



Chew Stoke Church School Newsletter



INTRODUCTION FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

What a wonderful festive few weeks we have had here at school! The holiday spirit has truly come alive and I'm so proud of everything the children have achieved.



Huge congratulations to all the children in Fox and Owl classes for their spectacular Christmas productions which were enjoyed by all. I would also like to extend my

thanks to the children in Hedgehog class for their beautiful nativity this morning - what a wonderful way to bring the story of Christmas to life!

Yesterday our Reception and Key Stage 1 children visited the Bristol Old Vic to see a Christmas story called Antarctica. It was an enchanting, magical show which really captured their imaginations. On Monday our Key Stage 2 children visited the Redgrave Theatre in Bristol to see Sleeping Beauty. This was a real traditional pantomime with a lot of audience participation. Both trips really captivated the children and immersed them in live theatre. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the PTA for their generosity for the donation towards the tickets.

On Wednesday next week we will be holding our Christmas lunch; the children are welcome to wear festive jumpers along with our normal school uniform. We are also hoping for a visit from a very special visitor in the afternoon.

As we end the year, I would like to extend my thanks to the PTA and everyone who has supported them over the last twelve months. The PTA has found innovative ways to continue to raise money for the school. This money has such a positive impact on each and every child. So a big thank you to our amazing PTA team.

Yesterday our two choirs, Mini Melodies and Jubilee, sang together in the Winford village Christmas Show. The choirs sang a mix of Christmas songs and carols. We were extremely

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proud of their achievements. Many thanks to Mrs Hope, Mrs Dagger, Rev Ian and Rev Fran for running the choirs for us this year.



Celebrating Our World Champion - Lando Norris!

All of us at Chew Stoke Church School are absolutely thrilled to celebrate the incredible achievement of our former pupil, Lando Norris, who has been crowned Formula 1 World Champion!

From his early days racing around our school playground to competing now on the world stage, Lando has demonstrated remarkable dedication, exceptional talent, and true determination. We are immensely proud of everything he has accomplished and of the inspiration he continues to provide for our pupils, staff, and the wider community.

To mark this historic moment, we will be holding a special celebration in school. On Friday, 19th December, pupils are invited to come to school in non-school uniform, dressed in colours inspired by the McLaren team and Lando's signature shades: orange, black, and yellow. There is no need to buy anything new; children can simply wear something they already have at home, even if it's just a small item or accessory in the theme colours.

On Thursday 18th December we will be holding our Christmas Service at St Andrew's Church, which Woodpecker Class children will be leading. We will be walking through the village and arriving at the church for a 9.30am start. As seating is limited, please could I ask that parents only sit on the chairs immediately to the right and left of the doorway inside the church (it may be standing room only!); it is important we are able to seat all of the children.

On behalf of the staff, I would like to wish you a very happy Christmas and peaceful New Year. We look forward to seeing everyone back in school, refreshed and ready for a new term on **Monday 5th January 2026**.

'BLING YOUR BIKE'

As part of our work with Modeshift Stars the PE Council are organising a 'Bling your Bike Day'. This will take place on the last Wednesday of term (Wednesday 17th December). There will be a prize for one child in each class and winners will be chosen by the PE Council.

Children can be as creative as they like, decorating their bikes with fairy lights, tinsel, stockings or creating their own props from cardboard. We have attached a photograph to get the creative juices flowing.



HAVE YOU SIGNED YOUR CHILD UP FOR CHRISTMAS LUNCH?

Next Wednesday we are holding our annual Christmas lunch for all the children. The menu includes a traditional turkey roast, pigs in blankets and seasonal vegetables (vegetarian option available) and chocolate orange sponge cupcakes for dessert. Normal school lunch price applies to KS2 pupils (apart from those in receipt of Free School Meals); all pupils in Reception and KS1 will receive a free meal.

We assume that every child will be having a school lunch on this day but if your child will be bringing sandwiches instead next Wednesday please let us know by completing this form:- [CHRISTMAS LUNCH - WEDNESDAY 17TH DECEMBER - Fill out form](#) The deadline for completing the form is next Monday 15th December at 4pm. PLEASE DO THIS EVEN IF YOUR CHILD ALWAYS HAS A PACKED LUNCH - help us to avoid food waste in the kitchen!

KS2 YOGA CLUB STARTING NEXT TERM

Yoga, mindfulness & meditation with Emma Hasell.

Moving and learning about our bodies through yoga and the breath.

Great tools to help with worries, sleeping, calming our monkey mind and cultivating awareness of the mind & body connection.

Sessions run after school from 3.20pm to 4.15pm on Wednesdays. To book your child in please call Emma Hasell on: 07817 467424.

FREE BUS TRAVEL FOR UNDER 16s THIS CHRISTMAS

This festive season, under 16's can travel for free on most buses starting in the West of England Mayoral Combined Authority, of B&NES, South Gloucestershire, and Bristol from the 20th of December to the 4th of January.



For more information: <https://travelwest.info/bus/kids-go-free/>

ATTACHMENT LINKS

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

Ignite Sports Football Club Term 3:- [https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/Chew Stoke T3 flyer.pdf](https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/Chew_Stoke_T3_flyer.pdf)

Ruth's Swim School:- [https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/Ruth-s Swim School.pdf](https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/Ruth-s_Swim_School.pdf)

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