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What a wonderful week we have had at Dawpool! It has been another busy and exciting week, filled with opportunities for our children to shine, represent our school and demonstrate the values that make our Dawpool community so special.

This week, we were delighted to open our doors to prospective parents and families for our first Open Morning of the year. It was a real pleasure to welcome so many visitors and share with them everything that makes Dawpool such a wonderful place to learn and grow.



The feedback we received from parents was overwhelmingly positive and made us feel exceptionally proud. It was lovely to hear visitors speak so warmly about the atmosphere around school, our wonderful children and the opportunities we provide.

"This is such a lovely school. The staff and children were all so friendly. We felt instantly welcome." Visitor

A particularly special mention must go to our fantastic Year 6 tour guides, who were quite simply outstanding! They welcomed our visitors with such confidence, warmth and enthusiasm, speaking so proudly about their school. Their politeness, maturity and ability to answer questions so thoughtfully were a real credit to them. They were perfect ambassadors for Dawpool, and I could not have been prouder.

"The Year 6 pupils are such a credit to you. We couldn't believe their confidence and kindness. They are clearly proud to be part of this school." Visitor
"I felt really grown up and responsible when they asked me questions. " Frances Y6
"I felt really proud showing parents around and showing them all of the lovely things we do at Dawpool. " Josh Y6

The Year 6 pupils have inspired Year 5, as many are keen to take on this role next year.

It is moments like these that remind us just how special our school community is. Our children really are our greatest ambassadors, and they brought our vision of being Rooted, Inspired and Committed to life beautifully.



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A huge thank you to all the staff and children who helped make the morning such a success. We look forward to welcoming more families to Dawpool over the coming weeks.

Our Ethos Group enjoyed a very special and thought-provoking opportunity this week as they visited the Multi-Faith Chapel at Arrowe Park Hospital.

The visit provided a wonderful opportunity for the children to meet and learn from faith leaders, discovering more about different religions, beliefs and the important role that faith and spirituality can play in people's lives.
As a Church of England school, our Christian vision is at the heart of everything we do, but we also recognise the importance of helping our children develop a deep understanding and respect for people of all faiths and beliefs. Opportunities such as this encourage curiosity, reflection, compassion and an appreciation of the diversity of the world around us.

Our Ethos Group, Mrs McCann and Rev.d Jane will be able to share their experiences and learning with children and colleagues back at school, helping to enrich our RE curriculum and collective worship. We also hope that this visit will be the beginning of some exciting new relationships with local faith leaders, opening the door to future opportunities for our children to learn together.

We are very proud of our Ethos Group for embracing this unique opportunity.

"Mrs McCann and Rev.d Jane were very kind giving us this opportunity." Lillia Y4
"We learned all about different religions and their holy books." Zach Y4

A group of our children also had the fantastic opportunity to represent Dawpool in a basketball competition against four other local schools this week.

The children thoroughly enjoyed the competition, demonstrating fantastic enthusiasm, determination and, most importantly, admirable team spirit.

"It was so fun because we did lots of different things like shooting and passing." Freddie Y3
"I loved it because we got to play against other schools." Evalee Y3

It was lovely to hear about the joy they brought to the event, encouraging one another, celebrating successes and supporting their teammates throughout. Whilst sporting competitions are always exciting, it is the way our children conduct themselves and represent our school that makes us most proud.



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They certainly demonstrated what it means to be part of Team Dawpool!

A huge well done to everyone who took part.

Reflecting on this week, I have been particularly struck by the many different ways in which our children have represented Dawpool beyond their classrooms. Whether confidently welcoming visitors, exploring and respecting different faiths or encouraging their teammates on the basketball court, our children have demonstrated the kindness, confidence and compassion that we value so highly.

Our vision, Rooted. Inspired. Committed., is about so much more than words. It is about the people our children are becoming and the difference they make to those around them.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support, and I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Warm wishes,

Mrs Helen Griffiths



During the week beginning Monday 16th November, we will be joining schools across the country to celebrate Anti-Bullying Week, an important opportunity to remind ourselves of the power of kindness, respect and celebrating what makes each of us unique.

We will be kicking off the week with Odd Socks Day on Monday 16th November, and we would love everyone to get involved!

Odd Socks Day is supported by CBeebies presenter and Anti-Bullying Alliance patron Andy Day and his band, Andy and the Odd Socks. The message behind the day is wonderfully simple – we are all different, we are all unique, and that is something to celebrate!

On Monday 16th November, all children, staff and parents are invited to come to school wearing odd socks. There is no need to buy anything new or spend any money. Simply



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choose two different socks, pop them on and wear them with pride!

Throughout the week, children will be exploring the importance of kindness, friendship, inclusion and speaking up when something isn't right.

This links beautifully with our school vision. At Dawpool, we believe that every child is uniquely created, deeply known, valued and loved. We want our children to feel confident in who they are, to celebrate the differences in others and to be committed to making our school a place where everyone feels safe, respected and that they belong.

We are looking forward to seeing lots of colourful, mismatched socks around school and celebrating everything that makes our Dawpool family so special!

NEXT WEEK

Monday 9th November

7pm FoDS meeting at The Anchor

Tuesday 10th November

Forest school for Y2

3.30-4.30pm Lego Club Y4 & Y5

3.30-4.30pm Dance Club Y2 & Y3

Wednesday 11th November

Wonder Walk

3.30-4.30pm Chess Club

Thursday 12th November

3.30-4.15pm Netball Club

Friday 13th November



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



Year 5 had a fantastic time duringForset School this week.

It is the turn of Year 2 for Forest School.



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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 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.

Do you own any pre-loved Christmas clothing?

On Thursday 24th November, there will be a Pre-Loved Christmas Clothing Sale in the school hall.

We're asking for donations of pre-loved Christmas jumpers and any other festive clothing - for children and adults, all sizes welcome.

All money raised from the sale will go towards funding the Irby Village Christmas Lights.

Please bring donations into the school office from Monday 9th November.

Thank you for your support

The Hidden Treasure Hunt

The Eco Team are excited to launch 'The Hidden Treasure Hunt' at Dawpool which is an electrical waste competition taking place across the country.

Families are invited to recycle their unwanted electrics at Curry's in return for a £5 voucher and a 'Planet Care Point' for Dawpool.

Whichever schools receive the most 'Planet Care Points' before the 15th of June will receive prizes.
The Eco team will be running this campaign throughout the school year. We hope that you will join us with our mission!



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FoDS News

Christmas Planning Meeting

It's time to get festive! The Christmas planning meeting is on Monday 9th November at The Anchor Inn Pub - 7pm start

Planning for the hugely popular Christmas Bazaar, Rainbow Raffle and other festive events. Lots to sort so extra hands and ideas hugely appreciated!

We'll be on the right just as you walk in, do come along if you can!



You should have received your child's Christmas card template - and aren't they all wonderful!

Please follow the instructions on the template to place your orders online.



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All orders must be in by Friday 13th at midday to guarantee we earn the maximum commission for fundraising.

Thank you so much for supporting FoDS - every order really does make a difference!



Rainbow Raffle Non-Uniform – Friday 20th November

We are pleased to be hosting the hugely popular Rainbow Raffle again this year!

There will be a very special non-uniform day on Friday 20th November in exchange for donations for the hampers, which can be WON in our Christmas Raffle.

This year's class colours:

F1 – Purple

F2 – Yellow

Y1 – Pink

Y2 – Red

Y3 – Orange

Y4 – Blue

Y5 – Gold

Y6 – Green

We would also be very grateful for a volunteer parent from each year group to make up the Rainbow Hampers for the Raffle. The SignUp link will be sent out next week, so if you are able to help please put your name down.

Class Donations – Friday 27th November

To help support our Christmas events we would be very grateful for your help with donating a few items:

F1 & F2 – Sweets

Y1 & Y2 – Chocolates

Y3 & Y4 – Lucky Dip Toys

Y5 & Y6 – Wrapping Paper

If you are crafty we would also be very grateful for handmade items to add to our Christmas Shop which is always very popular with the children.



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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 Dawpool School Hall - £25 per person

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

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



Friday 4th December

Save the date for our Christmas Bazaar on Friday 4th December.

Tokens are now available online for you to buy for your children to spend at the bazaar, please use the link below and include your child's name and year group in the name field or notes section when ordering:

https://friends-of-dawpool-school.sumupstore.com/product/christmas-bazaar-tokens-10-or-20

Cash can also be used on the day.



Tuesday 15th December

This year, FoDS will be hosting Elfridges at school on Tuesday 15th December.

All children will have the opportunity to choose and buy a Christmas gift for their Mum, Dad or other significant people in their lives, as well as siblings and pets.

There are multiple options to choose from - this is just to make sure we have enough gifts for all children to buy for their loved ones.



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1 token will be allocated for every gift purchased online and this will be given to the children on the day - a list of everyone who has purchased will also be available to ensure no one is missed.

PREORDER ONLINE ONLY using the link below:

https://friends-of-dawpool-school.sumupstore.com/product/elfridges

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CHURCH NEWS

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 Sunday Service at St Chads
	4.00pm Pop Up church at St chads
Sunday 22nd Nov	9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's
	10.30am Holy Communion with Junior Church St Chads



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