



Chew Stoke Church School Newsletter



INTRODUCTION FROM THE HEADTEACHER

I hope everyone had a relaxing half term break; the children certainly seem to have returned to school full of energy and enthusiasm for their learning!



We have had a very busy start to our final term of the academic year. Last week, Badger Class spent five days at Simonsbath, Exmoor on their residential visit and had a wonderful time. Do look at the photos on our Facebook page to see what they did during their stay. Huge thanks go to Mr Jones, Mrs Box, Mrs Hope and Mrs Yates,

without whose efforts this trip would not have been possible.

On Monday we held our induction meeting for parents of pupils joining us in September. We have 28 new children joining us in September and across the school we will be full in all year groups. It was lovely to welcome new families to the school as well as parents who already know us; we also welcomed some former pupils who are now returning as parents! Thanks to Miss Hennessy and her team for putting together a very informative evening, and to everyone who spoke at the meeting.

Our annual Sports Day is being held on Wednesday 17th June (or Wednesday 24th June if the 17th June is wet). The format for the day will be as last year, with the children moving around a carousel of activities based at the school during the morning and then up to Rectory Field after lunch for the more traditional races.

SUMMER TERM
2025/26

12/06/2026

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HOPE

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**MUTUAL
RESPECT**



The afternoon races will start at 1pm on Rectory Field. Please could we ask parents to sit on the opposite side of the running track from the children so that the children stay together in their House teams. Could parents also please refrain from giving the children snacks during the event, as children who don't have a parent watching the races feel left out and the younger children especially can become upset. We hope you will be able to join us for this special day in our school calendar.

As a dog-friendly school, we are always pleased to see our four-legged visitors accompanying families on the school run. However, we would like to remind parents and carers that dogs are not permitted within the playground areas at any time, even when on a lead. To help ensure the safety and comfort of all members of our school community, we also kindly ask that dogs are kept away from the immediate area around the school gates during drop-off and pick-up times. This helps to keep entrances clear and allows children, parents and staff to move through safely and easily. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

As we run up to the end of this academic year I wanted to highlight to all of our parents our curriculum offer. The teaching staff have been working hard over the last few years to put in place a very personalised and tailor-made curriculum; this was praised by Ofsted during our last inspection. At Chew Stoke Church School we value the uniqueness of each individual child, recognising and nurturing their potential for learning. We recognise that not only is each child an individual but also each class and each member of staff, who all have unique interests, skills and talents. Our ambitious curriculum is designed flexibly to meet the needs of these groups. Our aim, through our tailor-made curriculum, is to enable each child to fully participate in current and future society as a responsible, self-confident citizen.

We believe that our curriculum offers a balance between understanding and using knowledge as well as developing and applying skills, leading to better understanding and progression for the pupils.

Our curriculum has been designed with the following principles:

- It is personalised around what our children need, most importantly reflecting the background and experience of the pupils we have
- It is outward-facing, setting learning in local and global contexts wherever possible
- It celebrates diversity to emphasise unity and it is rooted in authenticity and context so that learning is relevant, purposeful and sequenced, because we want children to know certain things at certain points of their life.

Please do look at our full curriculum offer, which is available on the school website: <https://www.chewstokeacademy.org/learning/curriculum-overviews>

NOTICE TO ALL HEDGEHOG & KS2 DANCE CLUB PARENTS!

The PTA has asked us if we will perform our Dance Umbrella dances at the End of Year Barbecue, which is being held on Friday 10th July. Pupils will need to be brought to Hedgehog Class on that evening by 5.15pm for make-up and dressing. If your child will NOT be attending please let Miss Hennessy know as soon as possible. Thank you.

EVENTS IN SCHOOL - SUMMER TERM

Dates for all our Summer Term activities have now been finalised so please remember to check the calendar on our website (<https://www.chewstokeacademy.org/>) for further information.

HEDGEHOG CLASS CAKE SALE

Next Friday, 19th June it is the turn of Hedgehog Class to run a cake sale. Cakes will be available to buy at the end of the school day next Friday, from the stall which is situated by the gate into the large playground, or under the canopy outside the kitchen if wet.



NEW LOCATION FOR SOUTH WEST SCHOOLWEAR

It is the time of year when parents may be considering a shopping trip to our uniform shop in Wells. If so, please remember that they have moved from their central location to the outskirts of Wells (much easier parking!). The details can be found here:-

[https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/New_Location_Email\(1\).pdf](https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/New_Location_Email(1).pdf)

VALLEY ARTS YOUTH THEATRE SUMMER CAMP

Valley Arts' fabulous "A Play in a Week" Youth Theatre Summer Camp is back!

Once again led by experienced writer and director Toby Hulse, of Roustabout Theatre, this week-long holiday club is designed for young people aged 7 to 14.

Throughout the week they will learn a range of theatre skills, including improvisation, storytelling and devising, in order to create their very own play, completely from scratch. They then have the opportunity to perform their play to an audience at the end of the final day!

Mon 10th - Fri 14th August, 10am - 4pm every day.

Exclusive Early Bird price of £120 (plus booking fee) available until Sunday 7th June. Places are limited so book now to avoid disappointment!

[SUMMER HOLIDAY THEATRE CAMP - BOOK HERE](#)

ATTACHMENT LINKS

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

Updated Summer Menu:- https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/Spring_26_Alternative_menu_Chew_Stoke_-_Updated.pdf

Wind and brass lessons at Music Centres:- https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/Wind_and_brass_lessons_at_music_centres_B-NES.png

Performance opportunities with Music Workshop:- https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/performance_Opportunities_with_Music_Workshop.pdf

Water Safety information:- https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/Float_to_Live_Poster.pdf

Skills Connect Careers Support for Parents:- https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/Advert_for_school_newsletters_June_26.png

The Chew Valley Hoard Coin Day:- <https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/Coin-Day-Poster.pdf>