



Chew Stoke Church School Newsletter



INTRODUCTION FROM THE HEADTEACHER

The school year is drawing to a close and the following days are a time for both reflecting on the past three terms and looking forward to the future. Next Wednesday, we will say goodbye and good luck to our Year 6s as they embark on the next stage of their school careers. We wish them well for the future and hope they will take with them many happy memories of their time at Chew Stoke. I hope that parents of pupils in Year 6 will be able to join us at the Leavers' Service next Wednesday at St Andrew's Church, Chew Stoke, which starts at 9.30am, and afterwards at school for some refreshments.

I wish all our families a restful and relaxing summer break. We look forward to seeing you on **Friday 4th September (please note that Wednesday 2nd September and Thursday 3rd September are both Inset Days)**, refreshed and ready for another exciting year.

End-of-year reports are coming home with your child on Friday, so please do check their bag. These include a summary of your child's progress and, where applicable, the results of any statutory assessments.

Earlier this week Badger Class children performed their end of term production for the parents, which was their take on Gogglebox. The children were brilliant and certainly very talented! Well done Badger Class.

As we prepare for our return in September, please can you ensure that your child has the correct P.E. kit ready for the new term. The required kit consists of a T-shirt in their House colour, royal blue shorts (not cycle style shorts), and plimsolls or trainers. For colder weather, children may also bring a royal blue, black or grey tracksuit to wear during P.E. lessons only. All P.E. kit should be clearly named, kept in a named drawstring bag, and brought into school at the start of term so that it can remain in school, as P.E. days may vary throughout the week. **Children should change into their P.E. kit in school and should not come to school wearing their P.E. kit on P.E. days.** Full details of our P.E. kit requirements, including information about purchasing uniform items, can be found on our [school website](#).

SUMMER TERM 2025/26

15/07/2026

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Our Christian Value for
this term is

HOPE

Our British Value for
this term is

**MUTUAL
RESPECT**



Last Thursday all of our pupils who have joined us this academic year were presented with a Bible and got to put a pebble in our Unity Bowl, our leavers also got to take a pebble out. We also presented the Hilary Padfield Award, which is awarded in recognition of a pupil who has demonstrated our Christian Values to the highest standard. Congratulations go to Annie in Year 6 who was this year's recipient of the award!



Our Eco Team has been incredibly busy over the last few months creating a wonderful new wildlife pond in our Conservation Garden. This fantastic addition has transformed the space into an even richer habitat for nature



and is already attracting a variety of wildlife. The project has provided a brilliant opportunity for our pupils to learn about



biodiversity and the importance of protecting local ecosystems. A huge thank you goes to Mrs Gauthier for leading and inspiring this project, and to the many parents and organisations whose generous support, time and resources have helped make it such a success.

You may have seen recent media coverage about the use of mobile phones in schools. In line with government guidance, mobile phones are not permitted in school. From September, this expectation will also be extended to include smartwatches. We recognise that some older pupils may need to carry a mobile phone if they walk to and from school independently. In these circumstances, parents should seek permission from the school, and any approved mobile phones must be handed in at the start of the day and collected at the end of the school day. Thank you for your support in helping us maintain a focused, safe and distraction-free learning environment for all pupils.



As this is the last newsletter of this academic year I would like to thank all the staff for their support and dedication over the past year. Running a school is a team effort and we definitely have an amazing team here! I would also like to say thank you to our school governors who work tirelessly behind the scenes and in particular to Nick George, who will be stepping down as our Chair of Governors.

Last Friday the PTA held their final event of the year, the school barbeque. The event was fantastically organised and very well attended. The PTA are still finalising the accounts and we will let you know how much was raised. This money makes a huge difference across the whole school. Thank you to the whole of the PTA for a great year and, in particular, to Anna Cooke and Vicky Lambert who have been fantastic chairs again this year.



Last Thursday our two community choirs sang at a farewell concert for Reverend Ian in Winford Church. The choirs sang a medley of songs, with the highlight being a shared piece with the Chew Valley Community Choir. Thank you to Mrs Dagger, Mrs Hope and Reverend Ian for leading our choirs this year.

LUNCH ARRANGEMENTS FOR YEAR 6 PUPILS ON WEDNESDAY 22ND JULY

On the last day of term we will be serving fish and chips for lunch (a vegetarian alternative will be available). The Year 6 leavers will be able to have their lunches in 'takeaway' boxes so that they can sit outdoors (weather permitting!) and enjoy a relaxing lunchtime with their friends.



INSET DAYS 2026-27

Our Inset days for the new academic year are now confirmed, as follows:-

Wednesday 2nd September 2026

Thursday 3rd September 2026

Monday 2nd November 2026

Friday 12th February 2027

Thursday 25th March 2027

Monday 7th June 2027

Term dates for the new academic year are available on our website www.chewstokeacademy.org

VALLEY ARTS 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 play games, have fun and learn a range of theatre skills from a

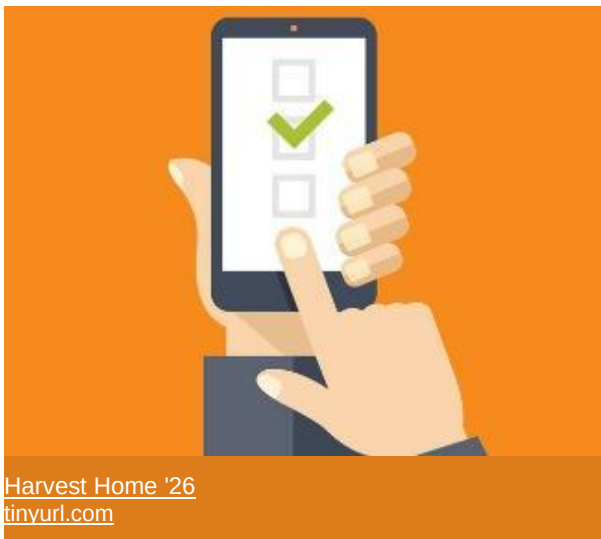
professional theatre maker; including improvisation, storytelling and devising. Using these skills they then create their own play from scratch, which they perform to an audience of family and friends on the final day!

Valley Arts "A Play in a Week" Summer Camp
Mon 10th - Fri 14th August 2026 • 10am - 4pm every day
Chew Magna Baptist Church, BS40 8SP

Link to book - [Youth Holiday Clubs - Valley Arts Centre](#)

HELP FOR CHEW STOKE HARVEST HOME

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to Chew Stoke Harvest Home. If you can spare 45 mins or more on Saturday 5th September to volunteer to help on the entrance, car parking or other jobs around the site, please use the sign up link. Thank you!



FREE SEND FAMILY MUSIC SESSIONS

Friday 24th July 10.00am to 12.00 & 1.00-3.00pm

Wednesday 26th August 10.00am to 12.00

Sessions take place at the Hive, Peasedown St John, Bath, BA2 8DH

We are joining forces with BANES Parent Carer Forum to offer creative music workshops for children with additional needs and their families. These workshops are a wonderful chance to explore different musical instruments with no prior knowledge or ability needed. The sessions are hugely popular, with children and young people of all ages joining in and creating music themselves in a fun, relaxed environment.

Early booking is advised! Please email events@banespcf.co.uk to book your space.

ATTACHMENT LINKS

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

Music Tuition for Academic Year 2026-27:- https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/1-1_AND_GROUP_B-NES_26-27.pdf

Summer activities at The Roman Baths:- https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/Summer_2026_RB_Schools_PDF_-_Primary.pdf

Summer activities at Victoria Art Gallery:- https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/Summer_2026_VAG_Schools_PDF_-_Primary.pdf

Valley Arts Summer Events:- [https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/FANTASTIC LIVE MUSIC FOR YOUR SUMMER DIARY.pdf](https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/FANTASTIC_LIVE_MUSIC_FOR_YOUR_SUMMER_DIARY.pdf)