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Dear Parents and Carers,

Another half term has flown by and it has been wonderful to see our children continuing to embrace every opportunity with enthusiasm, determination and kindness.

We were incredibly proud to host such a successful Sports Day at the Oval this week. It was wonderful to see the children demonstrating such enthusiasm, resilience and sportsmanship throughout the day. A huge thank you to all of our parents, carers and family members who came along to support the event and cheer the children on. Your encouragement created such a positive atmosphere and made the day even more special for the children.



Congratulations to the Green Team who were this year's overall winners and achieved the highest number of points across the day. However, what stood out most was not simply their victory, but the kindness and teamwork they demonstrated throughout the event. During the victory lap, one of their teammates needed support and without

hesitation the team chose to help and encourage them rather than focus on celebrating alone. This was truly admirable and perfectly reflected the values we strive to nurture within our school community. I have also received some lovely emails from parents acknowledging this wonderful act of kindness and teamwork.



A huge thank you must go to Mrs Ham, all of our staff and our parent volunteers. Events such as Sports Day require a tremendous amount of preparation and teamwork behind the scenes and simply could not take place without their dedication and support. The medals and buses to the venue were funded by FoDS, so again, a huge thank you for this support. FoDS also received a generous donation of £100 from the coffee trailer which we are very grateful for. We would like to express our gratitude to everyone who helped make the day such a success.

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"I feel like a champion." Lucas Y1

"We have been eager to win for the past two years but we've not got to be winners but we kept trying and finally we won and we are so unbelievably happy!" Delilah Y6

The children in F1 and F2 were also joined by their families this week for the Barnardo's Big Toddle. Led by Mrs Poston and Mrs Heron, the children completed five laps of the field and playground with huge smiles and lots of determination. They all had a wonderful time and thankfully the weather was very kind to us. Thank you to all of the families who came along to support this special event and for helping to make it such a success.

"We were walking in the princess group" Molly F2

"We had yummy biscuits afterwards." Sophia F2

As part of their HeartSmart lessons, our children in F1 have also been spreading kindness around school by delivering cards to members of staff to thank them for all of their hard work. My own card is proudly displayed in my office and brought a huge smile to my face. Thank you, F1, for showing such gratitude and appreciation to the people who help and care for you each day. These thoughtful gestures may seem small, but they truly mean so much and reflect the caring values we are so proud to see in our youngest children.

It has also been brought to my attention that some

parents are parking in the Busy Bees car park during drop off and collection times. Could I please remind all parents and carers that this car park is reserved for Busy Bees families only. Additional cars parking there pose significant safety risks for their children and also create difficulties with parking and access. We would be very grateful for your cooperation and consideration in helping to keep all children safe.

As we head into the half term break, I hope you all have a wonderful and restful week with your families. The forecast looks like we are in for some lovely weather, which will hopefully give everyone the opportunity to enjoy some time outdoors and recharge ready for the final half term of the academic year.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Warm regards,

Mrs Helen Griffiths

### **AFTER HALF TERM**

#### **Monday 1st June**

3.30-4.15pm Drama Club

3.30-4.30pm Summer Olympics F2-Y2

#### **Tuesday 2nd June**

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Lunchtime Cricket Club for Y5 and Y6

3.30-4.30pm Y3/4 Art Club

### Wednesday 3rd June

3.30-4.30pm Chess Club

### Thursday 4th June

3.30-4.15pm Choir

3.30-4.15pm Drama Club

Y4/5/6 Netball Club

### Friday 5th June

### School Dinners Payment

The request for our final dinner money invoice has been sent out. Please endeavour to pay this within the first week back after half term or contact us if there is a problem with this.

### 11 + Registration – Year 5 Pupils

Please note that online registration for pupils to sit the 11+ examination in September 2026 is now open. Please register by clicking [here](#). Please note that the registration window closes at 12 noon on 1st June. If parents are unable to register online, they

can obtain paper forms by calling the Call Centre on 0151 666 4600.

Parents who do not wish their child to sit the 11+ examination do not need to register.

Upton Hall School, St Anselm's College and Birkenhead High School Academy have their own testing arrangements and parents should contact the schools directly for more details.

If you have any questions about registering for the 11+ or the selective testing process, please contact mainstream admissions as follows

Email: [secondaryplaces@wirral.gov.uk](mailto:secondaryplaces@wirral.gov.uk)

Phone: 0151 666 4600.

All secondary schools are now advertising open events for the summer term, so please contact the schools directly for more information.

### Year 4 Multiplications Tables Check

The Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check will take place any time between 1st-12th June 2026. The check is administered on a 1:1 basis with Mrs Gossage. More information about the Multiplication Tables Check has been shared with Y4 parents.

### Year 1 Phonics

The Year 1 Phonics Check will take place during the week commencing 8th June 2026. The check is administered on a 1:1 basis with Mrs Broadbent or Mrs Ham. The children will see it as part of their normal phonics activities. Phonics scores will be shared with parents at the end of the academic year.

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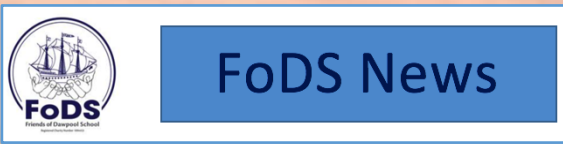


F1 had a wonderful time in Forest School this week and had a surprise visit from Y5 who joined them this afternoon in preparation of becoming their Big Buddies next year.

It will be Y6 for Forest School on Wednesday 3rd June.



Monday-Lunchtime Chess Club  
Monday-Drama Club & Summer Olympics  
Tuesday-Lunchtime Cricket Club Y5&Y6-  
Art Club Y3&Y4  
Wednesday - KS2 Chess Club  
Thursday-KS2 Choir Club & Y5/6 Netball Club &  
Drama Club



Thank you to everyone who bought refreshments from Blue Stone Coffee at Sports Day this week.

*'For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the Lord. 'Plans to prosper you and not to harm you. Plans to give you hope and a future.'* (Jeremiah 29:11)

FoDS received £101.58 from the sales, which is amazing - thank you for your support!

Our Summer Fair planning meeting will take place on **Tuesday 2nd June at 7pm** at The Anchor Inn in Irby. We'd love to see as many people there as possible to share ideas and help us plan our biggest fundraising event of the school year. New faces and extra helpers are always welcome!

### Father's Day Sale

All the children will have the opportunity to choose a gift for their father or other marvellous men in their lives in school on Thursday 18th June. Gifts are £3.00 each.

Please use the link below to pre-order online.

<https://friends-of-dawpool-school.sumupstore.com/product/fathers-day-sale>

### Summer Fair Non-Uniform Day

We are holding a non-uniform day on Friday 20th June in exchange for donations for the Summer Fair. See more information [here](#)

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### NON-UNIFORM DAY

#### FRIDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

We are holding a non-uniform day on **Friday 19th June** in exchange for donations for the Summer Fair. Please see below for the specific requests from each year group as well as other donation requests. Many thanks in advance for your support.

**F1, F2, Y1 & Y2: LUCKY DIP TOYS – NON-UNIFORM DAY – 19<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**

Please bring in girl's/boy's/unisex toys suitable for the lucky dip on 19<sup>th</sup> June. Suggestions for suitable items include small cars, crayons, notepads, bouncy balls, non-perishable sweets, hair accessories etc. Please do not send in anything unsuitable for children.

**Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6: BOTTLE TOMBOLA – NON-UNIFORM DAY – 19<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**

Please bring in a bottle of something for the bottle tombola on 19<sup>th</sup> June. Suggestions for suitable items would include alcohol, soft drinks, food, toiletries, etc. (Please take alcohol directly to the school office).

**BRIC-A-BRAC**

We are once again collecting for the Bric-A-Brac stall. Anything from small stationery items, books, games, household items to old bikes or scooters. (No DVDs please). However, please do not bring in until **the week commencing 29<sup>th</sup> June**, due to limited storage.

**TEDDY TOMBOLA**

We are collecting teddies for our very popular Teddy Tombola. However, please do not bring in until **the week commencing 29<sup>th</sup> June**, due to limited storage.  
**PLEASE WASH AND DRY BEFORE BRINGING TO SCHOOL**

**CAKES**

Please bring in cake donations for the Summer Fair Cake Stall on either **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July** from 3.30pm or preferably on the morning of **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July**. Storage is limited & we are unable to refrigerate.

**SWEETS/CHOCOLATE**

Please bring in any Party/Fun Size Sweets and Chocolate donations on **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June**.

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR ONGOING SUPPORT!

Threads Through the Bible: Weaving Workshop for Children

<https://chestercathedral.ticketsolve.com/ticketbooth/shows/1173666561>

Dates

28 May 2026, 29 May 2026

Inspired by Jacqui Parkinson's stunning exhibition *Threads Through the Bible*, this hands-on weaving workshop invites children to discover the ancient craft of weaving, and to create something beautiful of their own.

Led by Mother Anne-Marie, children will learn the basics of weaving using a range of colourful materials, exploring how threads can tell stories just as they do in Jacqui's extraordinary silk panels.

Each child will leave with their own woven piece to take home as a keepsake.

Suitable for primary school-age children (must be accompanied by an adult at all times). Places are strictly limited — advance booking is essential.

#### 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

Sunday 24th May 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's

10.30am Holy Communion with Junior Church at St Chad's

# CHURCH NEWS

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Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's  
10.30am Holy Communion at St Bartholomew's

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's  
10.30am Holy Communion at St Bartholomew's

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's  
10.30am All Age Service at St Chad's

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

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An unforgettable holiday experience packed with **fun, friendship and confidence-building activities!**

We keep our camps small to ensure every child gets the attention, support and encouragement they need to thrive.

From **dodgeball, glow sports and quidditch to gymnastics, dance, football, NERF, tennis, treasure hunts** and more — there's something for everyone!

We also include a short **creative craft session** each day as part of our varied activity programme.

**COST**  
£25 PER DAY  
10% SIBLING DISCOUNT

**LOCATION**  
Pensby Primary School,  
Greenbank Drive,  
Pensby, Wirral CH61 5UE

**TIME**  
9am – 3pm

**DATES**  
TUES 26 MAY – THURS 28 MAY

Scan to book!

Bookings can be made via our website  
[www.fullofbeansfitness.co.uk/wirral-and-liverpool](http://www.fullofbeansfitness.co.uk/wirral-and-liverpool)

Email: [camps@fullofbeansfitness.co.uk](mailto:camps@fullofbeansfitness.co.uk) Telephone: 0151 374 0454 Facebook: F0BWirral Twitter: FullOfBeansFit

**SAFE** Our staff are fully qualified, DBS checked and first aid trained.

**TRUSTED** An enhanced DBS and child protection policy for your peace of mind.

**SUPPORTIVE** We build confidence, encourage teamwork and celebrate every child.

**FUN** We create an energetic, positive environment where everyone thrives!

**INCLUSIVE** We welcome all children and make sure everyone feels included and valued.

**BE ACTIVE. BE CONFIDENT. BE YOU.**

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**Little Actors Theatre Company**  
**Summer Performing Arts Course**

**Neston Town Hall**  
High Street, CH64 9TR

3rd—7th August 2026  
10am-3pm

Ages 6-12

£120 or £60 concessions

07385 849864  
mail@littleactorstheatre.com  
www.littleactorstheatre.com

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