



# Chew Stoke Church School Newsletter



## INTRODUCTION FROM THE HEADTEACHER

I can't believe that we are nearly at the end of our first term; the past seven 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 Friday - the perfect way to celebrate the start of the holiday.

Earlier this week Mr Hewett, Miss Hennessy and the PE Council attended the Team Modeshift Stars School of the Region event. We can proudly announce that, for the fourth year running, Chew Stoke Church School has won both the Local Authority and the South West Region School of the Year Awards for our



commitment to promoting sustainable and active travel, especially for journeys to and from school. There are thousands of schools nationally who hold accreditations with Modeshift Stars and only a handful are put forward for these awards. It is an amazing achievement! We will now progress to the National Awards which will take place in London in March.

We're delighted to share that our pupils have once again achieved exceptional results at the end of the last academic year. These outstanding outcomes firmly establish us as one of the highest-performing schools in the Bath and North East Somerset area.

Our Key Stage 2 pupils excelled in the 2024 SATs, demonstrating strong attainment across all subjects. Notably, they outperformed the national average in reading, writing, maths, and science. These impressive results are a testament to the hard work and dedication of our pupils, teachers, and support staff.

Our Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) pupils also made significant strides, with great outcomes in all areas of learning, setting a solid foundation for their future educational journey. In the Year 1 phonics assessments and the Year 4 Multiplication Check the pupils achieved significantly above the national data. A more detailed overview of the data can be found on the [school's website](#).

**AUTUMN TERM  
2024/25**

**18/10/2024**

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Our Christian Value for  
this term is

**HUMILITY**

Our British Value for  
this term is

**THE RULE OF  
LAW**



We are incredibly proud of the achievements of our pupils and the continued support of our parents and community. Your unwavering commitment to our school plays a vital role in fostering a positive and nurturing learning environment.

After half term there will be an opportunity to meet with your child's class teacher during the week starting 18th November. Details of how to book an appointment will follow next week.

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 5<sup>th</sup> November. Please note that Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November is an Inset Day, so school will be closed to all children.

### **MENU CHANGE - TUESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**

The menu for the first day of Term 2 will be as follows:-

Rainbow Veg Pizza with Jacket Wedges  
Margherita Pizza with Jacket Wedges  
Veg of the Day  
Vanilla Shortbread

Thereafter, the menu will revert to the published menu.

### **PHONICS SESSION FOR PARENTS**

Miss Hennessy will be running a parent phonics lesson on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November at 5pm. The session will aim to show and immerse parents into a phonics lesson, so you can experience and understand how phonics is taught at school. We hope you will be able to attend; please contact Miss Hennessy if you would like further information.

### **PTA NEWS**

#### Meetings

Thank you to all those who came and supported the PTA AGM on Monday.

Another informal PTA meeting will take place after Half Term (date tbc) at The Stoke Inn. We would love to welcome some new members so if you are interested in joining the PTA please keep a lookout for the meeting date and details which will be sent round on class what's app groups. Everyone is welcome!

#### Class Reps

Class reps for this school year are below - if you have any questions about PTA activities or are interested in joining please drop them a message.

Hedgehog - Nicola Pushman

## 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

### October 2024

- 18/10/24 - Fox Class Cake Sale
- 25/10/24 - Badger Class Assembly
- 25/10/24 - PTA Halloween Film Night

### November 2024

- 04/11/24 - Inset Day
- 07/11/24 - Rags2Riches Collection
- 15/11/24 - Fox Class Assembly

Owl - Georgie Nelson  
Kingfisher - Lucy Brown  
Woodpecker - Karen Pike  
Fox - Georgie Littler  
Badger - Hayley Yells

### PTA Fundraising dates for your diary

- Fox cake sale ☐ - 18th October
- Halloween Movie night 🎬 (Trolls for KS1 and Addams Family 2 for KS2) - Friday 25th October
- Kingfisher cake sale ☐ - Friday 22nd Nov
- Christmas Fete 🎉 - Friday 6 December
- Badger cake sale ☐ - Friday 7 Feb
- Valentines Disco 🎵 - Friday 7 Feb  
KS1 - 4-4.45pm  
KS2 - 5-6pm
- Woodpecker Cake sale ☐ - Friday 28th March

- Owl cake sale ☐ and Duck Race ☐ - Friday 16 May
- Hedgehog Cake Sale ☐ - Friday 20th June
- Summer BBQ 🍷 - Friday 11th July

### Rags2Riches Collection

Our next collection will be on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November. Clothes may be brought into school at afternoon pick-up on Wednesday as well as on Thursday morning. Please see the attached leaflet for further information.

### **COVID-19 BOOSTER VACCINATIONS**

The new autumn Covid-19 booster vaccination and nasal flu vaccination will be available from October 3<sup>rd</sup> for children aged 6 months -18 years who are at increased risk of getting seriously ill from Covid-19 or flu because of a health condition or treatment. More information can be found here: <https://www.nhs.uk/vaccinations/covid-19-vaccine>

There is information on how to book using the national booking system (NBS). There is also a half term Covid-19 and flu vaccination clinic for eligible children 6 months -18 years on **30 October at Kempthorne House, St Martin's Hospital, Bath 10.00-16.00**. Walk ins are welcome, appointments also available via the national booking system (NBS) and 119.

### **ATTACHMENT LINKS**

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

Storytale Festival:- <https://www.storytalesfestival.com>

Rags2Riches:- <https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/Rags2Riches.pdf>

Occupational Therapy Advice Line:- [https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/Advice\\_Line\\_Poster.pptx](https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/Advice_Line_Poster.pptx)