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Dear Parents and Carers,

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

We are absolutely delighted to announce that we have received an FFT Attendance Award for the Spring Term. This recognises that our school achieved attendance in the Top 10% of similar FFT Primary Schools in England and also within the Top 10% of all FFT Primary Schools in England. This is a fantastic achievement and one that reflects the commitment of our whole school community.

Excellent attendance plays such an important role in children's wellbeing, confidence and academic success. Being in school every day helps children to feel settled, secure and connected, whilst also ensuring they do not miss valuable learning opportunities and experiences with their peers. We would like to thank all of our families for their continued support in prioritising attendance and helping us to create the very best outcomes for all children.

Our Year 6 children have also been absolute superstars this week and can now all proudly say that they have smashed their SATs! From the early breakfasts in school to the dancing and singing before each paper they have shown amazing teamwork, positivity and resilience throughout the

week and I could not be prouder of them all.

To celebrate the end of SATs week, the children enjoyed a fantastic Hawaiian-themed beach party. Equipped with sunglasses and flower garlands, they had great fun singing, dancing, painting and flying paper aeroplanes before ending the day with a very exciting water fight! It was wonderful to see the children relaxing, laughing together and celebrating all of their hard work and achievements.

"Mrs Croft made us all feel relaxed." Charlotte

"SATs are definitely worth doing." Jasmine

"Today was the best day ever!" Buddy

"Having breakfast together was really fun and made SATs feel easier." Heidi



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I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our parents and carers for the support you have given during this important week. Your encouragement and reassurance have made such a difference.

A huge thank you must also go to our dedicated Year 6 team, alongside the wider staff team and governors, who have all offered their support to ensure the children were well prepared and that the week ran smoothly. It has truly been a team effort and the children should feel incredibly proud of themselves and all they have achieved.

Our Year 1 visited St Bartholomew's this afternoon to learn about baptism. They had a wonderful time. Hearing feedback like this makes me feel very proud, well done Year 1 and thank you Revd. Jane.

"I am writing to say what a joy it was to have Year 1 in church this afternoon. They were so well prepared and attentive. I loved the walking ropes - what a great idea." Revd. Jane



Year 5 have had a brilliant week with Bikeability. They have shown that they are sensible on the roads and have all grown in confidence.

"It was very fun. We learned about ABCD. A is for air, B is for Brakes, C is for Chain and D is for Directions." Joshua Y5

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind all families about the importance of parking respectfully around school to help ensure that all children and families remain safe and that our neighbours are able to access their properties without difficulty. Parking considerately is an important way of role modelling

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positive behaviour and responsibility to our children. We are very grateful for your continued support and cooperation in helping to keep our school community safe.

I would also like to congratulate our netball team on their continued success at the Wirral Primary School Netball Pledge matches this week. The children demonstrated excellent teamwork, determination and respect throughout both matches and represented our school brilliantly. I am sure we will see the same values next week at our Sports Day at the Oval. I hope you are able to join us.



Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Warm regards,
Mrs Helen Griffiths

NEXT WEEK

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Monday 18th May

3.30-4.15pm Drama Club

3.30-4.30pm Summer Olympics F2-Y2

3.30-4.30pm Y4-6 Spaghetti Maths Club

Tuesday 19th May

2.30pm Big Toddle for F1 F2 families

Lunchtime Cricket Club for Y5 and Y6

3.30-4.30pm Y2/3 Zumba Club

Wednesday 20th May

10am-12pm approx Y1-Y6 Sports Day at The Oval, Bebington

3.30-4.30pm Chess Club

Thursday 21st May

3.30-4.15pm Choir

3.30-4.15pm Drama Club

Y5/6 Netball Club

Friday 22nd May

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It will be F1 for Forest School on Wednesday.

Sports day

Sports Day – Years 1-6

Our Sports Day takes place this Wednesday 20th May from 10.00am to 12.00pm for pupils in Y1-Y6.

A letter was sent home indicating the colour that your child should wear. If your child does not have a T shirt in their colour let the school office know on Monday and a sports bib will be sent home for them.

Please apply sunscreen and provide them with a labelled hat and water bottle.

Can we also remind you that if any parents, carers or relatives require the toilet they should use those inside the Sports Centre only as the toilets by the track are solely for pupils. Thank you for your understanding.

The children will have a late lunch when they return. The choice that day will be hot dogs or jacket potatoes.

The Big Toddle – F1 & F2

Parents and carers of children in F1 and F2 are invited to attend school for the Barnardo's Big Toddle on Tuesday 19th May at 2.30pm. All of the children will be taking part in this short, sponsored walk and families are welcome to come along and join in. Further information has been shared with families.

Polite reminders

Could we ask that parents ensure **all uniform items are labelled** particularly jumpers/cardigans and coats. Children often take these off and it is difficult then to get them back to the correct child if they are not labelled. We already have many unlabelled jumpers and cardigans unclaimed since we returned from the Bank Holiday weekend.

We would like to remind all families that our school is **a nut free school**. This includes products containing nuts or traces of nuts.

Some of our pupils have severe nut allergies, and even small traces can cause a serious allergic reaction. To help us keep every child safe, we kindly ask that you do not send any foods containing nuts into school, including in packed lunches or snacks.

We appreciate your support and understanding in helping us maintain a safe environment for all pupils.

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Monday-Lunchtime Chess Club
Monday-Drama Club & Spaghetti Maths&Summer Olympics
Tuesday-Lunchtime Cricket Club Y5&Y6-
Zumba Club Y2&3
Wednesday - KS2 Chess Club

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



FoDS News

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend Wednesday's meeting, we really appreciate your time and support.

Unfortunately, attendance was lower than we'd hoped, and as a volunteer group we simply can't continue to run events and raise valuable funds for the school without the support of more parents and carers. Even small amounts of help can make a huge difference, and we'd love to welcome any new volunteers or ideas.

Sports Day Refreshments



There will be refreshments available at The Oval, for our school sports day next week; Wednesday 20th May, provided by the wonderful Blue Stone Coffee Co.

There will be a variety of tea, coffee, iced lattes, cold drinks and snacks such as almond croissants and cinnamon classics! So grab a drink/snack to keep you going throughout the action!

A proportion of takings goes straight to FoDS, so arrive thirsty!

Both cash and card are accepted!
See you there!

Dates for your diary:

Father's Day Sale – Thursday 18th June
Non-Uniform Day for Summer Fair Donations – Friday 19th June

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Summer Fair – Saturday 4th July

Can You Help?

Do you own a business, or know someone who does?

We're looking for local businesses to support our Summer Fair by:

having a stall on the day
donating vouchers or prizes for our raffle

Every bit of support helps us raise money for the school and make these events extra special for the children and wider school community

If you'd like to get involved, please email:
friendsofdawpoolschool@gmail.com

CHURCH NEWS

Threads through the Bible

"Threads through the Bible" at Chester Cathedral (<https://chestercathedral.com/events/event/threads-through-the-bible>) 8th May - 28th June
Revd Jane has been to visit this exhibition and recommends that you take time to go and visit. There are many links to our RE curriculum - with the use of art in the story of creation and the story of the life of Jesus with particular focus around the Easter story.

Here are some photos from Revd Jane's visit:-



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

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

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 17th May	9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's 10.30am Morning Worship at St Bartholomew's
Sunday 24th May	9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's 10.30am Holy Communion with Junior Church at St Chad's
Sunday 31st May	9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's 10.30am Holy Communion at St Bartholomew's
Church Office: Mrs K Butler, St Chad's Church, Roslin Road, Irby, CH61 3UH Tel 648 8169. Website: www.thurstaston.org.uk E-Mail: office@thurstaston.org.uk Revd Jane Turner 648 1816 (Day off Tuesday). E-Mail: rector@thurstaston.org.uk	

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