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### **NEXT WEEK**

#### **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September**

3.30-4.30pm Performing Arts Club Y3-6

#### **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September**

#### **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September**

3.30-4.30pm Chess Club Y3-6

#### **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September**

3.30-4.30pm Performing Arts Club Y1 and Y2

#### **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September**



Welcome back to the new school year. We hope you had an enjoyable summer. It was lovely to see the children returning to school this week with happy, smiley faces!

A special welcome to all of the new pupils and parents who have joined us this week.



Education Sunday is a national day of prayer and celebration for everyone involved in the world of education.

Everyone (children, parents, staff, governors) is invited to join us at **10.30am on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September** at St Chad's for our All-Age service. We will be praying for all teachers and learners. There will be songs and readings, glow sticks and scratch art stars, and of course refreshments at the end. We look forward to seeing you.

#### **Welcome Meetings**

To start the new school year, we give you the opportunity to meet your child's new class teacher(s) and to learn about the year ahead and we hope that a parent or carer is able to attend. The dates and times of the meetings are:

**Year 1:** Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September at 4:30-5:00pm

**Year 2:** Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September at 5:00-5:30pm

**Year 3:** Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September at 5:30-6:00pm

**Year 4:** Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September at 4:30-5:00pm

**Year 5:** Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September at 5:00-5:30pm

**Year 6:** Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September at 5:30-6:00pm

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Information shared during the meetings will be uploaded to the class webpages afterwards for handy reference during the year.

Parents' Evenings for **Foundation 1 and Foundation 2** children will take place on **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October and Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October between 3:30-6:00pm**. Details about how to book an appointment will be sent to parents shortly. Parents evenings for Years 1-6 will take place after half term and more details will follow soon.

#### Senco Drop-in session

Mrs Barrick, our SENCo and Inclusion Manager, will be hosting a drop-in session during the morning of **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September**. If you would like to book an appointment with her please let the school office know.

#### PE Days

### OUR PE DAYS ARE:

The children will have PE lessons on the following days:

**Foundation 2: Friday**  
**Year 1: Friday**  
**Year 2: Monday**  
**Year 3: Thursday**  
**Year 4: Wednesday**  
**Year 5: Tuesday**  
**Year 6: Thursday**

Children may come to school on their PE day wearing their PE kit.

- Navy shorts or skirts
- White t-shirt (with or without school logo)
- Plain navy tracksuit (in colder weather)
- Trainers

Children should not wear 'own clothes' or football kits on their PE day. It is important that all pupils adhere to the items of PE uniform listed above.

#### Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC)

You may have seen recent media coverage regarding Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC) and its use in educational settings. RAAC is a lightweight form of concrete; because it is weaker than regular concrete, concerns have been raised about its long-term durability. Department for Education (DfE) has recently changed its guidance to education settings on the management of RAAC to take a more precautionary approach and as a result areas in affected spaces will be vacated.

We wanted to inform you that we are not affected by this decision as we do not have RAAC in any of our buildings and therefore they will continue to function as normal. We understand that parents may want to understand more about the support to educational settings to manage RAAC safely. You can read more through the article published by the DfE on the Education Hub [here](#).

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## TERM DATES

To support excellent attendance of pupils, all of the Term Dates until **Summer 2025** can be found on the [council website](#) and on the [School Calendar](#).

Please note that family holidays will not be authorised in term time. This includes leaving school early on a Friday to facilitate weekend breaks. Unauthorised holidays will be reported to the local authority and a fixed penalty notice issued.

All non-emergency appointments, including routine dental appointments, should be made out of school hours.

## Inset Days

The remaining INSET Days for 2023-24 are as follows:

- **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2024**
- **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2024**
- **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2024**

### School Menu

This September we have introduced a new mouth-watering lunch menu. This is available to view on the in [School Meals](#) section of the website.

### Wraparound Care Payments/Pre-school / Lunchtime payments & School dinners

Payments for all of the above are paid online via SchoolMoney and you will shortly receive a text and email requesting payment. Wraparound care, pre-school and lunchtime sessions are payable for the month and school dinners for the half term. Payments should be made by the date indicated, which is normally within 3 days of the request for payment. Any problems please contact Mandy Parr at the School Office on option 4 or by email at [mparr@dawpool.wirral.sch.uk](mailto:mparr@dawpool.wirral.sch.uk)

If any parents wish to pay by the Governments tax free childcare payments scheme, please contact Mandy Parr about how this works.

### Statutory Data

Schools are required to publish their most recent Key Stage Two (KS2) performance measures. All statutory assessments were cancelled in 2020 and 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Dawpool's KS2 performance measures for 2019, 2022 and 2023 can be downloaded from the school website [here](#). We are very proud of all of our children for their hard work and effort. Well done!

### Parent Governor Vacancies

There are currently two vacancies for elected parents to join our school's Local Governing Body. A letter will be sent home on **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September** to invite nominations and to provide more information.

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#### 11+ Examination.

The 11+ examination will take place for registered pupils on **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September**. The 'Test Day Identity Forms' that have been returned to school will be stamped and signed by Mr Burrows and can be collected from the School Office at the end of the school day on **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September**.



Dawpool is expecting an Ofsted inspection this term. Once the inspection is confirmed, parents will be notified, typically a day in advance. The inspectors will spend 2-days at Dawpool and undertake a range of activities to identify the strengths of our school and recommendations for the future. We are looking forward to sharing our Dawpool community with the inspectors and are confident that our families will rally behind us and provide valuable feedback and support throughout the inspection process.



Welcome back! We hope you all had a wonderful summer holiday and the children have settled well into their new school years.

For the new Dawpool families joining the school, Friends of Dawpool School (FoDS) are a group of

volunteers responsible for planning, organising and running events for the children, families, staff and local community, to raise funds for the school. This is only possible with the help and support from all parents, families, and staff of the school, so we would encourage everyone to help as often as they can.

This year, the roles of the committee will be voted on at the AGM taking place in school on **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September at 7:15pm**. As always, all roles will need to be re-elected and new candidates would be most welcome. The FoDS Treasurer will be stepping down and this is an essential role that will need to be filled for FoDS to continue to function. So, if you have experience or knowledge with doing accounts, we would greatly appreciate your support to fill this vital role. We have found that filling each role with 2 people has proven very successful this last year, so if you and a friend are interested in joining the committee as a pair, you would be most welcome.

Attending the meeting is a great opportunity to contribute ideas for events and vote on how money can be spent within the school. You don't have to be a committee member to attend the meetings. We understand that families are busier than ever, so any help you are able to offer to aid our fundraising, big or small, would be fantastic. To view the job descriptions for the committee roles, please use the link below:

[https://www.dawpool.wirral.sch.uk/website/friends\\_of\\_dawpool\\_fods\\_pta/255158](https://www.dawpool.wirral.sch.uk/website/friends_of_dawpool_fods_pta/255158)

If you have any questions, please speak with your class representative, a committee member or email [friendsofdawpoolschool@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofdawpoolschool@gmail.com)

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**MEETING ON TUESDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER AT SCHOOL FROM 7:15PM**

### Hockey Heroes Sports programme

Hockey Heroes is a not-for-profit England Hockey participation programme for children in years 1-3. It is an 8-week fun and welcoming programme for beginners that not only focuses on helping children develop some physical hockey superpowers, but also places as much emphasis on character superpowers.

The course runs on Sunday mornings starting 10th September 2023 Run by Oxton Hockey Club At Caldy astroturf pitch, Telegraph Road, CH48 1NZ Cost £40 First course includes a Hockey Heroes Equipment pack: 2 plastic sticks, ball, personalised t-shirt and stickers 09:45 start, to book visit:

<http://play.englishhockey.co.uk/HockeyHeroes/BookCourse/110f7715-46a6-416e-a26a-57cca0c3a163>

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

**Facebook:**

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

**Twitter:**

<https://twitter.com/StBartsStChads>

### Forthcoming Church Services

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 10th September	9.00am BCP Communion at St Bart's 10.30am All Age Service at St Chad's - Education Sunday
Sun 17th September	9.00am BCP Communion at St Bart's 10.30am Morning Worship at St Barts
Sun 24th September HARVEST	9.00am BCP Communion at St Bart's 10.30am Communion at St Chad's

### HARVEST FESTIVAL 24TH SEPTEMBER

9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's  
10.30am Communion at St Chads

Have a lovely weekend

David Burrows  
Head Teacher.

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