



DAWPOOL CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL
... The Abundant Life that Jesus Offers

DAWPOOL NEWS
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What a wonderful start we've had to the new school year (despite some technical issues which have resulted in challenges sending communication to families). I can't believe how much the children have grown over the summer holidays and I have enjoyed getting to meet our new children and families.

It has been a joy to see children arriving with huge smiles and such excitement for the year ahead. As a Church of England school, our values of love and respect are at the heart of everything we do. It's been lovely to see these values in action these first weeks, as pupils and staff have settled in and supported each other with kindness.

"I like learning. I like playing in the home corner."
Sienna F2

"I really like my Big Buddy. He's in Year 6." David F2

"It has been such a pleasure to be welcomed into such a lovely school community by the children, families and staff." Miss Smethurst

We spent time developing our school vision last year and I would like to thank you for contributions to questionnaires sent out last term. The opportunity to work with iSingPOP next week will be an engaging and exciting platform to launch and embed our vision. Further information about the arrangements for the concert have been sent to Y1-Y6.

I am hoping many of you can join us at the FoDS Information Evening on 23rd September at 6pm in the school hall.

Thank you for your continued support. Here's to a fantastic year ahead!

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Kindest regards,

Mrs Helen Griffiths

NEXT WEEK

Monday 14th September

Cross Country Race at Arrowe Park

Tuesday 15th September

3.30-4.30pm Lego Club

Wednesday 16th September

Forest School for Year 6

Lunchtime Cross Country

3.30-4.30 pm Chess Club

3.30-4.30pm Girls Football Club

Thursday 17th September

Friday 18th September

Meet the Teacher 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. We hope that a parent or carer is able to attend. The dates and times of the meetings are:

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Year 1: Tuesday 22nd September at 5.00pm

Year 2: Wednesday 23rd September at 5:00pm

Year 3: Wednesday 23rd September at 5.30pm

Year 4: Tuesday 22nd September at 4.30pm

Year 5: Tuesday 22nd September at 5.30pm

Year 6: Wednesday 23rd September at 4.30pm

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



F2 had a wonderful time at Forest School this week.

"I love being in the woods." Cody
"It was fun." Evie

Next week, it is Year 6's turn for Forest School.



It's that time of year again when the option for children in Years 4, 5 and 6 to enter some cross-country races is offered.

The dates of this season's races are:

14/09/26 – Arrowe Park (field behind hospital)

28/09/26 – Birkenhead Park (Upper Park)

12/10/26 – Arrowe Park (field behind hospital)

A letter with full details has been sent home with pupils in these year groups.

Please attend the first race on Monday if you are able to. Mrs McCann will be there to meet you.

The lunchtime training day will be Wednesday, solely for children entering any of the three races.

Changes in Weather

We are committed to ensuring that your child has 30-minutes of physical activity each day. Please therefore provide your child with a coat to ensure that outdoor activities can continue during rainy weather. They should have a light raincoat with them every day, no matter how the day looks in the morning

Additionally, as the weather gets colder, please ensure your child has a school jumper/cardigan. Thank you.

School Admissions

Applications for Foundation 2 and Year 7 school places in September 2027

If your child is due to move up to Foundation 2 in primary school or Year 7 in secondary school in September 2027, and you are a Wirral resident, the online application process opened on 1 September.

For Year 7 in September 2027 the deadline for applying is 31 October 2026, and for Foundation 2 the deadline is 15 January 2027.

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For more information about the application process go to: <http://www.wirral.gov.uk/schooladmissions> or phone 0151 666 4600.

Please contact schools directly for information about open events and admissions arrangements.



Monday-Lunchtime Chess Club
Tuesday-Lego Club
Wednesday-Girls Football Club
Wednesday - KS2 Chess club.

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

As you are aware we have had some technical problems and although the issue with emails now appears to be sorted we are still slowly catching up with Schoolmoney payments. This should be fully resolved by Monday.

Please look out for payment requests and make payment within 3 days of the request. Thank you.

11+ Examination

Good luck to our Year 6 children who will be sitting the 11+ examination on **Tuesday 15th September**. Remember, you can do it and we are very proud of you!

Just a reminder that your child must take the Test Day Identity Form with them to the test centre on the

day.

We're looking forward to hearing all about it on Monday afternoon when you come back to school.

🎄 WINTER WONDERLAND WIRRAL – BIRKENHEAD PARK 🎄

A brand-new Christmas experience is coming to Wirral this December!

📅 10th–13th December 2026
📍 Birkenhead Park

Winter Wonderland Wirral has been created to give local families a magical but affordable Christmas day out, with an illuminated woodland walk, Christmas fairground, festive food village, main stage packed with Christmas entertainment, Santa's Grotto, mascot appearances, owl sanctuary and lots more.

🎫 Tickets & full details:

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/winterwonderlandwirral/2381417>

THANK YOU!

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You are invited to join us for the launch of Pop Up Church on Sunday 20th September at 4.00pm at St Chad's Church

with option to bring a picnic tea for your family to enjoy at the end of the afternoon before going home and settling down for the evening.

Please put this poster somewhere safe so that you have the future dates easily to hand.

CHURCH NEWS

Sunday 14th Sept	9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's 10.30am All Age Service St Chad's
Sunday 21st Sept	9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's 10.30am Morning Worship at St Bart's
Sunday 28th Sept HARVEST	9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's 10.30am 10.30 am Holy Communion at St Chad's with Junior church

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

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

Email:

office@thurstaston.org.uk

Facebook:

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

Twitter:

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ALL-AGE WORSHIP

SUNDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER • 10.30am

FORGIVENESS
BASED AROUND
MATTHEW
18:21-35

Everyone
Welcome

MAKE
A CROWN

REFRESHMENTS
after the service
(Tea/Coffee/Squash)

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

More Than Netball

WE ARE RECRUITING

Galaxy

NETBALL CLUB

BELIEVE
PRACTICE
IMPROVE
ACHIEVE
TOGETHER

**WE DON'T RECRUIT TALENT
WE CREATE IT!**

Proudly Wirral's first junior netball club,
established in 1995.

📍 **PENSBY HIGH SPORTS COMPLEX CH61 6XN**

🏐 YEARS 2, 3 & 4	TUESDAYS 5:00pm – 6:30pm
🏐 YEARS 5, 6 & 7	MONDAYS 5:00pm – 6:45pm
🏐 F1, F2 & YEAR 1	TUESDAYS 5:00pm – 6:00pm

👕 **PLEASE WEAR SPORTS WEAR AND TRAINERS**

🏆 **MATCHES START FROM YEAR 2**
WEEKEND MATCHES:
Saturday: Merseyside Junior Netball League
Sunday: Warrington League

**BOYS WELCOME
UP TO YEAR 6!**

**FIRST TRAINING SESSION
MONDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER**

FREE FIRST SESSION!

INTERESTED?

✉ Email: galaxy.nc.wirral@outlook.com
📘 Facebook: Galaxy Netball Club Wirral

★ *Players today, brighter tomorrows* ★

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