



# Chew Stoke Church School Newsletter



## INTRODUCTION FROM MR HEWETT

A very warm welcome to the start of this new school year. I hope you and your family have had a good summer. It has been a pleasure to see all of our children returning after the summer break so excited for the new academic year and their learning. This year we have twenty seven children starting in Hedgehog Class; I am sure you will join me in welcoming these new families into our school community. We also welcome Miss Evans, Miss Tyson and Mrs James to our teaching team.

I do place great importance on parents and school working together to ensure pupils are happiest and therefore make the most progress. It goes without saying that excellent attendance is vital. A gentle reminder that from this September the government have changed the rules around unauthorised absences. Where unauthorised absence reaches 10 sessions (equivalent to 5 days) across any 100-day period the local authority is expected to issue a penalty notice. As a school, we are keen to have open communication with parents and I would ask that if there are any questions, please do get in touch.

Thank you to everyone for being so punctual at the start of the day this week; a reminder that the gates will be open between 8.40 and 8.50am (please note that being late after 9am does count as an unauthorised absence). At the end of each school day, children in Years 3 to 6 will be walked around to the large playground to meet parents. If you have a child in these year groups, you are very welcome to wait on the large playground once the gates have been opened. This is a good time to catch up with teachers if you have a question or to book an appointment with them for another time.

This year we will be continuing to focus on a different Christian value each term. This will be our focus for Worship and will also permeate into many other aspects of school life. This term's Christian value is 'humility'. Shortly your child will be bringing home a sheet of ideas that can be worked on at home linked to the theme. We will also focus on a different British value each term, with the first one being 'The Rule of Law'.

Over the next few weeks you will receive a curriculum overview sheet from your child's class teacher detailing the learning for the term up until Christmas. We are excited to share that we have recently conducted research to identify the most effective homework practices for our pupils. Based on our findings, we have decided to focus on regular spellings, reading, and

**AUTUMN TERM**  
2024/25

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times tables practice, with occasional curriculum consolidation activities. This consistent approach across the school will help reinforce these essential skills and ensure our pupils are well-prepared for their academic journey. Your child's class teacher will provide more specific details about how this new homework structure will be implemented in their classroom.

School Clubs will be starting from next week and more details of the clubs we are hosting can be found below. The clubs are:

Club	Day/time	Ages	How to book
Korean Club	Monday 12.45-1.15pm	Key Stage 2	Sign up on ParentPay
Netball Club	Monday 12.45-1.15pm	Years 5 & 6	Contact Miss Hennessy
Tag Rugby	Tuesday 12.45-1.15pm	Kingfisher & Owl	Contact Miss Hennessy
Mini Melodies Choir	Tuesdays 3.20-4.30pm	Ages 7 to 9	Contact the School Office
Hockey	Tuesdays 3.20-4.25pm	Years 1 to 6	Bristol Sport Foundation – flyer to follow with booking info
Drama Club	Wednesdays	Key Stage 2	Book on ParentPay
Yoga	Wednesdays 3.20-4.15pm	Key Stage 2	See newsletter for further details
Yoga	Thursdays 3.20-4.15pm	Key Stage 1	See newsletter for further details
Football team training	Thursdays 3.20-4.30pm	Team members	
Jubilee Choir	Thursdays 3.20-4.30pm	Ages 9 to 14	Contact the School Office
Basketball	Fridays 3.20-4.20pm	Years 5 & 6	Sign up on ParentPay

Please can we ask parents to let us know if their child won't be attending their booked activity for whatever reason, to save us having to chase up non-attendees.

This Saturday sees the Harvest Home celebrations in the village. All of our children have entered two pieces of work/craft that they made in school during the last academic year and these will be displayed in the flower marquee. Our PTA are also very involved in the event, please see below for further information.

### **DOGS ON SCHOOL PREMISES**

May we remind parents and carers that dogs are not allowed on school premises at any time; nor should dogs be tied to the railings outside the playgrounds. Thank you.

### **KS2 DRAMA CLUB**

We have been fortunate in securing the services of one of Valley Arts Youth Theatre's leaders to run an after school drama club again this term. These fun, hour-long sessions will be spent learning basic drama skills using a variety of fun drama games and warm-up exercises.

The sessions will start on **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September** from 3.20pm until 4.20pm in Owl classroom and will run for 7 weeks, with the last session on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October. The club is open to any Key Stage 2 pupil (years 3-6), and the cost is £35 per child, payable on ParentPay.

If your child would like to take part in this club please sign them up on ParentPay by this coming Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September. Please note there are only **20 places** available.

## YOGA CLUB

Emma Hasell will be running our popular yoga, mindfulness & meditation classes again this term. The sessions for Key Stage 2 pupils will run on a Wednesday after school, starting next week, 11th September, and for Key stage 1 on Thursdays starting next Thursday, 12th September. Both sessions are held in Kingfisher Class from 3.20pm to 4.15pm.

Pupils in Reception are welcome to start after Christmas, to give them an opportunity to settle into school first.

Sessions are priced at £6 each, payable termly. Bookings should be made via Emma, who can be contacted on 07817 467424.

## SUNDAY FIRST

Please join us on **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2024**, for our Family Worship, starting at 10am, at St Andrew's Church Chew Stoke. There will be a (free!) light breakfast, followed by a short time of worship for all ages. There will be fun crafts and Bible stories for the children.

Please bring something connected to school to be blessed. (Your bookbag or pencil case would be ideal.) Everyone Welcome!

### 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

#### September 2024

- 16/09/24 - Swimming starts for Fox Class
- 27/09/24 - Macmillan Coffee Morning

#### October 2024

- 03/10/24 - Harvest Service
- 09/10/23 - School photographs

## VALLEY ARTS EVENTS

**The Harvest Hoedown, Sat 7th Sept, 7.30pm**  
**Chew Stoke Harvest Home Marquee, Ogborne Field, Chew Stoke**

For more info and tickets - [Harvest Home Hoedown - 7 Sep 2024 - Valley Arts Centre](#)

Whatever you like to call it - Ceilidh, Barndance, Hoedown - it's back! So bring your dancing shoes and show us your Do-si-dos! A brilliant night of music and dancing for all the family. Ticket price includes a delicious organic supper from award winning Better Food; meat, vegetarian or vegan versions available, please select option when booking.

**The Old Pier, Sat 21st Sept, 2.30pm**

**St Andrews Church Hall, Chew Magna**

For more info and tickets - [The Old Pier - 21 Sep 2024 - Valley Arts Centre](#)

A ghostly steamship arriving in George's bedroom leads to a night of adventure, as the echoes of those who once roamed the pier come together for one last revel beside the sea.

Using live music, vocal soundscapes and poetic storytelling, Jordan weaves a tale of adventure that explores the forgotten memories of Weston-super-Mare's iconic Old Pier & the magic that can be found right on your doorstep.

## 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:-

Harvest Home Hoedown:- <https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/Harvest-Home-Hoedown.pdf>

Music Tuition in School:- [https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/1-1\\_AND\\_GROUP\\_BNES\\_TUITION.pdf](https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/1-1_AND_GROUP_BNES_TUITION.pdf)

Chew Stoke Flower Show Schedule:- [https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/Chew Stoke Flower Show Schedule 2024.pdf](https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/Chew_Stoke_Flower_Show_Schedule_2024.pdf)

Chew Stoke PTA Sundowner:- <https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/Sundowner.pdf>