



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

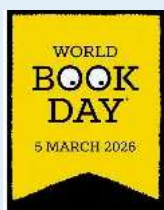
## Chaddleshworth and Shefford Federated CE Primary Schools

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

This term has flown by with so much to keep us busy!

Everyone is very deserving of their well-earned half term break, hopefully with a touch of sunshine somewhere in sight too!



In preparation for World Book Day next term (Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2026) we will invite all children to dress in response to class text/s which will be a focus on the day. Robins and Kingfishers are invited to represent something or someone from a Julia Donaldson text, Owls will be inspired by their class novel 'Felicity Fire and the Forever Key' written by Leon Mitchell and Red Kites will focus on 'The Day The

Crayons Quit' written by Drew Daywalt.



Please look out for your children's World Book Day book token to be able to redeem for a book, or towards a book, in the period from **Thursday 12 February until Sunday 15 March 2026**.



Wishing everyone a restful and enjoyable half term break.

We look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February,

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



### Children's Mental Health week...

Our week began with an introduction to the theme of 'Children's Mental Health Week' where we considered firstly what 'mental health' is and how we can keep our minds, as well as our bodies, happy and healthy. We considered our Christian values of Community and Compassion in relation to our own



mental health and how we can support others too.

We identified our homes and families, our school and different clubs and communities as places we belong. Then realising that in the places we belong we have positive emotions and responses such as feeling important and valued, feeling safe and supported by others.

We have worked through the week in our classes on ideas and ways we can support our own mental health like making sure we take time to do things we enjoy, spending time outside in the fresh air, sometimes challenging ourselves to try new things, taking time to talk with people we trust and feel safe with and calming breathing techniques.



### Water bottles...





A polite reminder that every child should be bringing in a freshly filled water bottle to school each day. Children have access to their water throughout the day and are encouraged to stay hydrated to support their health and well-being. Please note the expectation is that bottles are filled with WATER only, to follow Government nutrition guidance and advice to avoid sugary drinks including squash.




# Class worship...

How have we all been..." Living life in all its fullness" (John 10:10) this week?

With particular focus on our new Christian value of 'Courage' for this term...

	In Robins...	Jesse, "I have been writing messages."
		Darcey, "I have been helping my baby brother."
		Albi, "Swimming 10m with no armbands."
	In Kingfishers...	Teddy, "I have been trying hard to read my library book."
		Stanley, "I have been writing a story."
		Margo, "I have been building with Lego. It was hard. It was a very big house!"
		Ivy, "It has been my birthday this week so I'm having friends over for a birthday dinner"
		Emily, "I'm really excited about going to Poland over half term, it's really cold there at the moment. Even the lake is frozen over and we're staying in a cabin!"
		Lola, "It was my brother's birthday so we all went bowling!"
	In Owls...	Harry, "I used courage this week when I tried to ride my new bike with gears."
		Elizabeth L, "I showed courage this week when I persevered and did not give up while riding my new horse."
	In Red Kites...	Melody, "In D&T I enjoyed creating frame structures for a purpose."
		Darcy, "I liked doing our last Forest School sessions as we has two cinnamon apples slices each!"
		Josh, "I am proud that my drumming skills are getting better."
School adult...		Mrs Mirza, "This week, I showed courage by trusting God and stepping forward with confidence, even when I felt unsure. I reminded myself that courage is about faith, perseverance and doing the right thing." Mrs Chapman, "I enjoyed the children working together collaboratively and courageously to create a volcano, using their Science knowledge to make it erupt!"

## Picture News and the BIG question this week...



### The BIG question...

Should children have social media?

Adults in the UK are talking about whether children under 16 should be allowed to use social media, as the government is considering new rules to help keep children safe online. Some people believe social media helps children stay connected, while others worry it can affect wellbeing and mental health. During Children's Mental Health Week, the story reminds us how important it is to look after our mental health both online and offline.

The Bible teaches that to be happy we must be kind to ourselves. We need to be careful about what we watch, read and listen to, because what we think about affects how we live.



*'Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.'*

*Proverbs 4:23*

## 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...**

Thank you to the PTFA for the opportunity to enjoy some sweet treats and tasty bakes from the Valentine's cake sale as we come to the end of term!



Please do continue to drop off donations (which can be stored in the dry) in preparation for the Little Recyclers collection on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March.

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

February 2026	
Fri, 13 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of term 3
Tues, 17 <sup>th</sup>	Lunar New Year Shrove Tuesday
Mon, 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Term 4 begins Clubs start back
Tues, 24 <sup>th</sup>	Indian Dance Workshops - whole school, with 2.30pm end of day invite to families to join for a Holi celebration
Thurs, 26 <sup>th</sup>	Owls JMF rehearsal
March 2026	
Mon, 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Selected Year 5 and Year 6 Girls Football
Thurs, 5 <sup>th</sup>	WORLD BOOK DAY
Fri, 6 <sup>th</sup>	Non Uniform Day for PTFA Mother's Day Donations
Wed, 11 <sup>th</sup>	Selected KS1 Cricket Festival
Thurs, 12 <sup>th</sup>	Selected Year 5 and Year 6 Touch Rugby
Fri, 13 <sup>th</sup>	PTFA Mother's Day Gift Room
Sun, 15 <sup>th</sup>	Mother's Day
16 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup>	Parents Meetings
Tues, 17 <sup>th</sup>	PTFA 'Little Recyclers' collection day KS2 Cross Country St Patrick's Day
Wed, 18 <sup>th</sup>	Owl Class Upton Court Day Trip
Thurs, 19 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 and Year 2 Kingfisher Class Trip - STEAM, Swindon
Thurs, 19 <sup>th</sup>	Selected Year 5 and Year 6 Girls Touch Rugby
Fri, 20 <sup>th</sup>	Red Nose Day
Mon, 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Selected Year 1 and Year 2 Multi Skills
Wed, 25 <sup>th</sup>	Whole School Easter Church Service, St Andrew's Church Chaddleworth
Fri, 27 <sup>th</sup>	PTFA Easter Egg Hunt Last day of term 4
April 2026	
Fri, 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Good Friday
Sun, 5 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Sunday
Mon, 6 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Monday
Mon, 13 <sup>th</sup>	Term 5 begins
Tues, 14 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 and Year 4 Owls Class Swimming starts, 10 sessions
May 2026	
Mon, 4 <sup>th</sup>	Early May Bank Holiday
Fri, 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Last day of term 5
June 2026	
Mon, 1 <sup>st</sup>	Term 6 begins
July 2026	
Tues, 21 <sup>st</sup>	Last day of term 6
Term Dates - Chaddleworth St. Andrew's & Shefford - C.E. Federated Primary Schools	

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



### Would your child like to try a new instrument?

Please contact our brass and woodwind music teacher, Mr Crouter, for more information: Call 07776 381 510 or 01488 680 674

Email [timcrouter@aol.com](mailto:timcrouter@aol.com)

Children are welcome to come and try an instrument first if they would like to.

WWW.ELITEPLAYERSFA.CO.UK/CAMPBOOKINGS  
BOOK NOW AND GET 15% OFF

YEAR 1 - YEAR 6  
**EPA COMMUNITY CAMP**  
20TH FEBRUARY 2026  
9:00AM - 3:00PM

- FUN FOOTBALL GAMES
- TOURNAMENTS
- CHALLENGES & PRIZES

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School  
Newbury, Berkshire  
RG14 2AW

GET IN TOUCH TODAY  
→ [info@campbookings.co.uk](mailto:info@campbookings.co.uk)

[campbookings](http://campbookings.co.uk)

## Half Term Netball Camp

Experience fun activities, make new friends, and create lasting memories. All abilities welcome.

**NUFFIELD HEALTH**  
10:30 AM - 16:30 PM  
18th February - Years 7, 8 & 9  
19th February - Years 4, 5 & 6  
★ £30.00 per day

[netballstars.com](http://netballstars.com)

## FEBRUARY CAMP FUTURE FOOTBALL

Day pass £27.50  
3 day pass £75

15% discount (please email)

WANTAGEPLAYER (Expires 13 Feb)

Dates: WED 18<sup>th</sup> - FRI 20<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY

Times: 8.30AM TO 4PM

Extra Time: 4PM TO 5.30PM

TFG20 fee 10% off (exp 6/12/26)

Activities: 3G Pitch, Qualified Coaches, Ofsted registered, Established 15 years

Alfredian Park, Wantage  
Alfredian Park, Manor Road, Wantage, Oxfordshire, OX12 8DW

Book online: [www.tfgcamps.com](http://www.tfgcamps.com)

More information: [www.tfgcamps.com](http://www.tfgcamps.com) | [hello@tfgcamps.com](mailto:hello@tfgcamps.com)

## FUTURE FOOTBALL

IMPROVE YOUR SKILLS WITH OUR FA COACHES. PLAYERS WILL FOCUS ON SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND FUN SMALL SIDED MATCHES AND TEAM CHALLENGES WITH TOP EQUIPMENT LIKE TARGET NETS, SPEED RAGS, REBOUND WALLS, REBOUND NETS, FOOTBALL MANNEQUINS AND MORE! ALL ON A 3G FOOTBALL PITCH! ALSO CHANCE TO HAVE A GO ON OUR FOOTBALL INFLATABLES - DARTS, POOL, TARGET AND BOWLING!

Certificates TFG branded prizes Sports Star Awards

\*Please book online before your child's first day  
\*Please book, travel and all bills are required  
\*Please note, all TFG Camps are not 5 star rated  
\*Dates are not guaranteed and subject to change unless 10 days notice is given  
\*Subject to availability of our facilities and conditions found at [www.tfgcamps.com](http://www.tfgcamps.com)

More information: [www.tfgcamps.com](http://www.tfgcamps.com) | [hello@tfgcamps.com](mailto:hello@tfgcamps.com)



NetballStars - A fun local inclusive club based at Kennet School on Saturday mornings and Nuffield Health, Newbury on Thursday nights from year 3 upwards. NetballStars also have a great half term club for all abilities, see the flyer attached. As part of the clubs offering they support FREE



netball session to schools as part of their connect program. They can umpire fixtures, host a one off training session and after school club. Click the Link to message the team - [HERE](#) or check out the website - [www.netballstars.com](http://www.netballstars.com)

Newbury Junior Netball - The Newbury Junior Netball Club are our local competitive club starting at years 5/6. They hold annual trials for more experienced players that play in the West Berkshire Junior League. See the link here - <https://newburyjuniornetball.co.uk/join-us/>

**HAF 2026** BOOKINGS GO LIVE ON THE HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES PORTAL 25 FEBRUARY 2026 AT 7AM

Free holiday club places for children and young people eligible for free school meals.

- Activity sessions during school holidays at no cost to you
- Sports, music, arts and crafts
- Outdoor and indoor play, gaming and other exciting opportunities to learn and develop skills
- A nutritious meal each day
- Nutritional resources to keep
- Fun workshops and visits at selected venues

To find out if your child is eligible, please contact your school or our HAF Coordinator.

If you have any questions about HAF please email our HAF Coordinator at [Hannah.lee1@westberks.gov.uk](mailto:Hannah.lee1@westberks.gov.uk) or visit our website: [www.westberks.gov.uk/HAF](http://www.westberks.gov.uk/HAF)

Now working with Holiday Activities booking system! Check your email inbox soon for your HAF voucher to make your bookings. You will receive 4 booking credits for Easter HAF!

West Berkshire

**MOVIE IN THE HALL**

**Fantastic Mr. Fox**


**Tuesday 17 February | Adults £5 Child £3**  
Doors open at 10am, film starts at 10.30am

The café will be open serving cinema sweets and treats.  
Book online: [www.westberkshireheritage.com/whats-on](http://www.westberkshireheritage.com/whats-on)

Certification: PG (7+) | Running time: 81 mins | Searchlight Pictures

West Berkshire

**West Berkshire LIBRARIES** **Thursday 19 February**  
**11-11.45am**  
**Hungerford Library**



## Marina Sets Sail

Tickets are non-refundable except in the event of cancellation by the library.



Marina dreams of honouring her Sea Captain mother. After discovering a mysterious message in a bottle on the beach, Marina sets off on a treasure hunt across the waves and a journey full of surprises!

In partnership with the Watermill Theatre, this brand-new show is written and performed by Lizzie Lewis especially for children aged 3-6 years. Running time: 35 minutes, followed by an opportunity for children to take part in a creative activity.


Advance booking essential. Adults: £10, children £7. Please ask in the library about special rates for childminders and nurseries.

For more information and to book, please contact the library: 01488 682660 / hungerfordlibrary@westberks.gov.uk

In partnership with

**West Berkshire LIBRARIES** **Sunday 15 February**  
**11-11.45am**  
**Newbury Library**



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To book online: <https://tinyurl.com/wberkslibrary29>. For further information and any booking queries, please ask in the library.

In partnership with


**JACK AND THE BEANS TALK**  
*Big Book Theatre*

**Mon 16 Feb**  
**Shaw House**  
**11am & 1pm**  
**Adults £10, Child £7**



Was it a dream or did I hear a talking bean?  
 A charming story with an enormous beanstalk, bags of gold and a smelly old giant. Jack and the Beans Talk is a cautionary tale about what might happen if you throw things out of the window!

[www.westberkshireheritage.org/whats-on](http://www.westberkshireheritage.org/whats-on)  
 Shaw House, Church Road, Newbury RG14 2DR 01635 279 279



**WEST BERKSHIRE MUSEUM**



## Museum Explorers

**Tuesday 17 February | 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.

**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)



The Oxford Brookes Science Bazaar will be held on Saturday 21st February, 9:30am-4:00pm, at our Headington Campus (OX3 0BP). The event is designed to inspire curiosity and excitement around science through hands-on, interactive activities, and is most suitable for children aged 5–12, though all ages are welcome. With over 70 drop-in activities, families can explore science together in a relaxed and engaging environment. On the day, visitors can enjoy:

- Hands-on science activities led by real scientists, researchers, and students.
- Live science shows and demonstrations throughout the day.
- Interactive workshops covering topics such as psychology, medicine, engineering, robotics, coding, nutrition, and more.
- STEM games and challenges, with prizes to be won.

The Science Bazaar is a great opportunity for children to experience science outside the classroom, ask questions, and see how science connects to everyday life and future careers.

Event details

- Date: Saturday 21st February 2026
- Time: 9:30am-4:00pm
- Location: Oxford Brookes University, Headington Campus, OX3 0BP
- Cost: Free
- Booking required: [\[booking link\]](#)

