



# Chew Stoke Church School Newsletter



## INTRODUCTION FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

Week three already and we are now really settled back into school life and of course some fantastic learning!

As part of our start-of-year routines, we have been setting clear rules and expectations. As a reminder, our school rules are:

- ✚ Be Respectful - treating everyone in our school community kindly and fairly, looking after our environment and listening to each other.
- ✚ Be Safe - making good choices that help keep ourselves and others safe, both in the classroom and on the playground.
- ✚ Be Ready to Learn - this means arriving on time, being ready for lessons and having the right attitude to learning.

We encourage you to go over these rules at home and discuss what they might mean in different situations. Our aim is to ensure a calm and positive learning environment for every child.

As part of our [Team Modeshift](#) Month work we will be holding a walk, scoot or cycle to school day on Monday 22nd September. We would be so grateful if as many children as possible used green modes of transport on Monday. We appreciate not everyone is able to walk, scoot or cycle to school, but would encourage you on this day to park on surrounding village streets and use a park and stride approach. The PE Council, Mr Hewett, hopefully Martha the dog and Miss Hennessy (maybe in costume!) will be lining School Lane to thank you for your efforts to walk, scoot or cycle on this special day, which coincides with World Car Free Day. Thank you for your continued support to promote sustainable and active travel at Chew Stoke.

On Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September we will be holding our Harvest Service at St Andrew's Church, Chew Stoke, starting at 9.30am. Parents are most welcome to attend. We are inviting children to bring donations of tinned and dry food (in date please) which will afterwards be sent to a food distribution charity in Bristol. Food donations should be brought into school on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> or Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September.

## AUTUMN TERM 2025/26

19/09/2025

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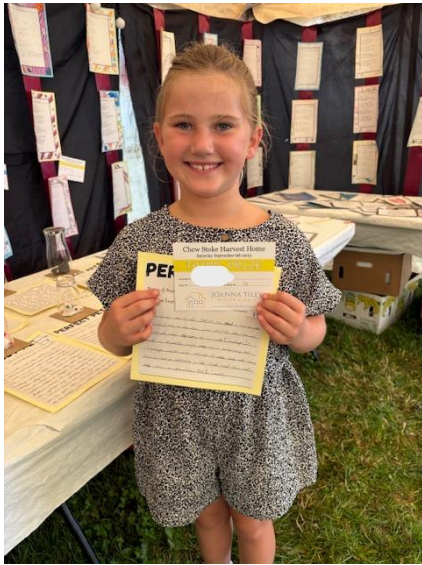
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## HARVEST HOME

This year's Harvest Home was a great success and it was lovely to see it being so well-supported by our school community. Huge thanks to Anna, Vicky and all the hard-working members of our PTA, who provided all the refreshments through the day. They raised about £3,000 - exact amount to be confirmed in our next newsletter.



## MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Our annual Macmillan Coffee event is being held next Friday (26th September) in the School Hall/Large Playground from 8.45am to 11.00am. This popular occasion transforms the school into a place where you can meet and talk together, a great chance for new parents to meet each other and catch up on school news while enjoying a coffee and cake, so please do come and join us! The funds raised all go to the Macmillan Cancer Support charity.

**COFFEE,  
CAKE AND  
COMPANY**

As usual, we will welcome your yummy cakes (please remember that we are a nut free school, so do check ingredients). Please bring your cakes in on Thursday afternoon or Friday morning. This year we are also having a Non-Uniform day. At the last coffee morning we had some fantastic raffle prizes; please could you spare a prize or two again this year? On the day children are invited to have a cake at morning break and to wear non-school uniform; details of how you can make a donation to the charity will be sent out next week. If we have any cakes left at the end of the day, we will be selling them at the gate at the end of the school day.

## REMINDER - BREAKTIME SNACKS

May we please remind parents that children should only be bringing in fruit and vegetables for their snacks at morning break time. This is in line with Healthy Eating guidelines and also in support of our status as a nut-free and allergy-aware school.

## IMPORTANT - FLOODING AT THE FORD - PLEASE READ

It certainly feels like autumn has now arrived. I would like to set out the school's current position regarding flooding at the ford on Pilgrims Way and along School Lane.

## MORNING DROP-OFF

### ACTIONS BY THE SCHOOL

Parents will be alerted by text if the Environment Agency have indicated a risk of flooding. If an alert has been sent out, then a further update will be provided by staff when they reach the school - typically about 8.15am.

Please note however that the river level can change dramatically in a short space of time.

If the river is high we will ask pupils in Badger Class and Fox Class to enter the school grounds via the vehicle entrance.

#### ACTIONS BY PARENTS

Until children reach the school gate, parents have responsibility for their safety.

If there is a risk of flooding, please ensure that:

- a) Your child is appropriately dressed
- b) That he or she is accompanied to the school gate
- c) That you follow the guidance from the EA regarding flood water (see below).

If in doubt - do not attempt to get to school and under no circumstances walk through water. An absence from school due to flooding will not be counted as an unauthorised absence.

#### DURING THE DAY AND EVENING PICK-UP

##### ACTIONS BY THE SCHOOL

If access along School Lane and at the junction with Pilgrims Way has become difficult, children will not be allowed to leave the school unless accompanied by an adult.

There is no record of the school ever being flooded - the school was not flooded during the 1968 flooding - and therefore children should be safe at school.

The Breakfast Club and the Out of School Club will normally follow the school's decision on whether to open or not and will contact parents accordingly.

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#### ACTIONS BY PARENTS

Do not take any risks in coming to collect your child. Your child will be looked after at school for as long as is necessary.

**Please ensure the school has your most up to date mobile number.**

#### Environment Agency Guidelines

##### **Stay out of floodwater**

- avoid walking or driving through flood water
- be aware that flooding can cause manhole covers to come off
- keep children and vulnerable people out of floodwater
- don't walk on sea defences or riverbanks.
- take care or avoid crossing bridges when water levels are high.
- take care crossing culverts as they are dangerous when flooded.
- look out for other hazards such as fallen power lines and trees.
- wash your hands thoroughly if you touch floodwater as it may be contaminated.

If you have any questions concerning any of the above, please contact Mr Hewett.

## SCHOOL PHOTOS

On Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October our photographer will be visiting school to take individual photographs of the children and sibling groups, so please ensure your child has a clean jumper with them. Where there are pre-school aged siblings the photographers are happy to take family group photos; to avoid toddlers becoming fractious by being kept waiting these photos will be taken in the school hall at 8.30am. Access for this will be via the gate to the large playground at the top of the driveway by School House.

A proof of your child's photo will be sent home shortly afterwards with details of how to place orders. Please note that you are under no obligation to buy if you do not wish to.

## DOGS ON SCHOOL PREMISES

May we remind parents and carers that dogs are not allowed on school premises at any time; nor should dogs be tied to the railings outside the playgrounds. Thank you.

## SEND NEWS

Open invitation to parents to drop into school for tea/coffee & biscuits on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2025 at 2pm. Jane Kemp from B&NES SENDIAS Support for parents of SEND children, will be visiting to answer any questions or concerns.

## MODESHIFT STARS AWARD PUBLICITY

This piece appeared recently on the Modeshift Stars Website. See the link below for more details:-

<https://modeshift.org.uk/case-study/meet-chew-stoke-church-school-modeshift-stars-national-travel-awards-national-primary-school-of-the-year-2024-25/>



[Meet Chew Stoke Church School –  
Modeshift STARS National Travel Awards,  
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- Modeshift](https://modeshift.org.uk/case-study/meet-chew-stoke-church-school-modeshift-stars-national-travel-awards-national-primary-school-of-the-year-2024-25/)

Chew Stoke Church School, located in Bath, North East Somerset has been committed to embedding sustainable travel into everyday school life since 2019. Through creative initiatives, strong community partnerships, and a whole-school approach, the school has made walking, cycling, and scooting the norm for nearly all pupils.

[modeshift.org.uk](https://modeshift.org.uk)

## NEWS FROM HEDGEHOG CLASS

Phonics meeting - An opportunity to learn what phonics is and about the phonics scheme we use at Chew Stoke Church School. We will share information/ videos describing how to share phonic books with your child as well as resources we send home to further support children's reading. We will also describe how we assess; book match and the routines put in place for sending home and changing books in class. This meeting will take place on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September, 5pm in the school hall.

A day in the life of a Hedgehog - A meeting to share our timetable and routines as well as an overview of our approach to learning in reception. We will discuss ideas to support Maths and



activities we complete in class E.g. Golden Ticket Friday, show and tell and Basil Bear. This meeting will take place on Wednesday 22nd October, 5pm in Hedgehog Class.

## **MODESHIFT MONTH**

This week scavenger hunts have been sent out via email and in book bags for children to complete on their way to or from school. If your child completes the scavenger hunt we ask you name it and return it to your class teacher. Specially designed stickers and certificates will then be given out in whole school worship.

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September marks World Car Free Day. We will be having a walk, scoot or cycle to school day to mark this event. We are encouraging as many children as possible to walk, scoot or cycle on this day. If you live a little further afield we ask you do not drive up School Lane and park and stride to school. Mr Hewett, Miss Hennessy (maybe in costume!) and our PE Council will line School Lane as you approach school.

Week commencing Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> September we will be asking children to send in photos to create a montage of their favourite views on the way to school. We had some wonderful photos of friends, flowers, fields, parks and family when we last requested photos and would love to see and share on the school Facebook Page your child's favourite things on the way to school. If you could email your photos to: [office@chewstokeacademy.org](mailto:office@chewstokeacademy.org) we can't wait to see them!

On Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September Miss Hennessy will be hosting a one off scooter club for Owl Class at lunch time. Children who would like to attend are asked to bring their scooters and helmets in on this day.

On Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October Miss Hennessy will be hosting a one off scooter club for Kingfisher Class at lunch time. Children who would like to attend are asked to bring their scooters and helmets in on this day.

We hope the children enjoy taking part in our activities this month. Miss Hennessy will be collating evidence of what takes place in school and will be entering the school into the Modeshift Month Awards. Your participation to help us with our campaign and entry into the awards is greatly appreciated.

## **CHURCH NEWS**

### **Soup Lunches return!**

The next Soup Lunch will take place in the village Hall on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October from 12.30 till 1.30. It will be in aid of the Carpenters Foodbank in Hartcliffe. As usual homemade soups, cheese, pate and bread will be served. Also tea and coffee and home made cakes. Entry is £7 (£1 for children under 5 who will be very welcome.)

### **Wine Tasting**

A Wine Tasting evening is being held at the village hall on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October, starting at 7.30pm. Further details can be found here:- [https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/Wine\\_Tasting\\_2025\\_A4.pdf](https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/Wine_Tasting_2025_A4.pdf)

## **ATTACHMENT LINKS**

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

B&NES Library Activities:- <https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/SchoolSept16.25.pdf>

Music Production course:- [https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/Music\\_Production\\_Course\\_Flyer.png](https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/Music_Production_Course_Flyer.png)

Adult Band and Beginner group:- [https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/Adult\\_band\\_and\\_beginner\\_group\\_B-NES\(1\).png](https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/Adult_band_and_beginner_group_B-NES(1).png)