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This week, we have continued to explore our new school vision through collective worship, thinking particularly about what it means to be **Inspired**. The children shared some fantastic ideas about the people and experiences that inspire them, as well as considering how their own words, actions and talents might inspire others.

We were also delighted to welcome Emma Drew from CDAT, along with a very special visitor – Ziggy, her therapy dog! Needless to say, Ziggy was a huge hit, and children and staff alike thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity for a cuddle! We are very grateful to Emma for her continued support as we develop and strengthen Christian distinctiveness at Dawpool and ensure our new vision is truly lived out across school.



Dawpool were lucky enough to attend Tranmere Rovers training ground on Tuesday for the Utilita Kids Cup school tournament. This started with a 2-1 defeat against Our Lady of

Pity. We then ground out a 0-0 draw with Prenton. Our last game was against St Michael's which we won 1-0. It was a really good tournament which inspired the children and had them asking for us to be able to attend more football competitions.

'I really enjoyed it because we got to play football. Bring back football' Tom Y6

'It was really cool to see the stadium even though we didn't go in' Seren W Y6

'I think it was really fun and I enjoyed it. It was quite an unusual tournament because only one team went through from our group' Xander Y6



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The Big Sing

Year 4 had a wonderful opportunity to take part in the Wirral Anglican Schools Big Sing, this year centred around the theme of 'Diversity, Inclusion and Difference.' It was a fantastic opportunity for church schools from across Wirral to come together to worship, celebrate what makes us unique and enjoy some amazing performances. Year 4 gave a beautiful performance of 'We Are the World', sharing the important message that we are all unique, special and valued, and that everyone has a place where they belong. They sang with such confidence and enthusiasm and were a wonderful representation of our school. Well done, Year 4. You made us all so proud!

'It was really fun and enjoyable' Phoebe Y4

'There was lots of singing and we watched different performances' Nina Y4

'Mrs Clark and Mr Dagnall encouraged us to sing and dance' Luca Y4

Cross Country - Years 4 - 6

The final race of the autumn season takes place on Monday at Arrowe Park. Children participating may be collected at 3.15pm. We've had some fantastic performances this season individually and collectively as teams.

With the recent training sessions in Royden Park we are really excited to see the progress of each runner at this final race. The Cross Country season will restart again in Spring 2027.

At the end of this half term, we will sadly be saying goodbye to our wonderful Catering Manager, Gemma. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Gemma for her dedication, care and hard work in ensuring our children are provided with delicious meals each day. She has been a valued part of our Dawpool community, and we wish her every happiness and success for the future. I am sure that whatever comes next for Gemma will be a recipe for success! I hope you have a wonderful weekend and I look forward to seeing you next week.

Warm regards,

Mrs Helen Griffiths

NEXT WEEK

Monday 12th October

3.30-4.30pm Multi Sports Cub

4.15pm - 5.20pm Y4 - 6 Cross Country Race at Arrowe Park

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Tuesday 13th October

Forest School for F1

3.30-4.30pm Lego Club

Wednesday 14th October

Lunchtime Cross Country

3.30-4.30pm Chess Club

Thursday 15th October

3.30-4.15pm Netball Club

Friday 16th October



Monday- Lunchtime Chess Club

Tuesday- Lego Club

Wednesday KS2 chess club.

Cross-country lunchtime club Y4 5 & 6

Thursday- Netball Club

Parents' Evenings for Years F1-Y6 will take place on the 20th and 21st October.

Open Morning

We are excited to invite prospective parents and carers to our Open Morning on Tuesday 10th November at either 9.15am or 11am for children due to start in Foundation 1 (Nursery) and Foundation 2 (Reception) in September 2027.

Come along and see our fantastic Early Years setting in action! There will be an opportunity to:

- Tour the learning environments
- Meet our friendly staff
- Ask questions about our curriculum and daily routines



Next week is the turn of F1 for Forest School.

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● Learn about how we support children as they begin their school journey.

Please contact Mandy Parr the school office to book your appointment on 0151 648 3412. We look forward to meeting you.



FoDS News

FoDS Planning Meeting & AGM

Our first planning meeting of the school year will take place on Wednesday 21st October at 7pm in school.

We'll discuss our event plans for the next few months and cover our annual AGM business. Whether you're interested in joining FoDS, sharing ideas or simply finding out more, we'd love you to come along. New and existing members are all welcome!

We're also still looking for a Secretary to help with meeting notes and minutes. If you feel you could help, we'd be very grateful.

Save the Dates

Wreath Making - Wednesday 2nd December 2026 - more info to follow soon.

Autumn Disco - coming soon

CHURCH NEWS

Sunday 11 th Oct	9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's 10.30am All Age service St Chad's
Sunday 18 th Oct	9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's 10.30am Morning Worship at St Bartholomew's 4.00pm Pop Up Church at St Chad's
Sunday 25 th Oct	9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's 10.30am Holy Communion with Junior church at St Chads

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

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PUMPKIN PARTY

This is no trick! You're in for a treat!
Bring a pumpkin to carve and we'll have sweets to eat!

St Chad's Church
Saturday 31st October 2026
6.00 - 7.30 pm

FAMILY FUN **PUMPKIN CRAFTS**
TREATS **AND A CAMPFIRE**

FREE - but you must book your place.

Please bring a small pumpkin per family and tools with which to hollow and carve your pumpkin.
Please phone 648 8169 or e-mail office@thurstaston.org.uk by Fri. 23rd October to let us know you are coming.
No witches, wizards, ghosts or other scary costumes - Thank You!

I am a Jack O' Lantern
My lights will shine so bright
For I'm a Christian pumpkin
My symbols tell what's right

My nose is like the cross
On which our Saviour died
To set us free from sin
We need no longer hide

My mouth is like a fish
The whole wide world to show
That Christians live in this house
And love their Saviour so!

The story starts at Christmas
My eyes are like the star
That shone on Baby Jesus
And wise men saw from far

My colour, it is orange
Just like the big bright sun
That rose on Easter Day
Along with God's own Son

And so on Halloween
Let's set our pumpkins out
And tell the trick or treaters
What God's love is all about!

POP UP Church

St Chad's, Irby

An hour of fun for the whole family including using POP songs, crafts and games!

Sunday 18th October 4:00PM



ALL-AGE WORSHIP

Everyone Welcome

Sunday 11th October 2026
10.30am

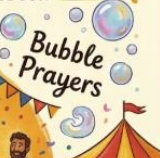
St Chad's Church, Roslin Rd, Irby, CH61 3UH



Crowns to wear!



Wedding Feast



Bubble Prayers



Children's Activity Sheets

Matthew 22:1-14:
Invitation to the Wedding Banquet



Streamers to wave during hymns



Refreshments
(tea/coffee/squash) after the service

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