



Chew Stoke Church School Newsletter



INTRODUCTION FROM THE HEADTEACHER

On my learning walk this week it has been clear how focussed our children are on their new class topics and the enthusiasm of the children is clear. During the morning sessions Literacy and Numeracy are taught to meet the specific learning objectives of each year group in a class, whilst in foundation subjects, generally in the afternoons, we focus on building learning skills and knowledge through the topics taught. Our complete curriculum offer can be found in the learning section of our [school website](#).

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 on Tuesday 19th, Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st November from 4pm. You will shortly be receiving a separate letter giving further details along with instructions on how to book an appointment.



On Monday our Year 3 pupils were each presented with a dictionary which had been kindly donated by Chelwood Bridge Rotary Club. Ken Biggs (former Head Teacher of Chew Valley Secondary School) made the presentation, he also discussed with the whole school the work that the club undertakes around the world such as raising money for water boxes and polio vaccines.



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 the fantastic amount of £590.

**AUTUMN TERM
2024/25**

04/10/2024

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Our Christian Value for
this term is

HUMILITY

Our British Value for
this term is

**THE RULE OF
LAW**



Yesterday we had our first visit of the academic year to St Andrews 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.



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 **Thursday 17th October** at 5:30pm 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.

WELLBEING DROP-INS FOR PARENTS

Following the success of our meetings last year, we will be continuing to hold drop-in sessions this year. These will be held on the penultimate week of every term, from 9am to 10am, starting on Wednesday 16th October.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Next Wednesday, 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.

MEDICINES AND INHALERS IN SCHOOL

We have recently noted some children bringing medication into school in their bags to self-administer during the day. This is **NOT** allowed under any circumstances and all medicines, including inhalers, should be delivered to the School Office for safe-keeping and supervised administration by a member of staff. Please note that we require written instructions/consent from parents before we are able to administer any medication - a form for this purpose is available on the school website <https://www.chewstokeacademy.org/parent-information/forms-and-information-for-parents> These rules include medication purchased 'over the counter' as well as that provided on prescription.

Inhalers As stated above, these should be delivered to the School Office in the first instance for safe-keeping. However, if your child is likely to require frequent access to their inhaler, we are happy for an inhaler to be kept in the classroom for your child to request from the teacher when required.

Thank you for your co-operation.

FAREWELL AND THANKS TO OUR CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

Yesterday in church we said a very fond farewell to Mrs Marita Price, who has been the Chair of our governing board for the past four years. Mr Hewett presented Marita with a floral bouquet as a token of our appreciation for all her hard work. Marita has expertly led our wonderful team of governors through some challenging times, including the global pandemic, and we are all grateful to her for her unfailing dedication and enthusiasm. She does, however, leave the governing board in the safe hands of our new Chair, Nick George, and we are delighted that Marita will be continuing to serve as a governor here for the next four years.



Dates for your diary!

Term Dates

Term 1: 02/09/2024 - 25/10/2024
Term 2: 04/11/2024 - 20/12/2024
Term 3: 06/01/2025 - 14/02/2025
Term 4: 24/02/2025 - 04/04/2025
Term 5: 22/04/2025 - 23/05/2025
Term 6: 02/06/2025 - 22/07/2025

October 2024

- 09/10/23 - School photographs
- 14/10/24 - PTA AGM
- 18/10/24 - Fox Class Cake Sale
- 25/10/24 - Badger Class Assembly
- 25/10/24 - PTA Halloween Film Night

FREE TENNIS COURSE AT BISHOP SUTTON

Exciting news! We're offering a free tennis course this term for reception and Year 1 children at Bishop Sutton. Sessions run on Mondays and Fridays from 4:00-4:45 PM. Secure your spot today:

- **Mondays:** [Book here](#)
- **Fridays:** [Book here](#)

For more details, visit: [Tennis in Chew Valley](#).

ATTACHMENT LINKS

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

Wells Cathedral Autumn Half Term Activities:- https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/202410_FHA_Bishop_Bubwith-s_Books.jpg

Wells Cathedral Eco Week Activities:- <https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/EcoWeekPoster.jpg>

B&NES Road Safety Week:- https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/A4_Poster_-_Road_Safety_Week_2024_-_INFO_Pupils.pdf

Valley Arts Upcoming Events:- <https://mailchi.mp/667ec58b9866/gabriel-moreno-is-back-with-latin-exuberance-and-passion-check-out-our-new-look-6736955?e=0ed8c0b333>

B&NES Library Events w/c 7th October:- https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/Weekly_Events_Calendar.pdf