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This has to be my favourite week so far at Dawpool. I think the children and staff will sleep very well after this fun-filled week.

We started the week welcoming Reverend Jane to lead our whole school worship which helped us journey together through the great story of God's people as we enjoy the season of Advent. Through the lighting and extinguishing of the candles, we were reminded of how God has guided His people from darkness into light again. It was wonderful to see our children listening so attentively as we travelled from creation to the patriarchs and prophets, to John the Baptist preparing the way for Jesus. Monday's worship invited us to pause, reflect, and look forward in hope. We are looking forward to welcoming Reverend Jane again for worship next term.

"Reverend Jane is part of our school." Oliver Y1

"I enjoyed learning about the candles and when you light them." Tom Y5



Tuesday was Year 2's chance to shine in the 'Christmas Recipe' performance which reminded us, in such a creative and joyful way, of all the special ingredients that make this season so magical. From robins and snowflakes to presents, Father Christmas, angels, and of course that most precious ingredient of all—the baby in the manger—our children stirred together a beautiful reminder of what Christmas really means.

The children were fantastic. Their singing, acting, and enthusiasm filled the hall with warmth and Christmas cheer. They brought each ingredient to life with confidence and joy, and we are all incredibly proud of you.

"I was really happy I read beautifully." Mollie Y2

"I was happy to see our parents." Joseph Y2

"I liked being stirred into the pot." Freddie Y2

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"I was surprised because I thought I would be afraid but I wasn't." Archie Y2

"I was proud of myself." Athena Y2

I had been told that lots of children had been counting down the days until our whole school theatre visit to the Storyhouse. The countdown was finally over on Wednesday and the day was definitely worth the wait.

The children were captivated from start to finish, joining in with the songs, laughing, and marvelling at the spectacular staging. It was a joy to see their faces light up as the story unfolded. Our pupils represented the school beautifully throughout the trip, and I am grateful to all staff and school community volunteers who helped make the visit such a smooth and memorable experience.

"I liked the Beast." Will F2

"I liked when the bad guy became good." Alex Y1

"This is the best day we've had in Y2, actually ever." Henry W Y2

"The biggest surprise was when we found out that Nightshade and Fairy Lavender were actually sisters." Sofia Y3

"Wow! This is awesome: look at the lights!".  
Finley Y4

"The theatre trip was really, really good." Nicole Y5

"Everyone knew the music so we were all singing along." Grace Y5

"It was very well performed and well written."  
Rory Y6

"I think it was a really fun experience. I really enjoyed it." Esme Y6

On Thursday, we were treated to our Key Stage Two carol service. In a season that can be busy and full, their storytelling helped us pause and remember that this message of love, light and joy is as important today as it was on that first Christmas night.

During rehearsals, the children's singing was fantastic but during the service every child sang from the heart. This guaranteed that we are all now feeling Christmassy and festive.

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"The children's singing was the best we've heard." Year 4 parent

"I really liked the carol service because it gave me the opportunity to do what I love and show my talents." Cora Y5

"We sang different songs, some were new and some were traditional. It was really good that we were collaborating and sounded like a choir." Bentham Y4

I have felt an immense sense of pride as our children have both performed and participated throughout this week. It has been a very special week and we have made many special memories.

A big thank you is needed for all of our staff for their hard work and dedication. The events this week have required lots of organisation and time and would not have been possible without their support.

As we come to the end of my first term as headteacher at Dawpool, I want to say how proud and grateful I am to be part of this wonderful school community. Over the past few months, I have been warmly welcomed by pupils, staff, families, and governors, and I have

seen first-hand the kindness, curiosity, and enthusiasm that make our school such a special place. It has been a joy to watch the children learn, grow, and support one another, and I am excited for all that lies ahead. Thank you for your support during this first term—I look forward to continuing our journey together in the new year.

I would like to wish you all a very happy Christmas filled with moments of joy, kindness and togetherness. Thank you

Warm regards,

Mrs Helen Griffiths

**NEXT WEEK**

**Monday 15th December**

6pm Christingle Service for Y6

**Tuesday 16th December**

Y5 Walking to Irby Village

Elfridges Sale

**Wednesday 17th December**

2pm F1 Christmas Event for Families

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NO Chess Club-recommences 14th January

#### **Thursday 18th December**

2pm F2 Christmas Event for Families

NO Choir-recommences 15th January

#### **Friday 19th December**

Christmas Party Day

End of term

#### **Forthcoming Events at a Glance**

|                                |   |
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| <b>Monday 15th December</b>    | 6pm: Christingle Service for Y6 at St Bart's  |
| <b>Tuesday 16th December</b>   | FoDS Elfridges Sale   |
| <b>Wednesday 17th December</b> | 2-3pm: F1 Christmas Event for Families  |
| <b>Thursday 18th December</b>  | 2-3pm F2 Christmas Event for Families   |
| <b>Friday 19th December</b>    | Class Christmas Parties (Non-Uniform Day)<br>Santa visits all classes with a gift.<br><br><b>End of Term.</b> |



#### **Year 6** **Christingle Service**

On **Monday 15th December** at 6:00pm, all Year 6 pupils will lead a Christingle Service for their families at St Bartholomew's Church.

#### **F1 Christmas Event for Families**

On **Wednesday 17th December** the children from F1 would like to invite their families to an afternoon of 'Magical Christmas Crafts' for children and their grown-ups.

The afternoon starts at 2pm and should finish around 3pm.

We can't promise you won't go home covered in glitter!

#### **F2 Christmas Event for Families**

On **Thursday 18th December**, from 2-3pm, Foundation 2 will be holding a special Christmas concert for parents, where the children will share songs and talk about the wonderful things that happen at Christmas time, including the true meaning of Christmas.

After the performance, our children will serve afternoon tea to their families. We look forward to celebrating this special occasion together.

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Christmas Party Day for all classes will take place on **Friday 19th December**. Children may come to school in their own party clothes and will enjoy party games and activities. Party food will be served during the day and Father Christmas will be visiting school with a gift for every child.

Please send in your completed permission slip with allergy information by **Monday**. Many thanks.



Forest School on Wednesday will be Y2.



Monday-Lunchtime Chess club

Wednesday - KS2 Chess club is now finished until Wednesday **14th January**.

Thursday-KS2 Choir Club is now finished for this term but will recommence on **15th January**.



## FoDS News

### Elfridges- 16th December

Online sales for Elfridges have now closed. Thank you to everyone who purchased tokens. We're really looking forward to welcoming the children to the hall on Tuesday to help them select their gifts!



### Rainbow Hampers

Raffle tickets for the Rainbow Hampers are now available! Thank you to everyone who kindly donated items and to the wonderful volunteers who put the hampers together. Tickets can be purchased before

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and after nativity performances or online (link to be sent out via class WhatsApp groups next week).

#### **Santa Dash - Thank you**

The children all enjoyed a fantastic afternoon at the Santa Dash! It was great fun to explore the woods and get into the Christmas spirit with the school community. Thanks to all our wonderful volunteers for dressing up and helping the event run so smoothly and also to the school choir for their beautiful singing!

Thank you so much for all the positive comments we received from staff and parents at the end of the day.



If your child enjoyed the afternoon and you would still like to contribute to our fundraising efforts, please use the link or QR code below

<https://friends-of-dawpool-school.sumupstore.com/product/santa-dash>



## CHURCH NEWS

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

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