

DAWPOOL CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

... The Abundant Life that Jesus Offers

DAWPOOL NEWS ISSUE 17 5th June 2026

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a busy and exciting first week and it has been wonderful to see the children continuing to learn, grow and embrace new opportunities with such enthusiasm.

There has been a real buzz of excitement around school following the launch of OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning). The children were thrilled to hear all about the exciting changes that will be happening over the coming months to make their playtimes more enjoyable, creative and engaging. It has been lovely to hear them discussing the new opportunities and sharing their ideas about what they would like to see as part of our OPAL journey.

As part of this exciting development, Mrs Ham has sent out a parent survey and we would be very grateful if you could take a few moments to complete it. Your views and feedback are incredibly important and will help us shape our provision moving forward.

Mrs Ham has also shared an OPAL wish list with families. As we develop our outdoor play provision, we will be relying heavily on donations and community support to help us create the best possible opportunities for our children. We are extremely grateful for any support you are able to offer, whether that is donating items from the wish list or volunteering your time and skills to help us build, create and construct new play areas.

The enthusiasm and generosity of our school community never fails to amaze us, and we thank you in advance for your support.

We are also currently preparing for Spirituality Week, which will take place from 15th–19th June. This will be a special opportunity for children to reflect, ask questions and explore the wider world.

As part of the week, we would like pupils to hear from people who can share their own spiritual perspectives and experiences. Perhaps this could be you, or someone you know? Rev'd. Jane is kindly supporting us and we are very grateful for her involvement. However, we are keen to welcome as many visitors as possible and would love to hear from individuals representing the Christian faith, other world faiths or different world views. These conversations help broaden children's understanding and encourage curiosity, respect and reflection.

If you would be interested in supporting Spirituality Week, or know someone who may be willing to share their experiences with our children, please contact the school office. We would be delighted to hear from you.

Our Wonder Walks are proving to be a really valuable and enjoyable opportunity for our children. Before half term, the children walked onto the top of Thurstaston Common. They looked at cloud formations and learned the different names for

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these. They noticed a type of tiny lichen growing on the rock which then made them think about how living things can grow in the most difficult of conditions. They used an app to listen to the birds and heard a blackbird, greenfinch and a robin.



"It looks like the colour on the rock has washed away." Joshua Y1

"I showed the other children Moel Famau and told them that the lump on the top was a memorial for Queen Victoria's Jubilee. I think it would be a good idea to do a litter pick on the hill." Rory Y6

As always, thank you for your continued support, encouragement and partnership. Working together enables us to provide such rich and meaningful experiences for all of our children.

Warm regards,

Mrs Helen Griffiths

NEXT WEEK

Y5/6 Swimming all week

Monday 8th June

Y5

3.30-4.15pm Drama Club

3.30-4.30pm Summer Olympics F2-Y2

6pm F1 Welcome meeting

Tuesday 9th June

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Lunchtime Cricket Club for Y5 and Y6

3.30-4.30pm Y3/4 Art Club

Wednesday 10th June

3.30-4.30pm Chess Club

Thursday 11th June

Eco Team Trip to Thurstaston Country Park

3.30-4.15pm Choir

3.30-4.15pm Drama Club

Y4/5/6 Netball Club

Friday 12th June

1.45pm New F2(September 2026) Stay and Play

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.



Y6 had a great time during Forest School this week. They have made excellent progress which is reflected in their tasks this week.

"It was a fun experience." Isaac

"It was really fun because we used more tools, had a fire with marshmallows and enjoyed the nature outside." Pippa

It will be Y1 for Forest School next Wednesday.



Pupils in Years 5 and 6 will attend swimming lessons at Calday Pool each day from Monday 8th June to Friday 12th June. All pupils in Years 5 and 6 should come to school each day wearing their PE kit with their swimming costume and towel in a separate bag.

Leavers Service

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Year 6 pupils will join many Church Schools across the Diocese at a special Leavers Service at Chester Cathedral on Thursday 9th July.

Leavers' Presentation

Families of Year 6 pupils are invited to a Leavers' Presentation which will take place in school on Friday 17th July at 9.15am.

Wraparound Care September 2026

Please can we ask that any families who use wraparound care and require any changes to their current sessions, from September, email the school office with their requirements by Monday 15th June. We will advise you if these changes can be accommodated as soon as possible.

We will assume the same sessions are required from September if we do hear anything.

Many thanks.



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

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FoDS News

Our meeting for the Summer Fair Planning took place earlier this week and plans are now well underway.

Please save the date for our biggest event of the year...

Summer Fair – Saturday 4th July

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SUMMER FAIR
DAWPOOL PRIMARY SCHOOL
SATURDAY 4TH JULY
1PM TO 4PM
FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY

- MUSIC • ICE CREAM • ASSAULT COURSE • BBQ & BAR •
- BOO'S MOBILE ZOO • CHOIR • DANCE • RAFFLE •
- BOTTLE TOMBOLA • PLANT STALL • BALLOON ARTIST •
- INDEPENDENT STALLS • GAMES • TEA, COFFEE & CAKES •
- TATTOOS • HAIRSPRAY • AND MUCH MORE •

FREE ENTRY FOR KIDS
ADULTS ONLY £1

The poster features a colorful illustration of a summer fair scene with a castle, children playing, and an ice cream truck. A FoDS logo is in the top right corner.



FATHER'S DAY SALE
THURSDAY 18TH JUNE
TO CELEBRATE ALL THE FATHERS AND MARVELLOUS MEN IN OUR LIVES.
£3.00 PER GIFT
BUY ONLINE USING WHATSAPP LINK

The advertisement shows a top-down view of a gift basket containing a mug of coffee, a donut, a gift box, and a mustache, decorated with stars and a tie.

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 19th June in exchange for donations for the Summer Fair.

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A leaflet with more information is below and has been sent on WhatsApp groups.



NON-UNIFORM DAY
FRIDAY 19TH 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 – 19TH JUNE
Please bring in girl's/boy's/unisex toys suitable for the lucky dip on 19th 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 – 19TH JUNE
Please bring in a bottle of something for the bottle tombola on 19th 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 29th 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 29th 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 3rd July** from 3.30pm or preferably on the morning of **Saturday 4th July**. Storage is limited & we are unable to refrigerate.

SWEETS/CHOCOLATE
Please bring in any Party/Fun Size Sweets and Chocolate donations on **Friday 19th June**.

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR ONGOING SUPPORT!



Pre-Order Now!

DAWPOOL PRIMARY SCHOOL
2026 TEA TOWEL

A unique keepsake featuring hand-drawn portraits of all the children and staff!

- Features every child and member of staff
- A special memory to treasure forever
- Perfect for parents, family & friends
- Delivered before the end of the summer term

Pre-order now to avoid missing out!

A keepsake they'll cherish!

Dawpool Primary School 2026 Tea Towel

All of our children will soon be very busy drawing their self-portraits in school ready for the 2026 Tea Towel.

Pre-order your personalised Dawpool Primary School 2026 Tea Towel now and receive it before the end of the summer term!

Each tea towel features the children's own hand-drawn self-portraits, along with those of staff members, creating a unique keepsake of this special school year.

A wonderful memento for parents, grandparents, and family members to treasure for years to come.

Order now to avoid missing out! Use the link below:

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Thank you for your support

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CHURCH NEWS

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| Sunday 7 th June | 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's
10.30am Holy Communion at St Bartholomew's |
| Sunday 14 th June | 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's
10.30am All Age Service at St Chad's |
| Sunday 21 st June | 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's
10.30am Morning Worship at St Bartholomew's |

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

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