



# Chew Stoke Church School Newsletter



## INTRODUCTION FROM THE HEADTEACHER

It is hard to believe that we are already at the end of the first half of our Summer Term; so much seems to have been packed into the last five weeks. Next term already looks even busier; please do check the calendar on our school website for many important events.

**A reminder that after half term the children return to school on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June, as Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June is an Inset Day (with the exception of Badger Class who will leave for camp on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June).**



This week is 'International Week' in school. Throughout the week the classes will be focussing their work on the continent of Africa. Yesterday, Woodpecker Class spent the day with an Egyptologist who led an inspiring, hands-on, day of activities. Later this week, all the pupils will take part in an African drumming and an African dance workshop led by some visiting specialists.

Please do ask your children about what they have been doing. Thank you to Mrs Lewis for organising this for us.

We are incredibly proud of our Year 6 pupils who took their Key Stage 2 SATs last week. Throughout the week they demonstrated not only their academic abilities but also a fantastic display of resilience, focus, and teamwork. Their positive attitude and commitment to their studies truly shone through - well done Year 6!



Congratulations to all the children who took part in the Fun Run last week. It was a superb effort and fortunately the weather decided to be kind to us as well. This year we are raising money to pay for the African drumming and dance workshops that the children will take part in during our International Week. If you still have sponsor money please pay it in via this ParentPay link:-

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=3616>

## SUMMER TERM 2024/25

20/05/2025

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## SERVICE

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## MUTUAL RESPECT



We also had a great turn out for the PTA Duck Race. Thank you to everyone who came along and supported us and to the PTA for organising the event. We will let you know soon how much money was raised.



### **PUPIL PREMIUM FUNDING**

Our school gets funding based on the number of pupils who are entitled to receive Free School meal benefits. This funding is called 'Pupil premium.' The school uses this additional funding to introduce additional interventions to ensure your children achieve their very best. It is important that if your child is ever eligible for 'Free School Meals/Pupil Premium' benefits (however briefly) you should claim. For each eligible child the school receives funding for the next 6 years, even if parents go back to paid employment. For more information, please do get in touch with us or click on the following link: <https://www.bathnes.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

### **WE ARE OUTSTANDING!**

We are delighted to announce that Chew Stoke Church School has been awarded a Team Modeshift Outstanding Accreditation for the fourth year in a row!

Modeshift Stars believe that communities are healthier, wealthier, and more inviting when people are given the opportunity to walk, wheel, ride and use public transport for their everyday journeys. They support, inspire, and champion individuals and organisations, to deliver sustainable travel interventions and strategies.



Our Outstanding Award is a national accreditation recognising our dedication to promoting sustainable and active travel, educating our pupils about the effects of sustainable travel on both our health and our planet and learning how to be safe as a pedestrian or cyclist.



This accreditation is a testimony to the hard work and commitment by Miss Hennessy, our PE Council and our entire school community. We are grateful to every child and family member who has supported our initiatives throughout the academic year. Without your help and enthusiasm this accreditation wouldn't be possible.

### CLASS PHOTOGRAPH ORDERS

A reminder that the deadline for placing orders for class photos, either online or via school, is **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 4pm**. After this time, all orders will have to be placed online and will incur an additional delivery charge.



### PTA NEWS

#### Duck Race

Thanks so much to everyone who turned out last Friday for the duck race - to those who bought a duck, a cake, a drink, a lolly or a bit of it all! We raised just over £1,000 🙌🙌🙌🙌🙌🙌

Also, a big thanks to Barney, Pete, Ewan, Stuart, Tom, Paul and anyone else who helped in the water to make the actual race such fun!

We hope everyone enjoyed the event. The next big fundraiser will be the school BBQ on Friday 11th July so, if you don't already have it in your calendar, please save the date!

*Thank you - Your PTA*

### GRANTS AVAILABLE FROM CHEW STOKE HARVEST HOME

Chew Stoke Harvest Home is seeking to make money grants to local worthy causes, whether organisations or individuals, within the parish of Chew Stoke and the surrounding area.

#### Background

Chew Stoke Harvest Home has been running for many years. The earliest known written record is from 1897, but it has almost certainly been taking place for far longer. The show has changed over the years, but the underlying themes haven't: the coming together of the community, and the appreciation of the food that we grow.

Earlier this year, the Harvest Home was re-organised so that it is now a charity. Previously the Harvest Home operated through a company, but as it was not a registered charity it was complicated to administer. The new charity is simpler to run with fewer overheads. The charity also better reflects the values that underpin the Harvest Home, aiming to make our community a better place.

The Chew Stoke Harvest Home has a long tradition of granting money to local causes. Grants are made out of any excess proceeds generated by the annual show. Following the success of last year's show, and to mark this new chapter in the history of the Harvest Home, the trustees are now inviting applications for grants

#### Applications

If you or your organisation are interested in applying for a grant, please email [charityadmin@chewstokeharvesthome.org.uk](mailto:charityadmin@chewstokeharvesthome.org.uk) for more information and an application form. Applications close at the end of May 2025.

The trustees would like to thank all of those who contribute so much to our village. As always, if you would be interested in being part of the team that helps plan and run the Harvest Home, please email us at the above address.

### **MUSICAL THEATRE HOLIDAY CLUB, CHEW MAGNA**

**Thursday 29th and Friday 30th May, 10am - 4pm.**

Calling all young stars! Join Valley Arts for an exciting *Matilda the Musical* themed Musical Theatre Holiday Club! Our 2-day musical theatre workshop, designed for ages 7-11 (year groups 2 - 7) is a great way to boost confidence, make new friends, and create magical memories.

Over the 2-days you will be exploring songs, scenes and choreography inspired by *Matilda the Musical*, finishing with a short performance for an audience. No prior experience is necessary and all materials will be provided. Places are limited so book today to ensure your place!

[BOOK HERE!](#)

### **MAY HALF TERM 2025 CHILDREN'S COVID-19 VACCINATION CLINICS**

Children's Covid-19 Vaccinations Clinics will take place across Bath & North East Somerset, Swindon & Wiltshire (BSW) during May half term 2025. Please see below for dates and locations.

Children, 5-17 years old, who have an increased risk of getting seriously ill from COVID-19 are eligible. Check eligibility and book via the National Booking System: [Book, change, or cancel a COVID-19 vaccination appointment online - NHS](#)

More information here: <https://bswtogether.org.uk/yourhealth/seasonal-covid-19/>

### **ATTACHMENT LINKS**

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

Stowey Church Mini BioBlitz:- [https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/Stowey\\_Church\\_BioBlitz\\_Flyer.pdf](https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/Stowey_Church_BioBlitz_Flyer.pdf)

Hengrove Leisure Centre T1 Rugby Try Together:- [https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/T1\\_Rugby\\_Campaign\\_v4\\_114.pdf](https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/T1_Rugby_Campaign_v4_114.pdf)

Hengrove Leisure Centre Community Festival:- [https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/T1-FESTIVAL-MAY25-\\_29.pdf](https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/T1-FESTIVAL-MAY25-_29.pdf)

All Aboard Watersports May Half Term activities:- [https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/Schools\\_-\\_May\\_Half\\_Term\\_-\\_Booklet.pdf](https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/Schools_-_May_Half_Term_-_Booklet.pdf)

Chew Stoke Church Fete:- [https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/Chew\\_Stoke\\_Fete\\_3.pdf](https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/Chew_Stoke_Fete_3.pdf)

'Grow Your Own' Gardening Project:- [https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/grow\\_your\\_own\(1\).png](https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/grow_your_own(1).png)