



Chew Stoke Church School Newsletter



INTRODUCTION FROM THE HEADTEACHER



We all had great fun dressing up to celebrate World Book Day on Monday. We started the day with a book themed assembly, which allowed us to see the fantastic costumes that everyone was wearing (even the staff). The children spent the rest of the

morning working on book related activities in their classrooms. We also held a book swap, shared reading activities and additional trips to the school library. Reading is a real strength of our school, achieving year on year well above national benchmarks. We see it as one of the key building blocks that opens up the wider curriculum to our pupils.



Today in Worship, Mrs Hope, assisted by the Worship, Ethos and Equality Team led a service focussing on the World Day of Prayer, which is today. The country being prayed for across the world this year is Nigeria. Children in Kingfisher Class decorated stones to symbolise 'life's burdens' - which is the theme of the day. These stones will be given out to the congregation at tonight's combined, Benefice World Day of Prayer Service in Winford Church.



**SPRING TERM
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this term is

GENEROSITY

Our British Value for
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During the assembly we also presented a very special award. This was the International School Award from the British Council. This award recognises schools who have shown outstanding development of the international dimension in the curriculum. Our thanks go to Mrs Hope who has led this area of work for us so brilliantly!

This week in school we said a fond farewell to Reverend Fran as she moves on to take up her first parish in Derbyshire. During her time with us, she has played a significant role in the life of the school. Reverend Fran has regularly led our worship, supported and inspired our choir, and served as a dedicated school governor. She has also been a valued presence in supporting our wider school community. We are very grateful for all she has contributed and the time she has given to our school. We wish her every happiness and success as she begins this exciting new chapter in her new parish.



Over the next few weeks, we will be holding our second round of parent/teacher meetings. If you haven't been able to book an appointment yet please contact the school office who will assist you. For the evening appointments the books will be available in the school hall.



On Friday 20th March we will be holding a non-school uniform day in school to raise money towards Chelwood Bridge Rotary Club's Water Box Appeal. The charity sends water boxes to disaster zones around the world. Children may wear home clothes and if you would like to donate towards the charity this may be done on ParentPay.

EASTER CELEBRATIONS

The term is moving on apace and we are now thinking about the Easter Festival. Kingfisher Class will be leading our Easter Service, which will be held on Wednesday 1st April at St Andrews Church starting at 9.30am.

We will be holding an Easter craft morning on Monday 30th March; teachers may need some help with the activities so please look out for some emails direct from the teachers regarding this.



On Tuesday 31st March we will be holding our Easter Eggshibition; details are as follows:

- Children will be able to enter a decorated egg from home (the egg should be either blown or hard-boiled)
- 2 items (different to the home item) will be produced in school
- Home-made items should be clearly labelled on the bottom (out of sight) with the child's name and class
- Entries should be brought in to school first thing on Tuesday 31st March. Judging

will take place after lunch

- The children will have an opportunity to look around the displayed entries once the judging is finished. Parents are welcome to view our Eggshibition from 3pm and it will remain open until 3.45pm to allow you to visit after pick-up time
- Certificates will be awarded for the first three places in each class.

Big Walk and Wheel 2026

Big Walk and Wheel is the UK's largest inter-school walking, wheeling, scooting and cycling challenge. It inspires pupils to make active journeys to school to improve air quality in their neighbourhood.

All schools across the UK can take part. Between 16th March - 27th March we will be competing with neighbouring schools to complete and track the largest number of green journeys to school each day. Green journeys include: walking, scooting and cycling. Our PE Council will be tracking how your children travel to school each morning and we hope as many children will walk, scoot or cycle to school. If you are unable to cycle or scoot from your home, we will also be able to accept journeys made on a bike or scooter when parked a 5 min ride away from school. Throughout the competition we will have access to the Big Walk and Wheel website which will keep us updated on our ranking locally, nationally as well as which class is performing the best.

To kick start the competition we will be hosting a bike and scooter breakfast on Monday 16th March at 8:15am. To take part all your child needs to do is cycle or scoot to school. After parking their bike or scooter the children are then welcome into the hall for a light breakfast. E.g. toast and juice. We ask children wear their helmet into the hall to show they have cycled or scooted that morning. Please note doors to the breakfast will close at 8:40am.

Thank you for your help and support with this initiative as part of our work with Modeshift Stars.

YOGA CLUB

We currently have a few spaces in our Wednesday afternoon Yoga Club and there is 1 space in Key Stage 1 Yoga Club on Thursdays. Sessions run after school from 3.20pm to 4.15pm. To book your child in please call Emma Hasell on: 07817 467424.

ATTACHMENT LINKS

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

Keynsham Hockey Academy:-

https://www.keynshamhockey.club/d/documents.html?group_id=24110

Stagecoach Theatre School:- <https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/Stagecoach.pdf>

Seed Swap 'Seedy Saturday':- https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/SeedySat_A5progleaflet2026.pdf