



Chew Stoke Church School Newsletter



INTRODUCTION FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

The Festive season is moving closer and we are just a few weeks away from the start of our Christmas celebrations in school. Our Christingle service at St Andrew's Church will be held on Wednesday 3rd December at 6.30pm. You will shortly be receiving a candle and collection envelope together with instructions for making your Christingle (spares are available from the School Office). Please do try to join us for this magical and very special start to Christmas. This year's donations will be for the Children's Society.

You should have received information last week regarding our annual theatre trips. As a school we feel it benefits the children hugely to be able to see live performances. Children in Key Stage 2 will be seeing a production of Sleeping Beauty at the Redgrave Theatre in Bristol and children in Reception and Key Stage 1 will see 'Antarctica' at the Bristol Old Vic. Both of these trips do require parental consent; please provide this via ParentPay.

Our annual Christmas Craft Day takes place on Thursday 4th December; this is a super day in school and certainly gets us all in the Christmas spirit. The children may wear non-school uniform; in exchange for wearing 'home clothes' we are asking children to bring in a bottle or box of chocolates, which we will donate to the PTA for their Bottle Stall at the Christmas Fair on the 5th December. Parents are warmly invited to join us on Craft Day. It may be necessary to limit the number of parents in a classroom at any one time, so please only sign up for **either** a morning session or an afternoon session and we do require parents to leave the site during our lunch break. If necessary we will split the morning session into two parts. **Please sign up by 9am on Wednesday 26th November.** If you would like to help out on the day please sign up using this link:- [Christmas Craft Day 2025 - Fill out form](#)

AUTUMN TERM 2025/26

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Our Christian Value for
this term is

CREATIVITY

Our British Value for
this term is

THE RULE OF LAW



On Tuesday our WEET Team led a Remembrance Day Worship for the whole school. It was an opportunity for the whole school to come together to reflect and learn about the sacrifices made by those who served in conflicts past and present.



We have had great fun in school today raising money for Children in Need. If you would like to make a donation to the charity, please follow this link:-

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx...>

You can find all of our Term 2 events on the calendar section of the school website. Please do look as it is a very busy term:

<https://www.chewstokeacademy.org/calendar>

SICKNESS AND ABSENCE REPORTING

You will have heard in the news recently about the Government's initiative to drive up school attendance. We are now having regular contact with the local authority's attendance officers and one of the areas they look at is the reason for a child's absence. Could we therefore ask parents to let us know why your child is absent - the attendance officers will not accept 'poorly' as a reason, so could we please have a little more detail - Thank you. Alongside this, you will be aware, that the government has also tightened up on unauthorised absences from school. The local authority is now issuing penalty notices when 10 or more school sessions (equivalent to 5 days) have been missed in any 100 day period.

BOOK FAIR

Our Book Fair is back in school for one week and will run until Wednesday 19th November from 3.20-4pm. The Fair will be held in the School Hall and you can make payment by cash or card. For every pound we make, we earn money for books for our school, so please come along to support it!



ATTACHMENT LINKS

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

The Community Farm:- [https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/Earthwise Farm Visits The Community Farm 2025.pdf](https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/Earthwise_Farm_Visits_The_Community_Farm_2025.pdf)

Church Craft Sale:- https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/craft_sale_A4.pdf

Compton Martin Players:- https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/Compton_Martin_Players.docx

WEMA Music Centres:- [https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/Music Centres general .png](https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/Music_Centres_general.png)