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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another incredibly busy and successful week at Dawpool, and I am delighted to share some of our highlights with you.

Firstly, a huge thank you to everyone who supported our recent Book Fair. Thanks to your generosity and enthusiasm, we raised a whopping £708.15 to spend on new books for our school. This will make a real difference in enriching our classrooms and reading areas, and we are very grateful for all of your orders.

Our Mental Health Week was a tremendous success. The week began with a special worship led by Mrs Barrick, setting a thoughtful and reflective tone. Workshops delivered by the MHST shared some very important messages with the children, and the sleep workshop led by Koala Northwest provided a range of practical and useful tips for both children and families. It has been wonderful to see the children engaging so positively with our Mental Health Week reflection tables around school.

It was really interesting learning how to improve friendships." Freddie Y6

"It's been good talking about our feelings. We looked at circles of support which included our family, friends and teachers." Freddie Y4

"We did posters and we're going to make a mosaic. It's not good for your mental health if you don't have many friends." Sophie Y3

"I loved making paper chains into hearts. Giving them

to people made me happy." Grace Y1

The Chester Diocesan Board of Education shared the following reflection in their newsletter:

Children's Mental Health Week Reflection

13 People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. **14** When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. **15** Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." **16** And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them.

Mark 10:13-16

As we mark children's mental health week and reflect on the importance of pupils' emotional, spiritual and mental health, this Bible passage reminds us of Jesus' counter-cultural approach to the welcome and inclusion of children. He encourages us to overcome any barriers to children encountering and engaging with him. For many pupils in our Diocese, our schools offer a safe and trusted place where they gain a sense of belonging and a feeling of being part of something bigger than themselves that enhances their mental health and wellbeing.

Some of our Year 3 and Year 4 children enjoyed visiting Clare Mount Sports Specialist College to take part in a fantastic Glow Festival.

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"I enjoyed Bubblegum Pop which is where you run from one side to the other without being hit by a ball. Our team worked very hard. I'd definitely do it again." Charlie Y4

"It was really good because the balls glowed in the dark. " Elizabeth Y3

Meanwhile, our athletics squad did an amazing job representing Dawpool against many other primary schools at the Co-op Academy. We are eagerly awaiting the results to see if we have placed in the top three, which would mean qualifying for the next stage—fingers crossed!



"It was really fun because we did our own field events and it felt like we did really well. In running events we worked together as a team and cheered each other on. " Heidi Y6

Our Valentine's Lunch was a huge success. We were overwhelmed by the incredible response and were delighted to welcome over 80 parents and grandparents to join our F1-Y2 children for lunch. The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience, and we received so much positive feedback—if we were on Tripadvisor, our reviews would certainly be five-star! Thank you to all of our kitchen staff, midday assistants and team members who helped the event run so smoothly. This is definitely something we will be doing again.

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“My mummy came. The tables had hearts on them.”
Olivia F2
“I loved it. It was the best!” Lucas Y1
“My mum gave me a real rose!” Athena Y2

Last week, we were pleased to welcome Reverend Jane to lead our whole-school Candlemas worship. The candles she left for each class have been glowing brightly, reminding us all to shine our light. After half term, we are planning to provide opportunities for children to take part in a “Wow Walk”, giving them the chance to experience awe and wonder in the world around them. Reverend Jane joined Mrs McCann on a very soggy planning walk, which has inspired lots of exciting ideas for possible routes! Our F1 children also loved welcoming Reverend Jane into their classroom.

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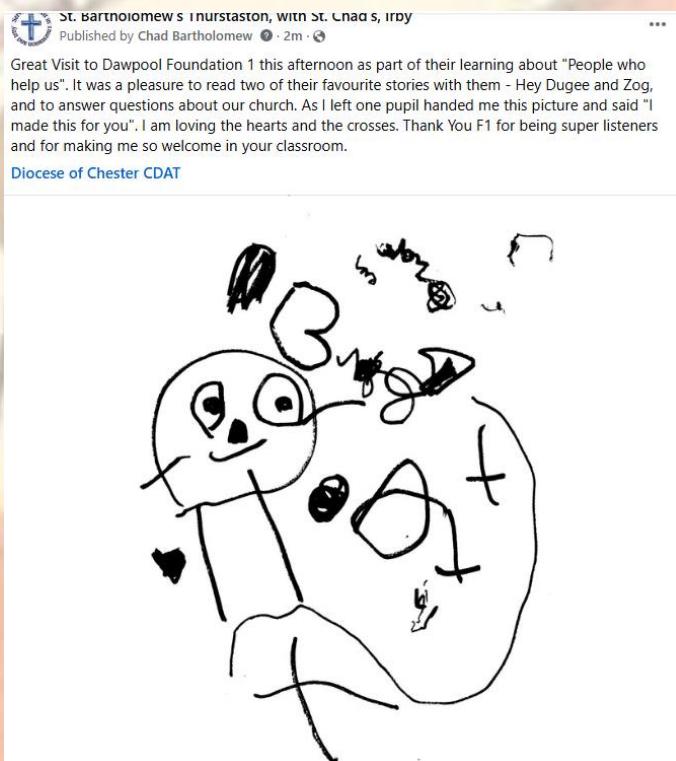
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Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

I wish you all a very happy half term. Enjoy the holiday!

Warm regards,

Mrs Helen Griffiths

WHEN WE RETURN

Monday 23rd February

3.30-4.15pm Drama Club

Tuesday 24th February

3.30-4.30pm Y1/2 Ball Game Club

3.30-4.30pm Y4-6 Future Medics Club

Wednesday 25th February

3.30-4.30pm Chess Club

Thursday 26th February

3.30-4.15pm Choir

3.30-4.15pm Drama Club

3.30-4.15pm Y5/6 Netball Club

Friday 27th February

PE Days for next term

Mon -Y3
Tues -Y6
Wed - Y2, Y5
Thurs - F2, Y4
Fri- F1, Y1

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Y1 will have Forest School on a Thursday so will need to come in PE kits on both a Thursday and a Friday.

CLASS ASSEMBLY

Dates for your Dairies

We look forward to welcoming you to your child/children's class assembly. Please see dates below. Each assembly will take place at 9.10am and is expected to last around 20 minutes.

F1 Monday 23rd March
F2 Tuesday 10th March
Y1 Tuesday 17th March
Y2 Wednesday 18th March
Y3 Tuesday 21st April
Y4 Thursday 30th April
Y5 Thursday 16th April
Y6 Tuesday 3rd March

Spring Term Parent/Carer Evenings

Tuesday 10th March and Wednesday 11th March All Year groups F1-Y6

Our parents' evening booking system will go live on Wednesday 25th February at 6:00pm for all parents to book their appointments.

Appointments can be booked through our school website with the login details which have been previously advised.

Please note that parents' evening appointments are 10-minutes long. In fairness to everybody, it is important that we keep appointments running to schedule, so please make sure you end your appointment within the allotted time.

If you are booking consecutive appointments for siblings, we suggest you leave a short period between appointments to allow time to move between appointments.

Thank you for your support in ensuring our parents' evenings run smoothly.

More information will follow nearer the time.



Year 6 had an amazing and very muddy time in Forest School this week. They were inspired by the artwork of Andy Goldsworthy and produced their own works of art.

"I got really muddy and really enjoyed it because I felt free to do it." Imogen Y6

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"I enjoyed my time and helping others." Teddy Y6

Forest School on Wednesday 25th February will be Year 4.



Monday-Lunchtime Chess Club

Monday-Drama Club

Tuesday-Y1/2 Ball Games Club Y4-6 Future Medics Club

Wednesday - KS2 Chess Club

Thursday-KS2 Choir Club & Y5/6 Netball Club & Drama Club



FoDS News

BAG2SCHOOL -Wednesday 4th March

Please save any unwanted clothes, paired shoes, handbags, belts and accessories for our next Bag2School collection. The items can be sent in at the time in any bags as well as using the Bag2school collection bags that have been sent home already. Many thanks for your support.



MOTHERS DAY SALE – Thursday 12th March

All the children will have the opportunity to buy a gift for their Mum or another 'wonderful woman' in their life in school on Thursday 12th March. Each gift will cost £3.00.

You can pre-pay using the link below and a token will be given to your child in school on the day.

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



SPRING DISCO – Friday 20th March

FoDS are hosting a disco for the children on Friday 20th March with the help from teachers and staff. A letter with more information is attached separately.

Buy tickets online using the links below. Please include your child's name and year group either in the name field or notes section:

EYFS (F1 & F2) - 3:30pm to 4:45pm

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£5.50 (ticket price includes a soft drink, snack and treat)

<https://friends-of-dawpool-school.sumupstore.com/product/spring-disco-ks1-friday-20th-march>

KS1 (Y1 & Y2) - 3:30pm to 4:45pm
£4.00

<https://friends-of-dawpool-school.sumupstore.com/product/spring-disco-ks2-friday-20th-march>

KS2 (Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6) - 5:00pm to 6:15pm
£4.00

<https://friends-of-dawpool-school.sumupstore.com/product/spring-disco-ks2-friday-20th-march>

Parent supervision is not required, but we do need some helpers for the games and stalls if you are free to help on the evening.

We also would be grateful to receive any homemade or shop bought donations for our cake stall.

Please SignUp using the link below:

<https://signup.com/go/QWkLvyf>

Junior FoDS Easter Raffle – Friday 27th March

More information to follow soon

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Wirral Young Musician of the Year 2026

Sunday 22nd March
Heswall Hall, Wirral

The competition is open to all pupils who attend schools within Wirral.

There are categories for both instrumental and vocal within each age group and cash bursaries are on offer for 1st, 2nd and 3rd placed performers in each. Written feedback from judges will be given to all performers.

Entries cost £7 and deadline to apply is Friday 27th February

For more information visit:
www.lovemusictrust.com/WYM26

CHURCH NEWS



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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 15th Feb	9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's Bishop Mark Preaching 10.30am Morning Worship at St Bartholomew's Bishop Mark Preaching
ASH WEDNESDAY - 18th Feb	10.30am Communion at St Chad's
Sunday 22nd Feb	9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's 10.30am Communion at St Chad's with Junior church Opportunity to say Thank You to Revd Gaynor (before she moves to next stage of her curacy) at the 10.30am service
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Sunday 1st Mar	9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's 10.30am Holy Communion at St Bartholomew's
Sunday 8th Mar	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 Thurstanston and St Chad's Irby, please visit:

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

Email:

office@thurstaston.org.uk

Facebook:

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

Twitter:

<https://twitter.com/StBartsStChads>

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