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NEXT WEEK

Monday 6th March

3.30-4.30pm Football Club Y3-6

3.30-4.30pm Arts and Crafts Club F2-Y2

Tuesday 7th March

Lunchtime Cross Country Practice

Wednesday 8th March

3.30-4.30pm Chess Club Y3-6

Thursday 9th March

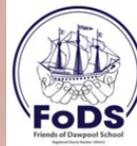
3.30-4.30pm Multi Skills Club F2 Y1 & Y2

3.30-4.30pm Dance Club Y3-6

3.45-4.15pm Choir rehearsal Y3-6

Friday 10th March

Forest School F2 & Y1



FoDS News

Spring Disco Tonight

We're looking forward to welcoming all the children to tonight's Spring Disco.

F1-Y2 - 5:15pm to 6:30pm

Y3-Y6 - 7:00pm to 8:15pm

Please bring money for games, tattoos and the tuck shop.

A polite reminder that children should not bring mobile phones to the discos. Thank you.

Mother's Day Sale - Tuesday 14th March



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All the children will have the opportunity to buy a gift for their Mum or another 'wonderful woman' in their life in school on **Tuesday 14th March**. Each gift will cost £2.50. You can either pre-pay using the link below and a token will be given to your child in school or cash can be brought in on the day.

<https://friends-of-dawpool-school.sumupstore.com/product/mothers-day-sale>

Easter Fair - Sunday 26th March



We're so excited to be hosting our Easter Fair again this year for friends and families of the school. Year 6 children will once again be invited to create an egg display for the fair and the school choir have been invited to sing. Please save the date; more info to follow very soon.

Outdoor Improvements

We will soon be moving forward with our plan to use funds raised by FoDS over the last few years to develop and extend the outdoor environment at school. The all-weather track has now been confirmed and, weather permitting, will be installed around the field during the Easter Holidays. We have had some brilliant ideas and suggestions from a number of suppliers on how to further develop the rest of the outdoor area and we will be getting feedback from the staff and children in the coming weeks and months to ensure the additional play equipment will benefit all ages. We can't wait to get started!

Bag2School

Our next collection is booked in for the **21st March**. Please remember to save any old clothes, paired shoes, handbags, belts and accessories and drop them to school either on the 20th from 3pm or by 9am the following morning. Many thanks for your support.

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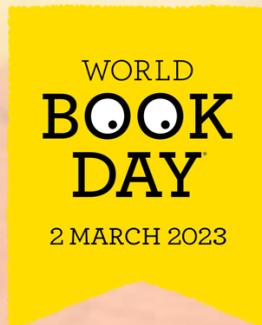
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Tuesday 14th & Wednesday 15th March:
Y1, Y2, Y3, Y5

Tuesday 21st & Wednesday 22nd March:
F1, F2, Y4, Y6

Please note that we are unable to offer creche facilities during the parents' evenings, so please make alternative child-care arrangements.

Thank you for supporting us with World Book Day this week – the children looked amazing in their costumes! It was great fun. You can see photographs of the day on our Twitter Feed, [@DawpoolCofE](https://twitter.com/DawpoolCofE).



Healthy Snacks

We remind parents/carers that children should avoid bringing sweets, cakes or sugary snacks into school. Playtime snacks should be healthy options only. We have a [lunchbox policy](#) on our website that we would ask parents to be aware of. Thank you for your help.

Parents' Evening Appointments Online Booking

Our new parents' evening booking system went live on **Thursday 2nd March 2023 at 6:00pm** and appointments can be booked for all parents' evenings. If you are booking consecutive appointment for siblings, we suggest you leave a short period between appointments to allow time to move between appointments.

PARENTS EVENINGS

Parents' Evenings – March 2023

The Spring Term Parents' Evenings will take place after half term as follows:

Please contact the school if you have any difficulties.

Please note that parents' evening appointments are 10-minutes duration. In

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fairness to everybody, it is important that we keep appointments running to schedule, so please make sure you end your appointment within the allotted time.

Thank you for your support in ensuring our parents' evenings run smoothly.

Wirral Fuss

Please see attached flyer regarding a free summer uniform giveaway this Saturday. This is just for Primary School summer dresses and boys' shorts. Other uniform items can be ordered on the day or parents can order from the Wirral Fuss website <https://wirralfuss.co.uk>



Comic Relief – Friday 17th March

You will be aware that Comic Relief takes place on **Friday 17th March**. Children should come to school in uniform as normal on this day, but can wear a comic relief accessory (e.g. red nose) if they wish. If you would like to make a donation to comic relief you may do so through their website: <https://donation.comicrelief.com/>

Family Learning

Wirral Lifelong Learning Service

Details of Lifelong Learning's new Family Learning offer are attached. The courses and workshops are completely FREE to all parents/carers.

Courses are designed to help parents and carers support their children with their learning and develop their own skills. Some courses are simply for the parents themselves, whilst others are designed so that the children join their parents in the second half of the session and the skills developed are applied. Courses take place in children's centres, schools, nurseries and community group venues throughout Wirral.

5 and 10-week courses are Accredited and Parents and Carers who successfully complete the course will receive an Ascentis Certificate.

More information can be found on our website [here](#).

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INSET DAY

Thursday 4th May 2023

Please note, there is one remaining INSET day for this academic year on **Thursday 4th May** and school will be closed to all pupils.

Year 6 pupils are being invited to attend school on 4th May to participate in some revision activities for the forthcoming SATs. More information will be shared with Year 6 parents shortly.

BANK HOLIDAY

There are two Bank Holidays scheduled and school will be closed on these days:

Monday 1st May 2023 (May Bank Holiday)
Monday 8th May 2023 (King's Coronation)

Term Dates

All of the school's term dates until Summer 2024 are on the website [calendar](#). Please check these dates carefully to avoid booking holidays in term time.

Statutory Assessments 2023

Whilst all schools are required to deliver a range of statutory assessments each year, Dawpool's priority is to ensure that they are always administered in such a way that the children are happy and at ease. In many cases, the children won't be aware that they are doing a test and will approach them as a part of their usual classroom activities.

The timetable for statutory assessments are as follows:

Year 1 Phonics

The Year 1 Phonics Check will take place during week commencing **12th June 2023**. The Check is administered on a 1:1 basis with Miss Barron / Mrs Warwood and the children will be unaware it is a 'test'. The children will see it as part of their normal phonics activities. Phonics scores will be shared with parents at the end of the academic year.

Year 2 SATS

The Year 2 SATs will take place any time during **w/c 15th and 22nd May**. These reading and maths activities are delivered informally in small groups with Mrs Young and other classroom staff who know the children well. Mrs Young will use these activities alongside all of your child's

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work throughout Year 2 to make a teacher-assessed judgement of your child's attainment. The teacher-assessed judgement is shared with parents at the end of the academic year.

Year 4 Multiplications Tables Check

The Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check will take place any time between **5th – 23rd June 2023**. The Check is administered on a 1:1 basis with Mr Greenop or other classroom staff who know your child well. More information about the Multiplication Tables Check can be found on the DfE website [here](#). The Multiplication Tables Check scores are shared with parents at the end of the academic year.

Year 6 SATs

Year 6 SATs will take place on the following dates:

Tuesday 9th May

Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar - Paper 1
Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar - Paper 2

Wednesday 10th May

English Reading Paper

Thursday 11th May

Maths Paper 1 (Arithmetic)
Maths Paper 2 (Reasoning)

Friday 12th May

Maths Paper 3 (Reasoning)

Whilst the Year 6 SATs are more formal in their delivery, we always make sure they are delivered in the most appropriate way for each individual child to ensure they are happy and at ease during the assessments. The results of the Year 6 SATs are shared with parents at the end of the academic year.

Easter Service 2023

Wednesday 29th March, 2:15pm



Families of children in Years 2-6 are invited to join us for an Easter Service at St Chad's Church on **Wednesday 29th March at 2:15pm**. Pupils in Y2-6 will leave school after lunch to walk to church. The service is expected to last around 40-minutes and parents have the option of taking their child home after the service. More information will follow shortly.

Pupils in F1, F2 & Y1 will remain in school to take part in a Holy Week experience which will involve a carousel of activities throughout the school, including arts, crafts, storytelling and singing.

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Church News

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

Website:

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

Email:

office@thurstaston.org.uk

Facebook:

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

Twitter:

<https://twitter.com/StBartsStChads>

Forthcoming Church Services

EVERY Wednesday 10.30am HC at St Chads

Sun 5th March	9.00am BCP Communion at St Bart's 10.30am Holy Communion at St Barts
Sun 12th March	9.00am BCP Communion at St Bart's 10.30am All Age Service at St Chad's
Sun 5th March	9.00am BCP Communion at St Bart's Mothers' Sunday 10.30am Morning Worship at St Barts

CDAT

This week marks our first month as a school in the Chester Diocesan Academies Trust (CDAT). Neil Dixon CEO of the Trust visited school this week to present us with a plaque which will be proudly displayed in our main entrance. We are very much looking forward to our future in the CDAT family of schools.



Have a lovely weekend.

David Burrows
Head Teacher

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