



Chew Stoke Church School Newsletter



INTRODUCTION FROM THE HEADTEACHER

This week we have been reflecting on the amount of exciting enrichment activities we provide for our children at Chew Stoke Church School. One of our key priorities is to be able to give the children a wide range of experiences, including sporting, cultural, musical and different places to visit. We hope that through this the children will be motivated to have a new interest or hobby and give them inspiration for their future careers. Linking to this, the last few weeks of school look to be very busy indeed - please do regularly check the diary section of our website that details all of the upcoming events.

On Tuesday Mrs Hope, Mrs Dagger and Mrs Lynett accompanied the pupils from the school choirs to the Primary Choirs Festival at the Bristol Beacon. The event brought over 900 pupils from the Bristol area together to sing as one choir. It was a fantastic event to be part of and a brilliant experience for the children.



Over the last few weeks we have been welcoming to school the children who will be joining us in Reception next academic year. We have a very full induction programme at the school and hopefully by the time the children join us in September they are already feeling quite at home. I am sure you will join me in welcoming all of our new families to the school.

Each year, a dedicated group of Year 6 pupils takes on a vital role within our school as Associate Governors. These pupils craft an annual report, offering a unique perspective on what it's like to be a pupil at Chew Stoke Church School. Their report highlights the school's strengths from a pupil's viewpoint and identifies areas they believe could be developed further. Our current cohort of Associate Governors will present their findings directly to the school's governing body at the final governors' meeting in July. This initiative is a cornerstone of our commitment to pupil voice, ensuring that our pupils' opinions are heard and contribute directly to the ongoing improvement of our school.

SUMMER TERM
2025/26

03/07/2026

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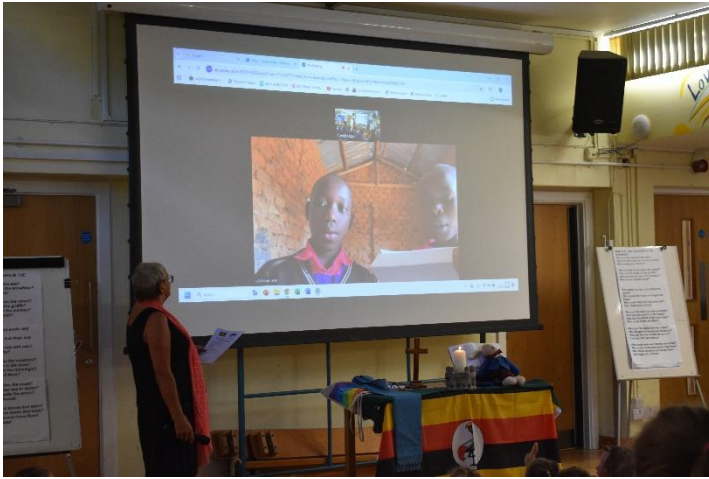
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A huge thank you to everyone who supported our fundraising efforts to help provide a solar panel for our partner school in Uganda. We were delighted to see so many pupils wearing yellow and orange items to recognise and celebrate this special partnership. As part of the day, we also shared an amazing worship session via Zoom with our friends in Uganda. Being able to worship together, despite the distance between us, was a truly special experience for our whole

school community. Thank you for your generosity and enthusiasm in helping us make a real difference. If you would still like to make a donation this can be done via our 'donations page' on ParentPay.

Next Friday we have our annual end of year PTA Barbecue. This is always a lovely evening, with delicious food and plenty of entertainment, including an opportunity to see the children's performances from this year's Dance Umbrella. Huge thanks to Mrs Cooke, Mrs Lambert and their team of hard-working helpers - let's hope the weather continues to behave for us!

Finally... School reports will be sent home on Friday 17th July.

NOTICE TO ALL HEDGEHOG & KS2 DANCE CLUB PARENTS!

The PTA has asked us if we will perform our Dance Umbrella dances at the End of Year Barbecue, which is being held on Friday 10th July. Pupils will need to be brought to Hedgehog Class on that evening by 5.15pm for make-up and dressing. If your child will NOT be attending please let Miss Hennessy know as soon as possible. Thank you.

FAREWELL CONCERT FOR REVEREND IAN

As you will know, Reverend Dr Ian Mills is leaving the Chew Valley shortly, to take up his new post as Rector of Bath Abbey. There will be a Farewell Concert at Winford Parish Church on Thursday 9th July, starting at 7pm. The concert will include not only our children's choirs, Mini Melodies and Jubilee!, but also the adult Community Choir and several solo performers. Admission is free and refreshments will be served afterwards.

Reverend Ian has had a large input in our school and the local community during the five years he has been here, visiting school at least three times every week. His work with our choirs has given many children the opportunity to learn to sing and experience performing in wonderful locations, including the Nave of Wells Cathedral and many of our local parish churches. If you would like to donate towards a leaving gift for him, please do so via ParentPay or in cash to Mrs Dagger in the School Office. Thank you.

TOYS NEEDED FOR HEDGEHOG CLASS

Miss Hennessy has asked us to write a short note to say Hedgehog Class are running low on toy vehicles and if anyone is having a clear out, she would be happy to take them off their hands! Donations can be handed in to the School Office. Thank you.

PTA NEWS

We are very much looking forward to seeing everyone at the Summer End of Year BBQ next Friday (10th July). We have lots of fun planned including games for the children and an inflatable super slide. We will also be serving delicious local food & salads and Chew Moos will be selling ice cream. Events like this really need manpower to make them work so if you are able to volunteer to either support your class stall or to help on the bar/bbq/set up/tidy up we would be so grateful. You can sign up to support your class stall via your class WhatsApp group where your PTA class rep will have posted requests. Other volunteering opportunities can be signed up for via this link:-

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/10C0F4FAAAD28A7F5CF8-64646579-10th?useFullSite=false>

SUMMER BBQ REQUESTS

IT'S THE SUMMER BBQ ON 10TH JULY. ALL MONEY RAISED GOES TO THE SCHOOL TO HELP SUPPORT THE KIDS BUT THE PTA NEEDS YOUR HELP TO PULL IT OFF! IF YOU COULD HELP WITH ANY OF THE BELOW WE WOULD BE VERY GRATEFUL!

DONATE A PACKET OF SWEETS FOR THE SWEET TOMBOLA – PLEASE HAND TO OFFICE BEFORE THURSDAY 9TH JULY

DONATE UNWANTED TEDDIES FOR THE ADOPT A TEDDY STALL

BUY TOKENS AT THE BAR FOR YOUR CHILDREN TO SPEND ON GAMES / STALLS

LEND A GAZEBO—MSG 07968790929 IF YOU HAVE ONE TO SHARE

**SIGN UP & VOLUNTEER! JOIN A FRIEND, BRING YOUR SMALL ONES – WE NEED LOTS OF HELP TO MAKE EVENTS LIKE THIS WORK
THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT**

To help make it easier for children to join in and reduce the need for small change we will be selling tokens on the gate and at the bar - these are worth 50p each and can be redeemed on all games / stalls. These can be paid for with card or cash.

Lastly, we are asking for donations for packets of sweets for the Sweet Tombola and also preloved Teddies in good condition for our 'Adopt a Teddy' stall. These can be dropped into the School Office any time before end of school on Thursday 9th July.

Thanks so much for your support and we look forward to seeing you on Friday! Your PTA



Chew Stoke PTA

END OF YEAR SUMMER BBQ

FRIDAY 10TH JULY

SCHOOL PLAYGROUND - 5-8PM

JOIN YOUR FRIENDS AND CHILDREN FOR A FUN FILLED
EVENING OF DELCIOUS FOOD, GAMES, MUSIC & STALLS

SWEET TOMBOLA - CHOO MOOS ICE CREAM - ADOPT A TEDDY - COCONUT SHY -
INFLATABLE SUPER SLIDE - FACE PAINTING - TREASURE HUNT - FRUIT MACHINE - WATER
GUN ZONE - SPLAT THE RAT - NERF SHOOTOUT - BOAT RACING & MORE!
PLUS MUSIC FROM DJ DOSWELL

BE A CHORISTER FOR A DAY AT WELLS CATHEDRAL

Each autumn, Wells Cathedral holds a fabulous free event called Be a Chorister for a Day, where children who love to sing can experience what it is like to be a Cathedral Chorister. The event is open to children aged between 6 and 9, there are fun singing workshops, and the afternoon ends with them taking part in the Evensong service alongside the Cathedral Choir.

This year's event will take place on Sunday 4 October 2026, from 12.45-4.30pm.

Here is a link to further information on our website, including a wonderful short video of our Choristers explaining how they feel about Chorister life in their own words - <https://www.wellscathedral.org.uk/worship-and-music/choristerships>.

Pre-registration is essential for this event and it's always very popular! See the flyer link below for further information:- https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/Poster_BACFAD_2026.jpg

CLIMATE AND NATURE STRATEGY SURVEY

B&NES have written to us to request that we share the following information with parents:-

We are developing a new Climate and Nature Strategy and would be very grateful if you could share this survey link in your newsletters with staff, pupils, parents, and guardians to garner their thoughts and views to help shape the plan for a cleaner, greener, more resilient future. It is open to all B&NES residents, businesses, education settings, community and voluntary organisations, and anyone with a connection to Bath and North East Somerset are invited to take part. The survey was launched on the 3rd of June and closes on Friday the 24th of July, 2026 at 5.00pm, it takes around 15 to 20 minutes to complete.

Survey Link: <https://www.bathnes.gov.uk/help-shape-our-climate-and-nature-strategy>

BRISTOL CATHEDRAL SONGBIRDS

Following it's successful first year, Songbirds, Bristol Cathedral's junior choir, is looking forward to welcoming new singers in September. Songbirds is open to any child who will be starting in years 3 or 4 in September. Sessions take place on Monday afternoons from 4.15pm -5.15pm. Each session involves warmups, games, story time, learning a piece that is sung in a service, and, most importantly, biscuits. We work towards performing at a service at the end of each term, which last year included the Family Carol Service in December, and at Choral Evensong on Easter Day. Here's what current parents and Songbirds say:

"I have really loved singing at the Cathedral. It's a great building and the teachers are lovely, I also like the biscuit break."

"My son has loved taking part in Songbirds as a year 3. His confidence about singing has grown dramatically and he now hopes to become a cathedral chorister. It has been lovely to see the choir grow together over the year!"

If you would like to find out more and to sign up, please email music@bristol-cathedral.co.uk. We look forward to hearing from you!

EVENTS IN SCHOOL - SUMMER TERM

Dates for all our Summer Term activities have now been finalised so please remember to check the calendar on our website (<https://www.chewstokeacademy.org/>) for further information.

VALLEY ARTS YOUTH THEATRE SUMMER CAMP

Valley Arts' fabulous "A Play in a Week" Youth Theatre Summer Camp is back!

Once again led by experienced writer and director Toby Hulse, of Roustabout Theatre, this week-long holiday club is designed for young people aged 7 to 14.

Throughout the week they will learn a range of theatre skills, including improvisation, storytelling and devising, in order to create their very own play, completely from

scratch. They then have the opportunity to perform their play to an audience at the end of the final day!

Mon 10th - Fri 14th August, 10am - 4pm every day.

Exclusive Early Bird price of £120 (plus booking fee) available until Sunday 7th June. Places are limited so book now to avoid disappointment!

[SUMMER HOLIDAY THEATRE CAMP - BOOK HERE](#)

ATTACHMENT LINKS

Further items of interest can be found by clicking the following links:-

Bristol Flyers Basketball:- [https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/Flyers_Slam_Jam_League_Poster_\(White_version\).png](https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/Flyers_Slam_Jam_League_Poster_(White_version).png)

Invitation to Parenting Plus SEND Programme:- https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/InvitationPPSN-Programme_Sept_2026_Bath_New.pdf

Parenting Programme Poster:- https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/Parenting_Programme_Poster_September_26-_-_Bath.pdf

School Nursing Service Contact Details:- https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/Maria_-_Primary_Schools_Jan_25.docx

Winford Fun Day:- [https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/Winford_Fun_Day_2026_\(1\).png](https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/Winford_Fun_Day_2026_(1).png)

Fly Fishing Youth Development Taster Day:- https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/YDP_TASTER_26_V3.jpeg