



Ready for school



Guide for parents

Dawpool Church of England (Aided) Primary School

Welcome to Dawpool C of E Primary School. Starting school is a big event in the life of your child. It is the start of a whole new world of experiences, new people and new things to learn. We are delighted that you have chosen our school as the starting point for your child's journey.

Dawpool School was founded in 1865 and our location on the edge of Thurstaston Common, is one of the most attractive school settings on Wirral. Although growing and developing over the years, Dawpool Church of England School is, in many ways, still a traditional village school, a character which it proudly retains and cherishes. It has many fine traditions, not least its concern with academic standards and its wish that the children achieve their full potential in all aspects of school and life.

The Dawpool community are united in their ambition to create a school which embodies the person, love and work of Jesus Christ: a school which enables Christian values to flourish and where all children may experience the abundant life that Jesus offers.

At Dawpool, we aim for all children to experience the abundant life that Jesus offers by: Educating for Wisdom, Knowledge and Skills; Educating for Hope and Aspiration; Educating for Community and Living Well Together; Educating for Dignity and Respect.

In Foundation Two we do this through the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) which is a framework for teaching children from birth to five years old. We teach your child knowledge, skills and understanding through a topic based curriculum to ensure they access a variety of learning experiences, and secure a good foundation for their life-long learning. We aim to keep you informed of the topics your child is learning through so that you may be involved and support them at home and in school.

We undertake a baseline assessment, in all areas of learning, at the start of the school year. These judgements are based upon evidence we can see at that time. This then allows us to plan lessons and activities based upon needs, interests and abilities. We will then continue to assess your child regularly and alter plans accordingly.

An example timetable:

- 8.45am Arrive and settle in. Children to find their name cards, write their names or undertake a morning 'challenge'
- 9.00am Registration
- 9.10am Phonics. At Dawpool we use a combination of Letters and Sounds, RWI and Jolly Phonics. Children will participate in group teaching and phonics based games and activities.
- 10.10am Worship
- 10.30am Break Time
- 10.50am Maths. Children will participate in group teaching and maths based games and activities.
- 12.00 Lunchtime
- 1.15pm Afternoon Registration followed by Topic time. This is where additional subjects and skills are taught.

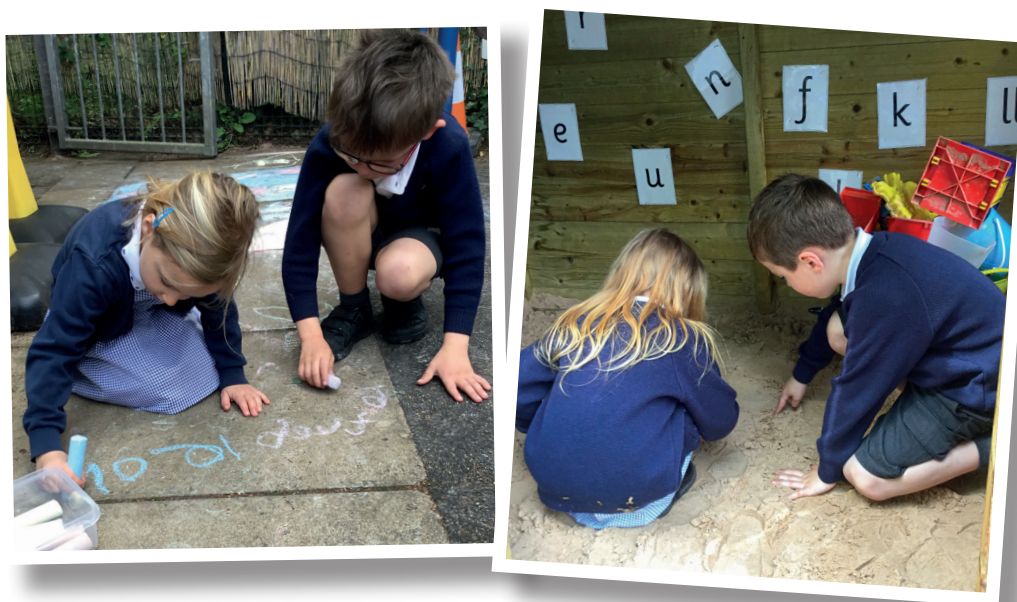
Our afternoons follow topic based learning. Whilst we initially set a theme for the half term we are always ready to alter our plans in order to grab an exciting new learning opportunity which may suddenly arise. We operate a continuous provision model, meaning that your child can explore the activities on offer, become an independent learner and begin to take responsibility for their own learning and development.

All activities are carefully planned to ensure the children are meeting relevant and exciting challenges and having the opportunities to put their skills into action. We encourage the children to access their own learning through either the indoor or outdoor environment. Reading, Writing and Maths opportunities are provided in both the indoor and outdoor environment.

Parental Involvement

We encourage you to walk your child around to the classroom door each day as we believe close working between home and school is a vital part of your child's education. If there is anything worrying you or your child then please do take this opportunity to speak with a member of Foundation Stage staff at the start or end of each day.

Every child in our school is special and important to us. We want them to be happy so that they will learn and develop to their full potential. We look forward to starting this exciting journey of education with you and your child.



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