Stay & Play (Little Lambourn Lights) 10:00am - 11:30am A group run in collaboration with the Lambourn Primary School Cost £1 Term Time only (Alternative venue may be available in holidays) Venue - Lambourn CofE Primary School	Baby Group Hungerford 8:30am-11:00pm Free drop in session Baby Weighing available Breast feeding support Breakfast provided Venue - The Croft Hall, The Croft RG17 0HY Cruisers & Crawlers (Peep themed) 11.30 - 1.00pm Free drop-in session Venue - The Croft Hall, The Croft RG17 0HY Baby Massage 5 week course Starts 23rd Sept Time 2.00 - 3.30pm Venue - The Croft Hall, The Croft RG17 0HY	Stay & Play Hungerford 8:30am-11:00am Free drop in session Venue - The Croft Hall, The Croft RG17 0HY Growing Resilient Parents 5 week course Free course Starts 24th Sept Venue TBC	Events yet to be decided	EXTRAS Halloween themed Messy Play session within our Stay & Play session - 22nd October Post Natal - Weaning session within our Baby Group - 23rd September

Follow the QR code to explore West Berkshire Family Hubs and register today.



Follow the QR code to book online.



Hungerford Family Hub (Office based in Hungerford Nursery School), The Croft, Hungerford, RG17 0HY



Harvest Supper

Friday 9th October 7:30pm
At Great Shefford Village Hall

Delicious home cooked meal
(inc. vegetarian & GF options)

Social Club bar open.

Tickets £15

Everyone is welcome

Please call or text 07867 934 387

Email denise.herrington@btinternet.com

Funds raised will support and maintain our historic parish churches



Harvest appeal

Help support your food bank this Harvest

In the three weeks leading up to Harvest, the food bank will provide over 600 food parcels for local individuals and families facing hardship.

Donate food

Donate an item or two from our shopping list, ensuring we can provide food for people facing hardship in your community.

Donate money

Help to cover the costs of storing and distributing food, as well as developing sustainable projects.



Shopping list

Tinned veg
Pasta Sauce
UHT Milk
Coffee
Cereal
Tinned tomatoes
Sugar
Sponge puddings
Toilet roll
Shower gel



westberks.foodbank.org.uk

Registered charity in England: 1155996

October Half Term

Museum Explorers

Tues 27 Oct | 10.30am - 12pm | FREE

Book online

A relaxed morning for children with additional needs and their families to enjoy West Berkshire Museum when there's 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.

Arts Award in a Morning

Thurs 29 Oct | 10am - 12.30pm | £7

Start your journey at West Berkshire Museum with a craft and museum trail before moving on to Newbury Library for a story-based session. Finish at the Corn Exchange with a drama session, and you will also have an opportunity to complete your 'Discover Level' Arts Award there (Arts and Culture Passport) with an additional charge of £4.90.

For more information and to book, please contact the Corn Exchange: 01635 522733 www.cornexchangeuk.com

Creative Craft Morning: Breathe Out Fire, Not Snow!

Fri 30 Oct | 10am - 1pm | £2.50

We love dragons at the Museum and so it will come as no surprise that one of our favourite story books is Zig by Julia Donaldson and illustrator Axel Scheffler.

In this craft session, we'll be taking inspiration from this modern classic by making a fire or snow breathing dragon from a craft roll, colourful paper, tissue paper, pom poms and other craft materials.

No need to book, just drop-in. Last entry 12.45pm. Please dress for mess! Complimentary free trail available.

Dragon Hunt!

Fri 30 Oct | 5pm-7pm | FREE

Join us for a family-friendly dragon hunt through a dimly lit museum, please bring a torch. Also, the museum dragon, and his dragon friends have decided to play hide and seek.

Count the newly hatched glow-in-the-dark dragons, as well as Mavis's dragon friends, and then find the greatest treasure of them all - a dragon's egg! No need to book, just drop-in. Last entry to the event is 6.40pm.

For more information about all the October half term events at West Berkshire Museum, please see: www.westberkshireheritage.org/whats-on

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October Half Term



The Scarecrows' Wedding Trail

Mon 26 Oct - Fri 30 Oct |

10am - 4pm | Free

About scarecrows Harry (HMy) and Betty (Berty), from the popular children's story book The Scarecrows' Wedding find the items on their wedding essentials list. The items are scattered around the grounds at Shaw House. Without your help, Harry and Betty's wedding might not go ahead!



Billy Goats Gruff Puppet Theatre

Mon 26 Oct | Shows 11am & 1pm | Book online

Join us for a creative, new person show which delights young audiences with puppets, live music, storytelling and singing. This is the simple story of three hungry goats and a grumpy old troll, told with a gentle ecological message. Adults £12, Child £5 (under 2s free with a token holder).



Movie in the Hall: James and the Giant Peach

Tues 27 Oct | 10.30am | Book online

James is an orphan who is sent to live with his wicked aunts. One day a strange man tells him that a marvelous thing will happen and his life will start to change. James escapes in a giant peach and his amazing adventures with new friends begin. Adult £5, Child £3.



Family Activity Day

Wed 28 Oct | 10am - 2pm | Drop in

The Wedding That No One Will Ever Forget! The Scarecrows' Wedding is a fun family favourite and will be making one of the scarecrows in this fun craft, includes a free The Scarecrows' Wedding trail. Last entry is 15 minutes before the end.



A visit from the Pumpkin King and Halloween Ragdoll

Thurs 29 Oct | 11am, 1pm or 3pm | Book online

We invite you to join us for a spooky show The Pumpkin King and Halloween Ragdoll will delight young audiences. Child £15, one accompanying adult free.



School of Enchantment

Sat 31 Oct | 6.20pm - 8.30pm | Book online

Discover your school house as you undertake a quest through the grounds. Create spooky crafts in the Great Hall and test your magic skills. Children £5, each child ticket includes one accompanying adult free.

www.westberkshireheritage.org/whats-on

Shaw House, Church Road, Newbury RG14 3DR | 01635 279 279



Hungerford Apple & Rural Heritage Festival
Sunday 11th October
10am to 3pm
£1 entry
Croft Field, Hungerford RG17 0HY

- lots of local stalls - meet the sheep - ferret racing -
- cook like a Viking - make a wheatear loaf -
- bring your apples to press - street food - Morris Dancing -
- have a go at woodworking & spinning -

Pumpkin & Squash Competition Grand Raffle Prize draw at 2pm

SPECTACLE of LIGHT
WELFORD PARK

Half Term Treat - Kids Go Free* on 25th October

Alice's Amazing Adventures in Wonderland!
One free child ticket with every paying grown up. Offer ends Sunday 6th Sept

FREE talk for parents**22 October 7-8pm****If you don't have time to listen**

Just book online and receive a link to the recording available for 48 hours

**ADHD & Homework**
info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk
**October 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

Raising Self-Esteem	5 Oct 10am
Supporting Healthy Sleep	5 Oct 7pm
Decreasing Depression	6 Oct 10am
Introduction to OCD	6 Oct 7pm
Improving Family Communication	12 Oct 10am
What is ACT?	12 Oct 7pm
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	13 Oct 10am
Supporting a Child with ADHD	13 Oct 7pm
Understanding Anger	19 Oct 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	19 Oct 7pm
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	20 Oct 10am
Autism: Improving Communication	20 Oct 7pm
FREE - ADHD and Homework	22 Oct 7-8pm
Facing Defiance	26 Oct 10am
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	26 Oct 7pm
School Anxiety	27 Oct 10am
Anxiety Explained	27 Oct 7pm

**Group Triple P**

The Triple P – Positive Parenting Program® knows all parents have different needs.

That's why Triple P has many different ways for you to get your parenting help. So you can choose what will suit you and your family best.

We are running a FREE 8-week course on Mondays from 12th October at 12-2 pm, at the Croft Hall, Hungerford.



Who is this for?

- parents of children birth-12

Triple P can help you

- encourage behaviour you like
- deal with problem behaviour
- become confident as a parent
- be realistic about parenting
- take care of yourself

Group Triple P is a great opportunity to meet other parents in similar situations - other parents who'll support you and share stories with you.

From the start, you'll be given tips and suggestions to suit the needs of your family. You'll see scenes from Every Parent's Survival Guide DVD, which will show you how the ideas work in real life.

If this is an area you would like support with then please book onto our course via email at Hungerfordandlalefamilyhub@westberks.gov.uk.



The Croft Hall, Hungerford, RG17 0HY

**YOUNG SINGERS WORKSHOP**

@WBMC OPEN DAY

FREE- SIGN UP NOW!

Come and have a go in our YOUNG SINGERS workshop, open for all students in years 4-6! All abilities welcome. come and give it a go!

Saturday 17th October, 10:40-11:20am

Kennet School, Thatcham RG19 4LL

WITH TEACHER
GEORGIA OLDMAN

What else is on at WBMC Open Day?

- Live Band & Orchestra Performances
- Have-a-Go on Musical Instruments
- Discover Drums, Brass & Woodwind
- Join the World Singing Day BIG SING!
- Early Years Music, Games & Concert
- Coffee, Cake & Chat



OPEN DAY: Saturday 17th October 2026

Entry between 10.00am - 3.00pm

West Berkshire Music Centre
Kennet School, Thatcham RG19 4LL

Questions? Email musiccentres@berksmusictrust.org.uk for more info!