



Chew Stoke Church School Newsletter



INTRODUCTION FROM THE HEADTEACHER

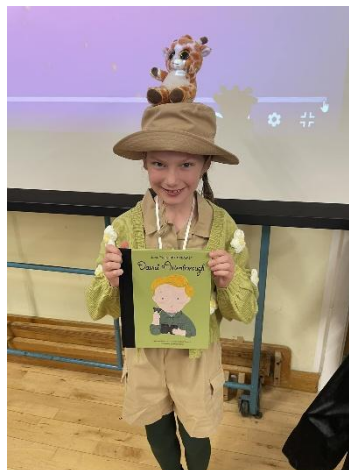


We all had great fun dressing up yesterday to celebrate World Book Day. We started the day with a book themed assembly, which allowed us to see the fantastic costumes that everyone was wearing (even the staff). The children spent the rest of the morning working on book related activities in their classrooms. During the afternoon the children were entertained by a travelling book company, who performed a play based

on the book, 'The Secret Garden'. 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.



Next week 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, if you are attending an afternoon appointment please come to the school office.



Next Friday (14th March) we will be holding a non-school uniform day in school to raise money towards resources for our Thrive room. Children may wear



home clothes and if you would like to make a donation please send some money in with your child. The PCC (Parochial Church Council) are also supporting us and will be holding a cake sale at the top of the drive at 3.20pm.

**SPRING TERM
2024/25**

07/03/2025

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Our Christian Value for
this term is

RESPONSIBILITY

Our British Value for
this term is

DEMOCRACY





The children who were in Fox Class last academic year had a great morning being filmed by BBC News last week. The children spoke about the letters that they wrote to F1 driver Lando Norris last year and their reaction to his gifts and video message. The children enjoyed finding out how a news article is put together - they all took the filming in their stride

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 Friday 4th April at St Andrews Church starting at 9.30am.

We will be holding an Easter craft morning on Friday 28th March, teachers may need some help with the activities, please look out for some emails direct from the teachers regarding this.

On Thursday 3rd April 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 Thursday 3rd April. 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 2.40pm
- Certificates will be awarded for the first three places in each class.

RED NOSE DAY

On Friday 21st March we will be fundraising for Comic Relief. Children are invited to wear something red along with their school uniform. If you would like to donate to the charity you may do so through ParentPay - we will send out a link to do this closer to the time.



PICNIC BLANKETS NEEDED!

Now that Spring is definitely on its way, our lunchtime staff are busily planning new outdoor activities for the children. Some activities will involve sitting on the ground outside and we are therefore on the hunt for plastic-backed picnic blankets.

We would be very grateful for donations of picnic blankets with an undamaged plastic backing - we don't mind if the top side of the blanket is not perfect! Please send donations in to the School Office. THANK YOU for your support!

EASTER STORYTIME FOR HEDGEHOG & OWL PUPILS

Children are invited to come back to school for a special Easter Storytime with Miss Hennessy at 5pm on Tuesday 1st April. Hot chocolate will be served and you can even wear your favourite pyjamas and bring your teddy! Siblings are also invited to attend.

KS1 BOOK CLUB

Miss Hennessy is starting a Book Club especially for children in Key Stage 1 (Year 1 and Year 2). Further information can be found using the link below:-

https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/Book_Club_Poster.pdf

If your child would like to join the Book Club please let Miss Hennessy know. Thank you.

PTA NEWS

A big THANK YOU to everyone who supported the PTA dance party before half term. The dance floor was full for both KS1 & KS2 and the event raised just over £700 🎉 The night wouldn't have been the same without our resident DJ Ewan Doswell-thank you for the time you donate and the amazing tunes you bring to our events !

As the weather gets warmer 🌞 you might be looking for some new bits of uniform. Please don't forget that we have lots of excellent quality second hand uniform for sale on the Uniformd site, link below.

As well as all the usual uniform we have shoes, Scouting clothing and some fancy dress (worth checking out for World Book Day!)

All proceeds go to the PTA.

Also, if you have any good quality items to donate, please leave at the School Office, pass to a Class Rep or Amy Maggs.

Many thanks 😊

Your PTA

<https://app.uniformd.co.uk/items/chew-stoke-church-school>

VALLEY ARTS EASTER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

Valley Arts Easter Holiday clubs are back! Our clubs are a great way for young people to have fun, build confidence and learn about the performing arts, all in a safe and inclusive environment.

Easter Holiday Drama Club - 2 DAY Workshop 8th & 9th April 2025

Tues 8th & Weds 9th April 10am - 4pm

£48 for 2 days (plus booking fee)

[BOOK HERE](#)

This 2-day holiday camp, run by professional director Harry Gould, is designed to help children aged 10-14 (Year groups 5 - 9) develop their performance skills, and learn all about lifting a play from "Page to Stage".

Easter Holiday Dance and Crafts Day with RISE Youth Dance

Tues 8th April - 10am - 4pm Holiday Dance Club with RISE.

For ages 6-10 (School year groups 2-5)

£28 (plus booking fee)

[BOOK HERE](#)

Join us for a fun-filled day of dance, games, and creativity! Young dancers will learn new skills, explore movement, and put together their own dances with breaks for crafting activities.

Easter Holiday Dance Workshops with RISE Youth Dance

Chew Magna Baptist Church Hall, Chew Magna, BS40 8SP

Easter Holiday Dance Workshops with RISE

Suitable for ages 10 - 14 (School Year Groups 6-9)

Wednesday 9th April -

2 x 1.5 hour Taster Workshops Session 1 - 10am - 11.30am / Session 2 - 11.45am - 1.15pm

£12 for 1 session or £20 for both.

[BOOK HERE](#)

Join us for two exciting dance workshops. Session 1 introduces contemporary technique through dynamic dance phrases and choreography. Session 2 explores the vibrant energy of Caribbean dance styles. Take part in one or both sessions, no experience needed!

ATTACHMENT LINKS

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

Women's Work Lab:- https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/WWL_Bath_April_2025_flyer.pdf

B&NES Libraries World Book Day:- https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/world_book_day.pdf

B&NES Libraries Weekly Events:- https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/Weekly_Events_wc_1003.pdf

Seed Swap at Timsbury:- https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/SeedySat_A5progleaflet2025.pdf

All Aboard Watersports Easter programme:- <https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/Schools - Easter Holidays - Booklet.pdf>

HENRY Healthy Families course:- https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/Henry_Healthy_Families.jpg

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