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Dawpool News

... is back!

It's been a while since we published the Dawpool News so it's wonderful to bring you the latest copy. Thank you once again for your continued support and helping us to settle the children back into school.



Next week, all of the children will be filming a whole-school **Easter Watch Party**, comprising Easter narrations, reflections, animations, songs and dances. We will assume that the parental permissions we received for filming the Christmas performances apply to Easter, however, if you would like to change your permission, please email schooloffice@dawpool.wirral.sch.uk by the end of the school day on Tuesday 23rd March.

Like with the Christmas Performances, we will make the Watch Party available to view securely on our Vimeo channel and will email the password to parents next Friday.

We look forward to sharing the Easter Watch Party with you.



Can you complete the Lent Lego Challenge?

From 15th March to 3rd April (excluding Sundays), there will be a new build challenge every day on our website and some information linking the build into the Easter story. Please visit our [Lent Lego webpage](#) for all of the challenges. It would be great if you were able to share a picture of your build on the [church Facebook page](#). If you can't access Facebook, please email your pictures to Revd Jane: rector@thurstaston.org.uk or tag us on Twitter @DawpoolCofE, @stbartsstchads

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We look forward to seeing your Lego creations!

Lent at Home & School



The [Lent at Home & School](#) section of our website is updated every day during Lent (Ash Wednesday, 17th February, to Easter Sunday, 4th April) to include activities for significant parts of the Christian calendar over the Lenten season (e.g. Mothering Sunday, St Patrick's Day) and also some other significant dates (e.g. World Book Day, International Women's Day).

Next week's activities will explore a diverse range of fascinating topics, from the invention of cinema and the shoelace to The Annunciation and Palm Sunday!

How do I feel today?



On the [pastoral support](#) section of our website, we have provided some feelings cards which are designed to help children unpack their feelings at the end of the day. Children can pick a card which best describes how they are feeling and complete the activity to unpack their feeling with God. Each card also contains a Bible Verse to remind us that God is with us through the good times and the challenging ones.

The following organisations offer information and support on mental health and wellbeing:

- [Place2Be](#)
- [MindEd](#)
- [Every Mind Matters](#)
- [Public Health England](#)
- [Child Bereavement UK](#) and the [Childhood Bereavement Network](#)
- [Youth Sport Trust](#) and [Sport England](#)
- [Young Minds](#)
- [Think Ninja](#)
- [Barnardo's See, Hear, Respond Support Hub](#)

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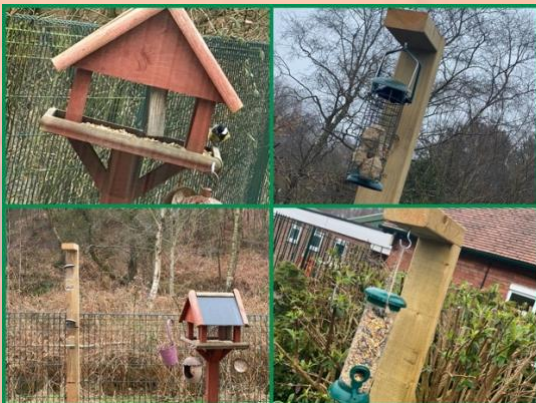
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Young people can get free, confidential support at any time from government-backed voluntary and community sector organisations by:

- texting SHOUT to **85258**
- calling Childline on **0800 1111**
- calling the Mix on **0808 808 4994**

Bird Watching



We have lots of new bird feeding stations installed throughout the school with books and displays to help us identify our feathered friends. We are amazed how many different wild birds come to visit us during the day!

Bikeability

Thank you to the Bikeability instructors who have worked with our Year 5 pupils all week on safe cycling skills. The children have enjoyed

being outside and learning to ride their bikes safely.



After School Extra Curricular Clubs

After Easter, we are looking forward to resuming our extra-curricular programme for pupils. In the interests of supporting the children's emotional and physical wellbeing, we have partnered with [Full of Beans Fitness](https://www.fullofbeansfitness.co.uk/) to offer different activities for the children to try.

For years F2 Y1 and Y2 there is a Summer Games Club and for Years 3-6 Musical Theatre. Separate letters regarding these clubs have been sent home with the relevant year groups.

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Places are limited and offered on a first come, first served basis.

We are keen to provide a range of after school activities for the children and further clubs will be introduced in due course.

Payments to School

Please could all payments due to school be made by the Wednesday of next week as we need everything up to date before our financial year end. Please inform us immediately if you have difficulty making payments. All matters are treated in confidence. Thank you for your support with this very important issue

COVID Update

A reminder that a child must not attend school if they have one or more of these symptoms: **cough, high temperature or loss of taste and smell**. If your child has any of these symptoms, they should stay at home. Siblings should also stay at home, even if they don't have symptoms themselves.

A symptomatic child should have a Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test at a symptomatic test centre. If the test is negative, your child, and their sibling(s), can return to school if fit to do so. Lateral Flow Device (LFD) tests should not be used with primary-aged pupils. Please

note that any absences from school must be reported to the school office as soon as possible.

Year 5 Parents

Please note that registration for pupils to sit the [St Anselm's Entrance Test](#) and [Upton Hall Entrance Test](#) in Autumn 2021 (for September 2022 entry) are now open.

The registration to sit the 11+ test in Autumn 2021 is not yet open. We will advise you as soon as the information is available.

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.

Benty Farm

Due to the increased volume of parking on School Lane, Benty Farm are struggling to receive deliveries and have their refuse collected. Please be mindful that vehicles are trying to access the farm between 8-10am on a Monday. Please park considerately at all times to enable access. Thank you.

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Inset Days

The remaining INSET Days for 2020-21 are as follows:

Thursday 6th May 2021 (Local Elections)
Monday 19th July 2021
Tuesday 20th July 2021

Church News



Please visit <https://www.thurstaston.org.uk/> for information about this week's services. You can also visit the [Church Facebook Page](#). The [Church & Worship](#) page of the school website also has links to Worship videos, the latest parish magazine, weekly notice sheets and 'Together at Home' activities.

Website:

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

Email:

office@thurstaston.org.uk

Facebook:

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

Twitter:

<https://twitter.com/StBartsStChads>

This Week at St Bartholomew's and St Chad's

Wednesday 24th March

10:15am [Communion Service at St Chad's](#)

Weekly Awards

The list of pupils who have received the weekly awards and certificates is available to view online. Please visit our [Values Award Winners](#) page on our website for a list of the latest recipients. Please note that this page is updated after school on a Friday, so the latest names will be available shortly after.

We are delighted to have the school filled again with happy children and the joy of learning together. We are looking forward to the Summer term ahead and will provide more information about our plans in due course.

Have a lovely weekend

David Burrows
Head Teacher

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