Chew Stoke Church School Newsletter

INTRODUCTION FROM THE HEADTEACHER

It has been a really lovely first term at Chew Stoke Church School, and it has been wonderful to see how well the children have settled back into school routines and embraced all the opportunities that the new school year has brought. Our newest pupils in Hedgehog Class have made a fantastic start, settling in so well and growing in confidence each week. We are very proud of all the children and everything they have achieved this term. I hope all our families enjoy a relaxing and enjoyable half-term break, with plenty of time to rest and recharge. **Just a reminder that Monday 2nd November is an INSET day, so we look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Tuesday 3rd November.**



Kingfisher Class have been busy this week making prayer bracelets for the children at Christian Life School in Uganda. The children have worked hard to create over 180 bracelets, each one ready to be posted out to Uganda so that they arrive in time for Christmas. This is a lovely way for our children to share a little kindness and remind their friends in Uganda that they are in our thoughts and prayers. We are also looking forward to joining the school for another live Worship in November, giving the children another opportunity to connect and share in our Christian fellowship. Thank you to Mrs Hope and Angela Fraser for making this project possible.

Our Year 5/6 girls' football team played their first match together in the BANES Girls' Football League against Bishop Sutton Primary School. Although the result was 4–1 to Bishop Sutton, the girls showed great enthusiasm and represented Chew Stoke Church School brilliantly. It was a wonderful opportunity to build confidence, develop teamwork and enjoy playing together. Well done, girls – we are very proud of you!

After half term there will be an opportunity to meet with your child's class teacher. Details of how to book an appointment will follow after half-term.

AUTUMN TERM 2026/27

23/10/2026

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Our Christian Value for this term is

COURAGE

Our British Value for this term is

THE RULE OF LAW



Last Wednesday Miss Hennessy and the PE Council attended the Team Modeshift Regional School of the Year Awards. We can proudly announce that Chew Stoke Church School has been awarded the Local Authority School of the Year! Congratulations to the whole school community for their hard work and dedication to the promotion of sustainable and active travel. Unfortunately, in recent weeks, we have seen an increase in the number of vehicles in School Lane during the morning drop-off and afternoon pick up. For the safety of all pupils please keep the lane free from school traffic during these times. We politely ask that parking in Home Orchard is reserved for parents coming from the direction of Nempnett Thrubwell.

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

MENU CHANGE
Due to the Inset Day on Monday 2nd November there will be the following menu changes:

Tuesday 3rd November: Margharita Pizza or Rainbow Pizza with Jacket Wedges

Thereafter, the menu will revert to the published menu.

HARVEST THANKS
Following the Harvest Thanksgiving Service at the church on Sunday 4th October, we have received the following email from the Churchwarden, Andrew Troup:-
On behalf of the PCC, many thanks to the children, staff & parents of Chew Stoke Church of England School for their generous donation of foodstuffs for the Harvest Festival.

All donations (and goodness me, there were a lot of them!) were delivered to The Community of the Sisters of the Church in St Pauls on Monday for their food bank.

CHRISTMAS STORYTIME – TUESDAY 15TH DECEMBER, 5PM TO 5.45PM



On the evening of Tuesday 15th December Miss Hennessy will be hosting a Christmas-themed Storytime for all children in Hedgehog and Owl classes (siblings are also welcome). Children will be invited back in their pyjamas for a Christmas story with their parents, and a hot chocolate to truly get into the Christmas spirit! We hope activities like this will encourage a lifelong love of reading and will support parents in the types of questions that can be asked when reading with your child at home.

CHEW STOKE WINTER BALL

Thank you to the team who are organising this year's Chew Stoke Winter Ball for allowing the proceeds to be shared between the school and the village hall. If you would like to purchase tickets for this event, please contact Laura Jones on 07813081896.



FLU VACCINATIONS

Have you registered your child for their annual flu jab yet? If not, please sign them up using the following link:- https://www.bswschoolagedimms.co.uk/Forms/Flu?schoolcode=WT138617

If you have any queries, please contact the School Aged Immunisation Team on 0300 247 0082 or vcl.immunisations@nhs.net

PTA NEWS 🎉

Thanks to everyone who bought in clothes for Rags to Riches Clothes collection last Friday - between us we collected 156kg of clothes.

Thanks to all those who joined us for film night last night, it was great to have so many children there and we hope they all enjoyed their movie and popcorn.

Chew Stoke Christmas window trail

Let's make Chew Stoke sparkle this Christmas!

This December we are inviting everyone in our community to get involved and decorate their window in a fabulous winter or Christmas scene. If you're keen to decorate your window and be a part of the trail please let Nicola know. Prizes will be awarded for the best family and adult window.

Windows need to be in Chew Stoke and accessible by foot to ensure the trail can be completed without a vehicle.

Other dates for your diary
4th November - meeting at CVRFC regarding Christmas events - everyone welcome
27th November - Kingfisher cake sale
3rd December - PTA Christmas party until 530pm (please note the change of date!)
20th December - Santa Dash - a community event for all - please spread the word - enter now on Race Nation website (https://race-nation.co.uk/register/santa-dash-chew-valley/chew-valley-santa-dash-2026)

Thanks as always for your continued support. If you have any ideas for fundraising or would like to get involved in our fundraising events please do speak to Nicola or Wendy

OCTOBER HALF TERM AT THE ROMAN BATHS

- **16 Oct-1 Nov**: Follow our new Eew! Revolting Roman Remedies family trail.
- **24 Oct-1 Nov**: Meet a Roman doctor. Make your own Roman Remedy.
- **31 Oct:** Get crafty with our Halloween Scraptastic Event with Children's Scrapstore Bristol (£5)

Find out more

OCTOBER HALF TERM AT THE VICTORIA ART GALLERY

- Visit the colourful Bath Society of Artists Annual Open Exhibition
- Find and draw flowers and make a bouquet from tissue paper at Mini Makers (£5)
- Have fun making your own unique flowers at Create and Colour (free)

Find out more

Free admission to The Roman Baths and Victoria Art Gallery exhibitions for Discovery Card Holders with a valid **B&NES Residents' Discovery Card**.

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

Ignite Sports October Half Term Sports Camps:- https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/Ignite_Sports_half_term_camps.png

Ignite Sports After School Club Term 2:- https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/Chew_Stoke_Term_2.png

Taking Time; time-themed installations at Wells Cathedral:- https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/HTHA_Taking_Time_Oct26_A4_OoS.jpg

Valley Arts Fringe Festival – Upcoming Productions:-
The Tailor of Gloucester - https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/Fringe-Festival-The_Tailor_of_Gloucester.pdf
Toob - https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/Fringe-Festival-Toob.pdf
Twinkle Twinkle - https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/Fringe-Festival-Twinkle_Twinkle.pdf
My Friend Donkey - https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/Fringe-Festival-My_Friend_Donkey.pdf

Valley Arts Newsletter:- https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/Valley_Arts_Oct_2026_newsletter.pdf

Bristol Flyers Half Term Basketball Camp:- https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/Bristol_Flyers_Half_Term_Camp.pdf

Get Sported after school activities Term 2:- https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/Get_Sported_Chew_Stoke_T2_Club_Poster.pdf