



Chew Stoke Church School Newsletter



INTRODUCTION FROM THE HEAD TEACHER



On Tuesday we had our first visit of the academic year to St Andrew's Church to celebrate Harvest. Through readings, poems and songs each class led a part of the service. Thank you for all of the Harvest gifts that the children brought in; these will be donated to the Community of the Sisters Church in Bristol. This Sisters help to support families and homeless charities in the area.

Parents will have an opportunity to meet with class teachers after half term, when we hold our first Parent Conferencing sessions for this academic year. These will be held week commencing Monday 17th November. You will receive a separate letter giving further details along with instructions on how to book an appointment after half-term.



Thank you to everyone who helped make our Macmillan Coffee morning last Friday such a success. It was lovely to see the hall full of parents and the children all enjoyed having a cake at playtime. Thank you to Mrs Lewis for organising the day, we raised well over £500.

On Tuesday we had a film crew from BBC Points West in school. They worked with a very excited Badger Class, talking to them about our former pupil, F1 star Lando Norris. It was brilliant for the children to see the work that goes into creating a news article for television. Do look out for our pupils on Points West tonight at 6.30pm.

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CREATIVITY

Our British Value for
this term is

THE RULE OF LAW



A reminder that **Friday 24th October and Monday 3rd of November** are Inset Days and the school will be closed to all pupils.

The coming few months in school are already looking tremendously busy. Please do check the calendar on our [school website](#) to see what/when events are happening.

MEETING FOR PARENTS OF PUPILS IN HEDGEHOG CLASS

On **Wednesday 22nd October** at 5:00pm Miss Hennessy will be hosting a 'Day in the life of a Hedgehog' in our classroom. This should hopefully explain our day in a bit more detail as we know some of the children will probably say we haven't been up to much! We will also talk a little about Maths in class.

BADGER CLASS ASSEMBLY

Badger Class will be performing the first of our class assemblies on Friday 17th October. Parents of Badger Class are invited to join us in the Hall from 8.45am for coffee before the assembly begins at 9.10am.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Next Thursday, 9th October our photographer will be visiting school to take individual photographs of the children and sibling groups, so please ensure your child has a clean school jumper/cardigan with them. Where there are pre-school aged siblings the photographers are happy to take family group photos; to avoid toddlers becoming fractious by being kept waiting these photos will be taken in the school hall at 8.30am. Access for this will be via the gate to the large playground at the top of the driveway by School House.

A proof of your child's photo will be sent home shortly afterwards with details of how to place orders. Please note that you are under no obligation to buy if you do not wish to.

CHEW STOKE WINTER BALL

Thank you to the team who are organising this years Chew Stoke Winter Ball for allowing the proceeds to be shared between the school and the village hall. This money will go towards replacing our school iPads. If you would like to purchase tickets for this event please contact Laura Jones on 07813 081896.

SEND NEWS

Open invitation to parents to drop into school for tea/coffee & biscuits on Tuesday 7th October 2025 at 2pm. Jane Kemp from B&NES SENDIAS Support for parents of SEND children, will be visiting to answer any questions or concerns.

CHURCH NEWS

The annual Harvest Thanksgiving service will take place this Sunday, 5th October at St Andrew's Church, Chew Stoke, starting at 10.30am. The service will include a performance by our Mini Melodies and Jubilee! choirs. Everyone is very welcome to attend.



PUPILS STARTING SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2026

We have recently received enquiries from current parents who have a younger child wishing to start school next September, regarding how and when to make their application. We have contacted both B&NES and North Somerset Schools Admissions departments and have been informed by both local authorities that application portals are now open via their websites for applications to be made online. The links are:-

Bath & North East Somerset:- <https://www.bathnes.gov.uk/complete-your-school-place-application>

North Somerset:- <https://n-somerset.gov.uk/my-services/schools-learning/school-admissions/apply-school-place/submit-your-application-school-place>

Both local authorities have emphasised the following points:-

- Ensure your application is made **BEFORE** the closing date of 15th January 2026
- You **DO NOT** need to wait for a letter from the Council in order to make an application (in fact, North Somerset Council no longer send letters out to parents)
- Make your application via your **HOME** local authority (the one you pay your Council Tax to), regardless of the address of the school you are applying for.

If you have any further questions, please contact your local authority or speak to the School Office.

SCHOOL MEALS FOR LATE ARRIVALS

Please may we remind parents that school meals need to be ordered by 10am each morning. If your child is going to be late in (medical appointments, school visits etc.) please let the School Office know in advance whether they will require a school meal on that day. The kitchen doesn't prepare 'extra' food as they try to minimise waste at all times and keep costs down. Thank you for your co-operation.

DESIGN A BANNER COMPETITION

To celebrate Chew Stoke Church School winning the Local, Regional and National Modeshift Stars Awards in March, we will be welcoming a visit from the Metro Mayor next term. We would like the mayor to unveil a banner attached to the school, celebrating our achievement and sharing a key message to our school community. We would love ideas to be bright and colourful so they can be seen and admired by our local community.



Entries should be completed on an A4 sheet of paper and ideally in felt tip pen so any writing or images are clear. Children's name and class should be written on the back of the entry. Entries need to be handed into the School Office by Thursday 23rd October 2025.

We would want the entry to include this line: ***National Modeshift Stars Primary School of the Year 2024/25.***

Some examples of other school banners are included to give some ideas.



ATTACHMENT LINKS

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

Chew Stoke Winter Ball:- https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/Winter_Ball.png

Intensive Swimming Lessons:- https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/October_2025_Intensive_Lessons.jpg

B&NES Sleep Webinars:- [https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/O\(3\)iv -
Leaflet ref School Aged Health Service Sleep Webinars for Parents Autumn 25 \(B-NES\) \(RE\).docx](https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/O(3)iv-_Leaflet_ref_School_Aged_Health_Service_Sleep_Webinars_for_Parents_Autumn_25_(B-NES)_RE.docx)