



Chew Stoke Church School Newsletter



INTRODUCTION FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

I can't believe that we are nearly at the end of our first term; the past eight weeks have flown by and we are only a week away from our half term break! Do check the information circulated by the PTA regarding their Film Night next Thursday - the perfect way to celebrate the start of the holiday.



On Monday, we were delighted to welcome renowned environmentalist, wildlife cameraman and naturalist Nick Gates to speak to the children. Nick shared fascinating stories about his work with

wildlife, including his experiences filming alongside Sir David Attenborough, and inspired the children by showing how they can make a real difference in protecting wildlife in their own local community. A huge thank you to Mrs Littler for organising this wonderful visit — the children found it incredibly interesting and came away full of enthusiasm for the natural world! We must also thank the Harvest Home committee, as it was a grant from the organisation that funded this opportunity for the children.



On Wednesday Miss Hennessy, Mr Hewett and the PE Council attended the Team Modeshift Regional School of the Year Awards. We can proudly announce that Chew Stoke Church School has been awarded the

Local Authority School of the Year! Congratulations to the whole school community for their hard work and dedication to the promotion of sustainable and active travel. Unfortunately, in recent weeks, we have seen an increase in the number of vehicles in School Lane during the morning drop-off and afternoon pick up. For the safety of all pupils please keep the lane free from school traffic during these times.

AUTUMN TERM 2025/26

17/10/2025

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Earlier this week one of our netball teams played their first match in the BANES Netball Cup. The team played a home match against Clutton Primary School. It was a fantastic match that kept everyone on their toes until the final whistle. We can announce that Chew Stoke won 12-11. Congratulations to every team member and good luck in the next stage of the competition.



After half term there will be an opportunity to meet with your child's class teacher during the week starting 17th November. Details of how to book an appointment will follow after half-term.

Next term is always the busiest in school as we head towards Christmas. Please do check the school calendar page on our school website for all of the activities and events that will be happening, or on the calendar within this newsletter.

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

I'd like to finish by thanking all the staff for their hard work and dedication this term - the start of the year is always a busy one with settling new classes in. All classes really did settle in brilliantly. I wish all of our school community a safe and happy half term. School resumes for the children on Tuesday 4th November. Please note that we have two inset days coming up, **Friday 24th October and Monday 3rd November are both Inset Days, so school will be closed to all children.**

MENU CHANGE

Due to the Inset Days on Friday 24th October and Monday 3rd November there will be the following menu changes:

Tuesday 21st October: Penne with Beef Bolognaise (Thursday's menu)

Thursday 23rd October: Fish Fingers with Chips (Friday's menu)

Tuesday 4th November: Margarita Pizza

Thereafter, the menu will revert to the published menu.

MEETING FOR PARENTS OF PUPILS IN HEDGEHOG CLASS

On **Wednesday 22nd October** at 5:00pm Miss Hennessy will be hosting a 'Day in the life of a Hedgehog' in our classroom. This should hopefully explain our day in a bit more detail as we know some of the children will probably say we haven't been up to much! We will also talk a little about Maths in class.

SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP HAS A NEW HOME

South West Schoolwear has moved to a new location in Wells and can now be found at The Warehouse, Willmotts Yard, Southover, Wells BA5 1UH. Their email address and phone number remain the same. Further details are available using this link:-

https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/New_Location_Email.pdf

HARVEST THANKS

Following the Harvest Thanksgiving Service at the church on Sunday 5th October, we have received the following email from the Churchwarden, Andrew Troup:-

On behalf of the PCC, many thanks to the children, staff & parents of Chew Stoke Church of England School for their generous donation of foodstuffs for the Harvest Festival.

All donations (and goodness me, there were a lot of them!) were delivered to The Community of the Sisters of the Church in St Pauls on Monday for their food bank. They were most grateful for all we gave, and I attach their letter of thanks.

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NO NUTS IN SCHOOL!

Despite plenty of signs on our school gates and frequent reminders, it has been noticed by staff, as well as some pupils, that nuts are once again being brought into school. The office was recently passed a handful of nuts which had been removed from a packed lunch, and it was also noted that a child was given a peanut butter sandwich to eat by a parent in the playground at the end of the school day.



We have children in our school who are seriously allergic to nuts, which is why nuts are banned in school. Please don't run the risk of being the person who causes a pupil to have an anaphylactic shock - KEEP NUTS OUT OF OUR SCHOOL.

CLIMBING CLUB - TERM 2

Miss Hennessy is thinking of running a Climbing Club during Term 2 and is seeking expressions of interest. The club will be on a Tuesday at 16:30 for 1 hour and we would need 6 children for the club to run. (Sessions are in groups of 6). The cost for 5 weeks is £50. The children need to make their own way to and from Redpoint Climbing Centre in Bedminster.

If you would like to put your child's name down for Climbing Club, please email the School Office at office@chewstokeacademy.org by Thursday 23rd October. We will let you know after half term whether we have sufficient interest for the club to run.

EARRINGS

We've noticed some lovely earrings being worn around school recently (and we all know Mrs Dagger can't resist a bit of bling!) but please could children keep their earrings at home for wearing at weekends? School rules state that jewellery is not allowed and only plain stud earrings are permitted in school. Children should be able to remove their own earrings for PE lessons, or have them taped up for PE for health & safety reasons. Please note that staff are not permitted to remove or insert pupils' earrings for them.



DESIGN A BANNER COMPETITION

To celebrate Chew Stoke Church School winning the Local, Regional and National Modeshift Stars Awards in March, we will be welcoming a visit from the Metro Mayor next term. We would like the mayor to unveil a banner attached to the school, celebrating our achievement and sharing a key message to our school community. We would love ideas to be bright and colourful so they can be seen and admired by our local community.



Entries should be completed on an A4 sheet of paper and ideally in felt tip pen so any writing or images are clear. Children's name and class should be written on the back of the entry. Entries need to be handed into the School Office by Thursday 23rd October 2025.

We would want the entry to include this line: ***National Modeshift Stars Primary School of the Year 2024/25.***

AFTER SCHOOL FOOTBALL CLUBS - TERM 2

Please find attached details of football clubs running after school during Term 2. Ignite Sports are running a club for pupils in Years 1 to 4 on Wednesdays after school and Get Sported are running a football club for Years 5 and 6 on Thursdays after school. Details for both clubs along with booking information can be found here:-

Wednesday Club - https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/chew_stoke_T2_flyer.pdf

Thursday Club - https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/Chew_Stoke_Term_2_Clubs_Poster.pdf

CHEW STOKE AMDRAM PRESENTS A COMEDY MASH-UP: "GOD BLESS BARRY!"

7:30pm on 14th & 15th November - Chew Stoke Village Hall

If you're a fan of The Vicar of Dibley, Father Ted or Gavin and Stacey, you'll love this comedy "mash-up" put together by the Chew Stoke AmDram team that brought you the now legendary 'Allo Fawlty Fools mashup.

This will be a one-hour performance following a delicious 2-course set meal, (Veg option available).

£20 per person to include main course & dessert, with pay bar.

To order tickets, please email your requirements to: godblessbarrycsad@gmail.com
(Please state if any veg options required.)

"The funniest show I've ever seen!", "I was laughing out loud", "What a show!", are all things people in the West End might say, if they saw it!

Profits will be going to charity, including South West Air Ambulance.

Get your tickets soon as selling fast! https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/God_Bless_Barry.pdf

PTA NEWS & UPDATES



Thanks to everyone who donated clothing for the RAGS2RICHES collection! We raised **£69.90** which goes into the PTA pot! Well done everyone! The next collection will be Oct 2026!

Halloween Movie evening at school on **Thursday 23rd October** from **3.20pm - 5pm**

We will be showing a **KS1** film - Wallace & Gromit: The Curse of the Were-Rabbit and the **KS2** film is The Nightmare Before Christmas. The cost is £5 per child (to be paid to the PTA bank account). The children will be given popcorn and squash during the film. Please sign up using the Signup Genius links sent out in your class groups.



We have a wonderful group of parents who help make the PTA run smoothly, however we really could do with some new members with new ideas & enthusiasm. Being a member of the PTA is not hugely time consuming and the more of us there are the easier it is to run! We are having a meeting to discuss all things Christmas on **11th November @ 8pm** in **The Stoke**. Please come along, EVERYONE is welcome!!

The Wonderful Amy Maggs has been running our 2nd hand uniform shop. Amy will be stepping down from this role at the end of this academic year and we need to find her successor! The sales all occur via the Uniformd website and Amy pops into school to bag them up. Donated uniform is kept at school and loaded onto the website remotely. It would be great to find Amy's replacement soon, so that a handover can be done. The uniform sales raise lots of £££ for our school PTA and it would be such a shame if we are unable to run it. Please contact Amy, Vicky or Anna if you are interested in getting involved.



CHEW STOKE WINTER BALL

Thank you to the team who are organising this year's Chew Stoke Winter Ball for allowing the proceeds to be shared between the school and the village hall. This money will go towards replacing our school iPads. If you would like to purchase tickets for this event please contact Laura Jones on 07813 081896.

VALLEY ARTS FRINGE FESTIVAL

Exciting Autumn Adventures Await! 🎃 We're thrilled to invite families to three fabulous events this October, including FREE half term workshops!

Sunday 19th Oct - [The Little Red Pipers New Clothes](#) - a riotous mash-up of your favourite tales, packed with puppets, saxophones, and serious silliness.

Tuesday 28th Oct - It's time to get spooky with [RISE's Halloween Dance Day](#), where children will groove to Ghostbusters, craft creepy creations, and perform a bone-rattling show for parents—costumes encouraged!

Wednesday 29th October - Don't miss our [Drama Day with Harry Potter actor Rohan Gotobed](#), who'll lead you on a magical journey involving dragons, children, and St George in a day of imaginative games and performance.

Our half term workshops are **free** to attend but places are limited. Click on the links for more details or go to our website www.valley-arts.co.uk. Come along for laughter, creativity, and plenty of autumnal fun!

ATTACHMENT LINKS

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

Chew Stoke Winter Ball:- https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/Winter_Ball.png