



Chew Valley School

Learn Grow Achieve

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Dear Parents and Carers

School Partnerships

I wanted to take some time to talk about a number of partnerships that the school has for the benefit of the students. These include the [Chew Valley Badminton Club](#) which utilises our Sports Hall in the evenings and at weekends along with Bishop Sutton Tennis Club ([Clubspark / Bishop Sutton Tennis Club / Home](#)) which uses the outside courts at similar times, both of whom add a large amount of value to our community. The same can be said of [Chew Valley RFC](#) which runs rugby teams for both boys and girls to join.

We also benefit from the annual Chew Valley 10K ([Chew Valley 10k 2025 - RaceNation](#)) event which is held each year on a Sunday in the early summer, starting and finishing in Bishop Sutton. The event makes it into our curriculum with students designing the runners' t-shirts as part of our Design Technology work with one student's design becoming the actual t-shirt distributed to the competitors which is wonderful to see, as well as bringing funds into school.

The Community Farm ([Home - The Community Farm](#)) which is based close to Chew Valley Lake also plays a really important role, both in terms of our curriculum where students are able to study food from the field to the fork so to speak and also with regards to giving a venue which is close to school which can be accessed by small groups.

If you would like to find out more about any of the above then please do look at their websites.

Chew Valley School Climate Action Team

Attached with this letter is the latest version of the Climate Action Team newsletter. This 'Change and Create' team are very active and have good numbers involved but are always open to new members. Please do have a look at their newsletter.

Year 8 Drop Down Day on Healthy Living - Thursday 16th October

I was lucky enough to drop into the sessions yesterday where Year 8 students were looking at a variety of aspects of healthy living including first aid, carrying out CPR run by an external visitor, along with discussions around smoking, vaping and alcohol. The content here was so important for our young people to cover and my thanks go to all the staff who were involved in the organisation.

'Remembering Loved Ones' Bereavement Event in D2 on Friday 24th October at Lunchtime

Many members of our school community have experienced bereavement at some stage in their lives and we are running an event on Friday 24th October in D2 (one of our Drama studios) where students and staff, if they would like to attend, can reflect on this and remember the individuals they wish. This is going to be led by the Reverend Ian Mills and the content will look at this through a Christian perspective. Everybody in school is welcome.

Reminder - The Careers Convention Evening - Wednesday 22nd October

Parents, carers and students are very welcome to attend this event after school next Wednesday.

Half Term Holiday

Our final day before half term will be next Friday (24th October), with students returning on Monday 3rd November.

INSET Day – Wednesday 19th November

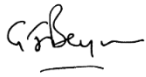
Advance notice that we have an INSET day on Wednesday 19th November, along with all of the other secondary schools in our Multi Academy Trust. School will obviously be closed to all students on this day.

School Tours

We have recently hosted both our Open Evening and three days of Open Morning tours aimed predominantly at students of the current Year 6, along with their parents and carers. I, as usual, have been touring the school with others and I always ask for some feedback having walked around and visited lessons. Invariably three words come back and they are 'purposeful, warm and calm' which is always good to hear. I am also always happy to walk around with existing parents and carers and if you would like to do this then please contact my PA Natalie Lane (nlane@chewvalleyschool.co.uk) and she can arrange this for you.

As ever, can I wish you a good weekend and a good half term when it arrives.

With best wishes,



Gareth Beynon
Headteacher

NEWSLETTER

Community Climate Boost

A big win for Bristol's climate movement: the Community Climate and Nature Project has been awarded £1.75 million from the National Lottery's Climate Action Fund. The project, led by the Bristol Climate & Nature Partnership, helps local groups create their own climate action plans. So far, 17 organisations have taken part, with six more joining soon. From community gardens to flood protection and youth projects, the work is already making a difference. Over 11,000 people have been involved, cutting 382 tonnes of CO₂—a huge step for local

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Heroic Hauteville!

Well Done to Hauteville for getting a fantastic 41! Another congratulations to Rodney with a terrific 24, closely followed Bilbie with 19 and Moreton with 18 environmental positives.

COP30: Turning Point in the Amazon

From 10–21 November 2025, the world's attention will turn to Belém, Brazil, where the 30th UN Climate Change Conference (COP30) will take place in the heart of the Amazon rainforest, marking the 10th anniversary of the Paris Agreement and following 2024, the hottest year ever recorded. More than 60,000 par-



ticipants, including leaders from 195 countries, scientists, businesses, NGOs, and Indigenous peoples, are expected to attend, with Brazil highlighting the Amazon's role in regulating the global climate and pledging to put Indigenous voices at the centre of discussions. Key issues on the agenda include updated 2035 climate plans (NDCs), which countries must present to show how they will cut emissions in line with the 1.5°C target, as well as debates on scaling up climate finance for adaptation

and loss and damage support, accelerating the energy transition away from fossil fuels, and protecting forests. Brazil is championing the Tropical Forest Forever Facility, a proposed \$125 billion fund to reward nations for keeping tropical forests standing, with Brazil already pledging the first \$1 billion. Major economies have also signalled new commitments: China has pledged a 7–10% emissions cut by 2035 alongside a huge expansion of renewables, Nigeria has set its first economywide reduction target, and the EU is preparing to double its climate finance for adaptation. Yet despite these steps, the world remains off track to cut emissions by 43% by 2030, the level scientists say is essential to keep 1.5°C within reach. COP30 is therefore seen as a defining moment: a chance to turn ambitious promises into concrete action that protects people, forests, and the planet's future.

