



# Chew Stoke Church School Newsletter



## INTRODUCTION FROM THE HEADTEACHER

What a wonderful festive week we have had here at school! The holiday spirit has truly come alive and I'm so proud of everything the children have achieved.

A huge congratulations to all the children in Fox and Owl classes for their spectacular Christmas productions which were enjoyed by all. I would also like to extend my thanks to the children in Hedgehog class for their beautiful nativity on Friday morning - what a wonderful way to bring the story of Christmas to life!



Our final week in school is proving to be extremely busy and full of festive fun for our children. Today our Reception and Key Stage 1 children visited Bristol Old Vic to see a Christmas retelling of Little Red Riding Hood. Last week our Key Stage 2 children visited the Egg Theatre in Bath to see Robin Hood. Both trips really captivated the children and immersed them in live theatre. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the PTA for their generosity for the donation towards the tickets.

Yesterday we celebrated with Christmas lunch, the children and staff all dressed up in festive jumpers. We had great excitement during the afternoon with a visit from a very special guest who went around to each of the classrooms. I am sure you have heard all about it.

**AUTUMN TERM  
2024/25**

**19/12/2024**

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Our Christian Value for  
this term is

**COMPASSION**

Our British Value for  
this term is

**THE RULE OF  
LAW**





As we end the year I would like to extend my thanks to the PTA and everyone who has supported them over the last twelve months. The PTA has found innovative ways to continue to raise money for the school. This money has such a positive impact on each and every child. So a big thank you to our amazing PTA team. On Wednesday they also organised a very special visitor for the children!

Last Thursday our two choirs, Mini Melodies and Jubilee both sang together in the Winford village Christmas Show. The choirs sang a mix of Christmas songs and carols. We were extremely proud of their achievements. Many thanks to Mrs Hope, Mrs Dagger, Rev Ian and Rev Fran for running the choirs for us this year.



This week the children had a surprise video message from our former pupil, Formula 1 racing star, Lando Norris. Lando thanked the pupils for sending him supportive letters and messages during the season. We also received a fantastic signed and personalised print to go on the wall, a replica helmet and

a small gift for each of the pupils who wrote to him. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for more information.

On Friday we finish the term with our Christmas Service at St Andrew's Church which Woodpecker Class children will be leading. We will be walking through the village and arriving at the church for a 9.30am start. As seating is limited please could I ask that parents only sit on the chairs immediately to the right and left of the doorway inside the church (it may be standing room only!); it is important we are able to seat all of the children.

On behalf of the staff, I would like to wish you a very happy Christmas and peaceful New Year. We look forward to seeing everyone back in school, refreshed and ready for a new term on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025.**



## BLING YOUR BIKE

Well done to the PE Council for organising our 'Bling your Bike Day' yesterday. The bikes and scooters looked brilliant and certainly very festive.



## YOGA CLUB - KEY STAGE 1

Emma Hassell will be starting a Yoga, Mindfulness and Meditation Club for children in Key Stage 1. The children will learn to promote self-awareness through movement & breath. It will include fun tools to develop and manage emotions, mind and body connections. The club will start on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> Jan, and will run from the end of school until 4.15pm. If your child would like to attend the club places can be booked direct with Mrs Hassell via the following email address: [hasellemma@icloud.com](mailto:hasellemma@icloud.com) or by contacting her on: 07817 467424

### **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