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## **NEXT WEEK**

### **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January**

### **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January**

3.30-4.30pm Filmmaking Club Y4/5

### **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January**

Y4 Visit to Local Churches

3.30-4.30pm Chess Club Y3-6

### **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January**

3.30-4.30pm Drama Club Y5/6

### **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January**



**FoDS News**



### **Tesco Stronger Starts**

We are very excited to announce that Friends of Dawpool School have been successful in the Tesco Stronger Starts in store voting project.

Dawpool Primary School is now available to vote for until 31<sup>st</sup> March in the below store locations:

- Heswall Superstore CH60 7SL
- Little Sutton Express CH66 3RE
- Neston Express Express CH64 9UB
- Eastham Rake Express CH62 6AN
- Pensby Express CH61 9ND
- Rossmore Road Little Sutton Express Express CH66 1JG
- Ellesmere Port - Sutton Way Express Express CH66 3JT

If you shop in any of these stores, please take some time to vote for Dawpool Primary School's project with your blue tokens:

*'Outdoor Child Wellbeing Development'*

*Fund the improvement of the schools' outdoor space to enable the children to experience all aspects of outdoor play and learning to boost mental and physical health.*

Thank you for your support.

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#### FoDS Meeting

Our next meeting will be taking place on Wednesday 29th January at the Anchor Inn in Irby. This meeting will be to discuss fundraising ideas for this term and vote on any potential funding requirements for school. We are on the right as you come in the main doors, everyone is welcome, hope to see you there.

#### Christmas Jumpers

We are also going to be collecting any preloved Christmas jumpers for future fundraising! So, if you have any that you won't use again, (all sizes welcome!) please pop them into the office from Monday 20th January.

#### We Need You

FoDS is currently running without a secretary, and this really is a role that we would like to fill to ensure things run smoothly and to share the workload. We have found that 2 people taking on a role together has proven very successful so if you and a friend would like to get involved, we would love to hear from you. Speak with your class group rep, a member of the committee or email: [friendsofdawpoolschool@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofdawpoolschool@gmail.com). Thank you.

#### Year 5 Forest School

Year 5 group 1 had their first session in Forest school this week and they loved it! They played

games to help remember fire circle rules, made dens, climbed trees and made a rope swing. The children also enjoyed some warm ribena around the fire circle.



#### Uniform Offer

School Trends, our uniform supplier has advised us of a special offer on jumpers and cardigans due to holding surplus stock. They have a limited number of these items at a reduced cost, with prices starting from £10. Please place an order by next Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> if you are interested.

#### Communication

Regular communication between home and school is one of the most positive ways in which children can be supported through their school years, and we seek to encourage this wherever possible. We very much value your support and interest in your child's education.

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Forms of communication include:

- Staff, including senior leadership and Early Years team members, are present on the school gate each morning to greet families and to answer any questions.
- Letters, email messages and the [Dawpool News](#) to keep you informed at the most appropriate time.
- For urgent messages we will use our text messaging service.
- School [website](#), and online [calendar](#) showing the term dates.

We are currently making preparations to introduce the Tapestry platform to Years 1 – 6. This platform already works successfully within Early Years and we hope that it can be used in Years 1 – 6 to share curriculum activities each week.

Information about the curriculum and your child's current learning can be accessed through the [Curriculum](#) and [Class Pages](#) section of the school website.

Parents can contact their child's class teacher via the school office (telephone 0151 648 3412 or email: [schooloffice@dawpool.wirral.sch.uk](mailto:schooloffice@dawpool.wirral.sch.uk)). Staff will do their best to make contact with you as soon as possible within their working hours.

We receive a high volume of emails into school

each day. We will strive to respond to email as soon as we can but it is not always possible to respond quickly. If you require a timely response, please telephone the school and speak with staff directly.

All pupil absences / appointments should be directed to the school office on 0151 648 3412 (option 1).

Parents' evenings will take place after half term and we will confirm the dates with parents shortly.

All parents and carers are welcome to attend school social and community events and invitations to these events will come via the Dawpool News, email or correspondence from Friends of Dawpool School (FoDS).



It has been wonderful to see the children enjoying our outdoor spaces this week following the adverse weather we previously experienced.

In the event of severe snow or ice first thing in the morning, please check to see if the school is open before travelling:

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- A message will be posted on the homepage of the school's website from 7:30am.

If extreme weather develops during the school day, we will aim to remain open until the end of the normal school day. However, this may not always be possible. Parents should check to see if the school will remain open:

- A message will be posted on the homepage of the school's website.
- An email will be sent to the primary contact.

Parents are expected to check the website, and emails when it is clear that a closure is a possibility. A copy of the school's **Adverse weather policy** can be found on our school website [here](#).

*Wishing you all a restful weekend*  
*Claire McCann*  
*Acting Headteacher*

## CHURCH NEWS

If you would like to join us for a church service each month you would be very welcome. 10.30am at St Chad's on the second Sunday of each month is All-Age worship and planned specifically with families and children in mind, and 10.30am at St Chad's on the fourth Sunday

of each month is communion with children's activities taking place alongside the service.

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

**Website:**

<https://www.thurstaston.org.uk/>

**Email:**

[office@thurstaston.org.uk](mailto:office@thurstaston.org.uk)

**Facebook:**

<https://www.facebook.com/stchadsstbarts/>

**Twitter:**

<https://twitter.com/StBartsStChads>

#### Forthcoming Services

Morning Prayer St Chad's Prayer Room 9.00am MOST Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays  
(check with Revd Jane for cancellations due to other meetings or commitments)

**EVERY Wednesday 10.30am HC at St Chads**

Sun 19th January 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's  
10.30am Morning Worship at St Barts

Sun 26th January 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's  
10.30am Holy Communion at St Chads

Sun 2nd February 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's  
10.30am Holy Communion at St Barts



Over the past couple of years Revd Jane has been working with Dawpool Primary on aspects of "The Growing Faith Adventure".

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In 2025, Revd Jane would like to invite every Dawpool Family to take part in this Adventure at home. Each month, we will send you an electronic copy of a sheet of engaging ideas which follow the Christian year. Each edition has an overarching question, a story and a choice of activities to enable adults and children to consider the question together.

January's letter has been shared with this issue of Dawpool News. We will aim to get future ones to you in the first week of the month.

God Bless,  
Revd Jane

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