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Looking back over the half term, we have shared some truly special moments. Our wonderful iSingPOP experience filled the school with singing, dancing and joy, culminating in two fantastic concerts at St Chad's Church. Our Harvest Festival was another memorable occasion, when we welcomed Lisa from Charles Thompson Mission and were reminded of the importance of using our gifts and talents to help others. The generosity shown by our families was overwhelming, and I would like to thank you once again for your kindness and support.

Alongside these special occasions, our children have continued to embrace exciting learning opportunities, demonstrate their talents and represent our school with pride.

A huge congratulations to our fantastic Dawpool chess team, who achieved joint first place in their first match of the season. Facing some incredibly tough competition, the children demonstrated impressive concentration, strategic thinking and determination to secure this wonderful result.

Chess requires patience, resilience and the confidence to think carefully and make decisions under pressure, and our team certainly rose to the challenge. We are incredibly proud of their achievement and the way they represented Dawpool. What a fantastic example of being 'Inspired' to develop our talents and strive to achieve our very best. Well done, team Dawpool!

"Chess isn't about winning, it's about thinking ahead and showing good sportsmanship." Charlie Y6

Some of our Year 4 children enjoyed the opportunity to take part in a dodgeball competition alongside pupils from five local schools this week. The children were placed joint first. What stands out more so than the result is the kindness the children demonstrated, helping out another school who were short of players.

It was a fantastic opportunity for the children to develop their teamwork, communication and sporting skills whilst enjoying some friendly competition. Events such as these are so valuable in helping our children grow in confidence, build relationships and experience the enjoyment of being part of a team.

We are very proud of the children for representing Dawpool and embracing the



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opportunity with such enthusiasm!

"There was another team with not enough players so we helped and it felt good." Elizabeth Y4

"It felt nice to help, even when I played against Dawpool. " Aurelia Y4

Our Year 3 children enjoyed a wonderful visit to the Lady Lever Art Gallery this week, where they were instantly immersed in the beautiful artwork surrounding them. What a fantastic opportunity to experience art beyond the classroom, spark curiosity and inspire creativity!

It was also particularly lovely that Mrs Young was able to return and join the children for their visit.





One of the highlights of the visit was hearing that members of the public had taken the time to comment on how impeccably behaved our children were. There is no greater compliment than hearing such lovely feedback about the way our children conduct themselves when representing our school.

We often talk about the importance of kindness, respect and consideration for others, and it is wonderful to see these values shining through beyond our school gates. Well done, Year 3! You have made us all incredibly proud.

"I really liked May Morris' dress in the gallery because it had amazing patterns on it." Archie Y3



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"The pictures were very special because they were old." Ruby Y3
"The artwork was designed beautifully by William and May Morris." Henry L Y3

A huge thank you to everyone who has already started following our new Dawpool Instagram page. It has been lovely to see so many of our families joining us as we begin sharing even more of the wonderful things happening in school.

We are incredibly proud of our children and all that they achieve, and our Instagram page provides another opportunity to celebrate those special moments, share our learning experiences and give families a glimpse into everyday life at Dawpool.

If you haven't already followed us, we would love you to join us! Just use the QR code.

@DAWPOOL_CE_PRIMARY

As I reflect on the past few weeks, what stands out most is the wonderful sense of community that runs through everything we do at Dawpool. Whether through worship, learning, sporting achievements, educational visits or the everyday acts of kindness that take place around school, our children continue to demonstrate what makes Dawpool such a special place.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our dedicated staff for their hard work, enthusiasm and commitment throughout this busy half term. Thank you also to our families for your continued encouragement, kindness and support.

Most importantly, thank you to our wonderful children, who bring so much joy, energy and enthusiasm to our school every single day. I am immensely proud of all that they have achieved.

I hope you all enjoy a restful and happy half-term break, with time to relax and enjoy being together. We look forward to welcoming everyone back for another exciting half term.

With very best wishes,
Mrs Helen Griffiths

WHEN WE RETURN



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Monday 2nd November

Tuesday 3rd November

Y5 Forest school

3.30-4.30pm Lego Club Y4 & Y5

3.30-4.30pm Dance Club Y2 & Y3

Wednesday 4th November

Wonder Walk

3.30-4.30pm Chess Club

Thursday 5th November

3.30-4.15pm Netball Club

Friday 6th November



Monday- Lunchtime Chess Club
Tuesday- Lego Club Y5 Y6
Dance Club Y2 Y3
Wednesday KS2 chess club.
Thursday- Netball Club



When we return it is the turn of Year 5 for Forest School.

Dates for your Diary

The Y1 Christmas Nativity performances are to be held on 11th December at 9.30am and 2.30pm in the School Hall.

Y2 will be performing their play in the School Hall on Thursday 10th December at 9.30am and 2.30pm

F1 will be holding Christmas crafts for parents on the 8th December at 2pm-3pm.

F2 will be holding a Christmas concert and afternoon tea party for parents on 16th December at 2pm-3pm.

More details will follow.



This year we are again supporting the Poppy Appeal and we are selling items such as snap bands, reflectors and traditional poppies, after half term.



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Please send in any donations with your children if you wish to support this appeal.

FoDS News

AGM and Planning Meeting

Thank you to everyone who came along to our AGM and planning meeting this week. It was such a positive meeting, and we spent time looking at our events calendar for the year ahead, sharing ideas and discussing lots of exciting plans!

We're looking forward to sharing more details with everyone very soon.

Christmas Event Planning

We'll be planning our Christmas events and activities on Wednesday 4th November and would love some extra hands and new ideas!

If you're free, please do come along - whether you're a regular helper or it's your first time, everyone is very welcome. Time to be confirmed soon.

Christmas Wreath Workshop – Wednesday 2nd December

Following such a successful workshop last year, we're delighted to bring it back for another festive evening! Come along with friends, enjoy some festive refreshments and create your own beautiful Christmas wreath.

Wednesday 2nd December, 7–9pm at School. £25 per person

Materials and guidance are included, so no experience is needed! You're welcome to bring extra foliage or decorations to personalise your wreath, plus secateurs if you have them.

Spaces are limited – book your place online using the link below:

https://friends-of-dawpool-school.sumupstore.com/product/christmas-wreath-workshop



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Crazy Hair Day

Wow! What a fantastic Crazy Hair Day we've had today! It's been wonderful seeing so many amazing and wonderfully crazy creations. Thank you to everyone who has joined in and helped kick-start this year's FoDS fundraising.

If you haven't paid your £1 yet, you can do so using the link below:

https://friends-of-dawpool-school.sumupstore.com/product/crazy-hair-day

Follow FoDS on Instagram here-

@FODS_DAWPOOL

CHURCH NEWS

'Rooted and established in love.' (Ephesians 3:17-19)



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Sunday 25th Oct	9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's
Prisons Week	10.30am Holy Communion with Junior church at St Chads
Sunday 1st Nov	9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's
	10.30am Holy communion at St Bartholomew's
	4.00pm Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving at St Chads
Sunday 8th Nov	9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's
Remembrance Sunday	10.15am Traditional Service St Bartholomew's
	11.05am All-Age Service at St.Bartholomew's
Sunday 15th Nov	9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's
Safeguarding Sunday	10.30am Safeguarding Service at St Chads
	4.00pm Pop Up church at St chads

For more information about Services and events at St Bartholomew's Thurstaston and St Chad's Irby, please visit:
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