



# Chew Stoke Church School Newsletter



## INTRODUCTION FROM THE HEADTEACHER

I hope everyone had a relaxing half term break; the children certainly seem to have returned to school full of energy and enthusiasm for their learning!

We have had a very busy start to our final term of the academic year. Badger Class spent five days at Simonsbath, Exmoor on their residential visit and had a wonderful time. Do look at the photos on our Facebook page to see what they did during their stay. Huge thanks go to Mr Jones, Mrs Bell, Mrs Whitmarsh and Miss Gough, without whose efforts this trip would not have been possible.



What a brilliant day we had on Tuesday, celebrating sport and physical activity through our annual sports day. Our intention, by running events like this, is to promote positive physical activity experiences, teamwork and to develop children's skills and confidence. A huge thank you to Miss Hennessy for organising the event, the teaching staff for their hard work organising their teams and our families for coming out to support the children and their efforts. A huge

well done to Blue Team who were this year's winners.

## SUMMER TERM 2024/25

20/06/2025

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Our Christian Value for  
this term is

**SERVICE**

Our British Value for  
this term is

**MUTUAL  
RESPECT**





This week we have been welcoming to school the children who will be joining us in Reception next academic year. We have a very full induction programme at the school and hopefully by the time the children join us in September they are already feeling quite at home. I am sure you will join me in welcoming all of our new families to the school.



We're thrilled to announce a wonderful new addition to our school grounds that celebrates both art and nature! Our incredibly talented Mrs. Gauthier has crafted a fantastic collection of wooden silhouette animals that now adorn the fence of our conservation area. These beautiful creations bring a touch of wildlife charm and serve as a lovely reminder of the importance of our natural environment. We extend our sincerest thanks to Mrs. Gauthier for her hard work, dedication, and artistic flair in bringing this project to life. Please take a

moment to admire her creations next time you're visiting the large playground - they are truly a sight to behold!

As we run up to the end of this academic year I wanted to highlight to all of our parents our curriculum offer. The teaching staff have been working hard over the last few years to put in place a very personalised and tailor-made curriculum; this was praised by Ofsted during our inspection last year. At Chew Stoke Church School we value the uniqueness of each individual child, recognising and nurturing their potential for learning. We recognise that not only is each child an individual but also each class and each member of staff, who all have unique interests, skills and talents. Our ambitious curriculum is designed flexibly to meet the needs of these groups. Our aim, through our tailor-made curriculum, is to enable each child to fully participate in current and future society as a responsible, self-confident citizen.

We believe that our curriculum offers a balance between understanding and using knowledge as well as developing and applying skills, leading to better understanding and progression for the pupils.

Our curriculum has been designed with the following principles:

- It is personalised around what our children need, most importantly reflecting the background and experience of the pupils we have
- It is outward-facing, setting learning in local and global contexts wherever possible
- It celebrates diversity to emphasise unity and it is rooted in authenticity and context so that learning is relevant, purposeful and sequenced, because we want children to know certain things at certain points of their life.

Please do look at our full curriculum offer, which is available on the school website: <https://www.chewstokeacademy.org/learning/curriculum-overviews>

### WHOLE SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPH

Once every seven years we have a photograph taken of the whole school together, including staff, governors and trustees. This is a wonderful record over time of our school community and we will be having our whole school photographed again next **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June**.



The photograph will be taken first thing in the morning, so could everyone please make a special effort to arrive at school on time, so that they are not missed off the photo. Please also ensure that your child is wearing a clean school jumper/cardigan. A proof of the photograph will be available shortly thereafter and we will send out instructions for placing orders online.

### PE KITS IN SCHOOL

Staff are noticing that an increasing number of pupils do not have a PE kit in school. PE sessions can take place at any time due to one-off visits from specialist sports coaches and not just on regular scheduled days. Pupils should therefore have a full school PE kit on their peg in classrooms at all times; kits are normally sent home by teachers every holiday for laundering.

May we also remind parents that the **correct** PE kit is:-

- T-shirt in the pupil's House colour
- Royal blue cotton PE shorts
- Plimsolls or trainers (please ensure your child can do them up themselves)
- (Optional) - Royal blue sports hoodie - this item is NOT to be worn in class and is only for sports use
- (Optional) - Royal blue joggers

Our children regularly take part in sports events with pupils from other schools, so having our children dressed in our school's kit helps us to identify our pupils easily. PE kit can be purchased from our uniform suppliers, South West Schoolwear (23 Broad Street, Wells Tel: 01749 670000) who also offer a mail order service and online ordering at [South West Schoolwear -](#)

Chew Stoke Alternatively, you can visit [www.uniformd.co.uk](http://www.uniformd.co.uk) where you can purchase good quality second-hand uniform via our PTA.

## NOTICE TO ALL HEDGEHOG & KS2 DANCE CLUB PARENTS!

The PTA has asked us if we will perform our Dance Umbrella dances at the End of Year Barbecue, which is being held on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July. Pupils will need to be brought to Hedgehog Class on that evening by 5.15pm for make-up and dressing. If your child will NOT be attending please let Miss Hennessy know as soon as possible. Thank you.

## ATTACHMENT LINKS

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

B&NES Parent Carer Forum Support Line - [https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-](https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/Support_Line_Printed_Postcard.pdf)

[school/files/documents/Support\\_Line\\_Printed\\_Postcard.pdf](https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/Support_Line_Printed_Postcard.pdf)

B&NES Parent Carer Forum About Us - [https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/About\\_Us\\_Printed\\_Postcard.pdf](https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/About_Us_Printed_Postcard.pdf)

B&NES Music Woodwind Lessons - [https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/Woodwind\\_lessons\\_B-NES.png](https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/Woodwind_lessons_B-NES.png)

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

Wells Cathedral 'Be A Chorister For A Day' - [https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/Poster\\_BACFAD\\_2025.pdf](https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/Poster_BACFAD_2025.pdf)

## 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

### June 2025

- 24/06/25 - Whole School Photograph
- 27/06/25 - Owl Class Assembly

### July 2025

- 01/07/25 - Class Changeover Day
- 02/07/25 - Choir Trip to Bristol Beacon
- 10/07/25 - Hedgehog Class Assembly
- 11/07/25 - PTA End of Year Barbeque
- 15/07/25 - Badger Class Production
- 16/07/25 - Hedgehog Class Trip
- 17/07/25 - Hedgehog Class Graduation
- 22/07/25 - Leavers' Service, St Andrew's Church, Chew Stoke