



# Chew Stoke Church School Newsletter



## INTRODUCTION FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

What a busy first term of the year we have had! I hope you all enjoyed our Harvest Worship earlier this month. The children presented their learning so clearly through singing, speaking and poetry. Thank you to the WEET Team who helped to lead the service and to Reverend Ian and Angela Fraser for joining us. It was lovely to be together as a community. The Harvest food has been presented to a foodbank in Bristol and they would like us to

pass on their thanks for your kind donations.

After half term there will be an opportunity to meet with your child's class teacher during the week starting 6th November. The booking site is still live so please do book an appointment if you have not yet done so.

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

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Our Christian Value for  
this term is

**COURAGE**

Our British Value for  
this term is

**THE RULE OF  
LAW**



## Dates for your diary!

### Term Dates

- Term 1: 01/09/2023 - 20/10/2023
- Term 2: 30/10/2023 - 15/12/2023
- Term 3: 02/01/2024 - 09/02/2024
- Term 4: 19/02/2024 - 28/03/2024
- Term 5: 15/04/2024 - 24/05/2024
- Term 6: 03/06/2024 - 23/07/2024

### November 2023

- 31/10/23 - Start of Term 2
- 02/11/23 - Book Fair arrives
- 6-8/11/23 - Parent Conferencing
- 10/11/23 - Kingfisher Class Assembly  
Kingfisher Trip to Cheddar  
Caves
- 13/11/23 - Odd Socks Walk to School  
Day
- 15/11/23 - Hedgehog Class Trip to  
Wells Cathedral
- 17/11/23 - Owl Class Assembly
- 17/11/23 - Children in Need
- 24/11/23 - Badger Class Assembly
- 30/11/23 - Christmas Craft Day

### December 2023

- 01/12/23 - PTA Wreath Making
- 05/12/23 - Fox Class Christmas Play  
2pm  
Fox Class Christmas Play  
6.30pm  
- Christmas Story Time  
EYFS/Y1 5pm
- 06/12/23 - Christingle Service 6.30pm
- 07/12/23 - Key stage 1 Theatre Trip
- 08/12/23 - Hedgehog Class Christmas  
Play 9.30am  
PTA Christmas Fair 5pm
- 11/12/23 - Owl Class Christmas Concert  
2.30pm
- 13/12/23 - Key Stage 2 Theatre Trip
- 14/12/23 - Christmas Church Service  
led by Woodpecker Class  
9.30am  
- Christmas Lunch
- 15/12/23 - End of term

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 31<sup>st</sup> October. Please note that Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October is an Inset Day, so school will be closed to all children.

On Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October Woodpecker class enjoyed their first school visit of the year to the Roman Villa and museum at The Newt.



They learned in a captivating and interactive way backgrounds and facts on the Roman way of life in England in the 4<sup>th</sup> century. In a multitude of interactive games, they explored the society, customs, religion, economy, handcrafts and leisure of the Romans. A great time was had by adults and children alike! The children were praised for their listening skills.



A huge congratulations to our girls Netball Team who took part in the Keynsham and District Bee Netball Tournament at Wellsway school in Keynsham earlier this week. It was the first tournament of the year for the girls and it was fantastic to see

their training at lunchtimes and all their amazing team work come together. They improved game after game and listened to all the advice they were given.

The girls came third in their pool, missing out on second place by just one point! Such an achievement! They then went on to win their third place play-off match. Well done girls!

We hope that taking part in tournaments like these the children will develop their confidence and skill set in the sport of netball; hopefully motivating them to play netball in the future.



### A PLEA FROM CLASS TEACHERS

Can we please ask that ALL children have full kit for PE in a named bag to include correct sized trainers and their House colour T-shirt, not home clothes! Thank you.



### ECO TEAM REPORT

The Eco Team are delighted with the progress of their Wildlife Garden. We are putting together a maintenance programme and wondered if anyone had items to donate :

- concrete stepping stones
- unwanted bird boxes or bug houses
- large logs for hedgehog tunnels
- small pots for collecting and growing seeds (we will also be sowing seed for next year)
- anything else that may be useful - even an old sink/ small metal bath for a pond?



Maybe there is someone creative out there that could create wooden wildlife creatures to decorate our new fence (similar to the play area at Salt and Malt?)



### NEW SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

We are excited about the launch of our new menu, which starts on the first week back after the half term break. The menu can be viewed on our website ([https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/Autumn\\_2023 - Red \(1A\) - Menu Template.pdf](https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/Autumn_2023_-_Red_(1A)_-_Menu_Template.pdf)) and paper copies will be sent home soon.

### PTA NEWS

Our first PTA event of this year - the Harvest Home party and Promises Auction - raised a fantastic £2,000.

Last academic year PTA events raised a total net profit of £8,500. From this the PTA purchased or contributed to a variety of resources and trips to benefit all children across the school. Purchases included a CD player, 3 Yamaha keyboards, a portable PA system, Lego blocks and goal posts for the playground. We also contributed towards the cost of craft days, classroom books, Forest school resources, transport costs for school trips etc. We have also been putting funds aside over the last few years to pay for the refurbishment of the playground, which was completed during the summer holidays. A big thank you to everyone who has supported our events.

**Please Save The Date** for the annual **Christmas Fair** which will be on **Friday 8th December** starting at 5pm. There will be crafts, stalls, a bar, food, tombolas, lucky dips, a present room and much more. More detail and info to follow in the next newsletter.

You can also support us by booking a place on the **Christmas Wreath Workshop** which will take place on **Saturday 2nd December @ 3pm**. Bookings can be made via Lucy 07784 375215 or Amy 07585 708702.

**Second Hand Uniform Shop** - now the weather is getting colder it might be time to check your winter uniform stocks.... please remember that you can buy second hand school uniform via the website [Uniformd.co.uk](http://Uniformd.co.uk).

Likewise, if you have uniform that the kids have outgrown that you are happy to donate, please give this to Amy Maggs (07585 708702) so it can be uploaded to the site and sold on. This is a great fundraiser for the school.

## HENGROVE LEISURE CENTRE SWIMMING CRASH COURSE

Our half term swimming  lesson crash course is now available to book online or in centre.

★ Monday 23rd October - Wednesday 25th October

Start times.

★ 1pm - Stage 1 - *for children of school age have no previous experience in swimming*

★ 1:30pm - Stage 2 - *for children of school age who can swim unaided and confident in water*

★ 2pm - Stage 3 - *for children of school age who can swim unaided for at least 5m unaided both front and back*

★ 2:30pm - Stage 1

★ Wednesday 25th October

12:30pm - *Deep Water Confidence for children who are in stage 4 or 5 (or equivalent) to gain confidence in deep water*

Book now to reserve your space here : <https://bit.ly/crashcoursesoctober>

## AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS ACTIVITIES - TERM 2

Bristol Sport Foundation will be running their sports clubs on Tuesdays after school.

Activities are now available to book online via the Bristol Sport website. Further details can be found by following this link:- [https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/Chew\\_Stoke\\_ASC\\_Poster\\_T2.pdf](https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/Chew_Stoke_ASC_Poster_T2.pdf)

South West Soccer Project will be running Football Club on Wednesdays and Multisports Club on Thursdays. Both clubs start at 3.30pm and finish at 4.30pm and are open to pupils aged 5 and over. The cost for each club is £36 for six sessions. Please sign your child up and pay on ParentPay.

## ATTACHMENT LINKS

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

Bath Lights Up The Night and Lantern Workshop - [https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/Christmas\\_Bookbag\\_Leaflet.pdf](https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/Christmas_Bookbag_Leaflet.pdf)