



Chew Stoke Church School Newsletter



INTRODUCTION FROM THE HEADTEACHER

As another busy half term draws to a close, we hope everyone at Chew Stoke Church School is looking forward to a well-deserved break! We've had a fantastic term filled with learning, laughter, and exciting activities. We wish you all a restful and enjoyable half term holiday. A reminder that the first day back after the break, Monday 24th February, is an INSET day and therefore school will be closed to all pupils. We look forward to welcoming the children back on Tuesday 25th February.



Last week work was completed on a new bike shed for our KS2 pupils. We are incredibly grateful to Dando's for the wood donation and MJ Patch for the metal work. Without these donations and the

kind offer of time from our volunteers it would not be possible to have such a fabulous structure to house the children's bicycles. The children of Chew Stoke Church School are so lucky. We also wanted to give a MASSIVE shout out to Mr Littler who not only designed the structure, but who organised the materials and helpers to complete the construction. We think you'll agree it looks pretty spectacular!



This year Chew Stoke Church School is taking part in Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel. This initiative inspires pupils to make active journeys to school, improve air quality in their

neighbourhood and discover how these changes benefit their world. On each day of the challenge, schools across the country compete with each other to see who can get the highest percentage of their pupils walking, using a wheelchair, scooting or cycling to school. Our school's best five

**SPRING TERM
2024/25**

14/02/2025

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this term is

RESPONSIBILITY

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days will determine final position. There are even prizes to be won throughout the competition. We are taking part in this initiative from Monday 24th March until Friday 4th April and would love your help to achieve as many green journeys as possible. The PE Council are planning other activities to run alongside this competition and they will give further details in the coming weeks.

I've had the pleasure of spending time in a number of lessons this week and have been really impressed by the high standards of behaviour and attitude to learning from all of the pupils. We constantly receive feedback from visitors, supply teachers and when we go out on trips regarding the outstanding behaviour of our children. We simplified our school rules a few years ago to make it easier for all of the children to remember them; they are:

- Be Respectful
- Be Safe
- Be Ready to Learn

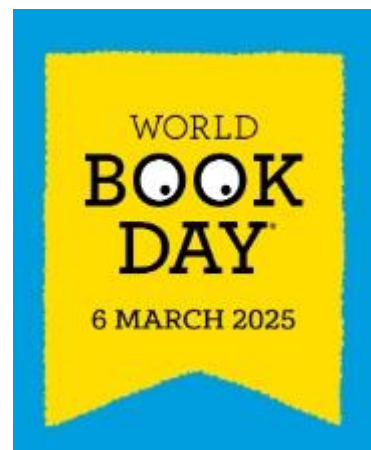
Fox Class have had an absolutely brilliant time on their camp at Mill on the Brue! They threw themselves into all the exciting activities on offer, from soaring through the air on the zip wire to testing their aim with archery. It was a jam-packed few days full of adventure, new experiences, and lots of laughter. We're sure they'll have some fantastic stories to tell you all! Thank you to Mrs James, Mrs Lewis and Mrs Hope for taking them.



A REMINDER - WORLD BOOK DAY - 6th MARCH

We will be celebrating World Book Day this year on Thursday 6th March and we are looking forward to celebrating with your children. Through the activities that we have planned, we aim to encourage and further the love of books and reading for pleasure that is such an important part of your children's lives. During the afternoon a travelling theatre company will be performing 'The Secret Garden' to all of our pupils

Costumes - Dressing up for World Book Day is something that so many of your children love and we are again inviting all children to come dressed as a favourite book character on the day. We encourage you to



use things that you already have at home to make a creative costume, or perhaps to swap with other families so that you don't have to buy a new costume each year!

Token for a FREE BOOK! - Every year, the World Book Day charity works with incredible authors to write exclusive books to give to children for free. The token can also be used for a £1 discount on a full price book but this just isn't as much fun! All you have to do is take the barcode from the WBD Token in to a participating store and you can walk away with a free book. It's really that easy.

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!

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

NEW MENU FOR SPRING

Following on from the above, we also have a brand-new menu, starting after half term. Paper copies have been sent home to families today (Fox Class - you will receive yours straight after half term). You can also find the new menu on our website:-

<https://www.chewstokeacademy.org/parent-information/school-lunches>

ATTACHMENT LINKS

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

Swimming lessons at Hengrove Leisure Centre: https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/Swim_lesson_poster.jpg

Half term events at BANES libraries: https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/Weekly_Events_Calendar_HT.pdf

SEND cookery sessions: https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/Cookery_Sessions_Flyer.pdf

Family holiday activities at Wells Cathedral: https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/202502_FHA_Medieval_Masterpieces.pdf

Free family cycle training: https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/Family_cycle_training_-_Feb_HT_2025.pdf

Cycle Electric Demo Day: https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/Bath50_Flyer_A5.pdf