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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of what has been a busy and successful term, I would like to thank all of our pupils and families for the many ways you have contributed to the life of our school community. Your continued support, encouragement and partnership make such a difference to the opportunities we are able to offer our children.

We are especially grateful to Mrs Appleyard, who has kindly created our bespoke altar cloths in the liturgical colours for use throughout the school year. The cloths are truly beautiful and will enrich our worship for many years to come. During our Easter Service, Revd Jane led a special blessing of the cloths for our school community.



It was wonderful to see so many families join us for this meaningful time of worship together. What I find most beautiful about the Easter story, and what our children have shared so thoughtfully through their readings and singing, is that it is not simply about events that happened long ago. It is about the values we try to live by every day here at school. It is about kindness, like the woman who wiped Jesus' face. It is about friendship, like Simon of Cyrene helping to carry a heavy load. And most importantly, it is about new beginnings.

We were also lucky to participate in an Easter Service worship with schools in our CDAT cluster group. This online worship brought us all together to sing and explore new beginnings. Freddie and Esme from Year 6 confidently shared their readings and were commended for their engagement in the songs. True Dawpool Ambassadors!

"I really enjoyed the online service because everyone was so friendly and welcoming. The songs were really fun especially because I had never heard them before. The other schools and classes were very enthusiastic and the staff were very comforting." Esme

Our amazing Eco Team have also been very busy considering how we can make our school more environmentally friendly. This year, they are focusing on three key projects and evaluating the impact they have. Firstly, we have installed a fox camera to help us monitor local wildlife. Secondly, we are creating a

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bee garden and carefully exploring the best places to create safe habitats for bees. Finally, the team are looking closely at our use of paper in school and identifying ways we can reduce, reuse and recycle more effectively. The team have already made a fantastic start and have many exciting plans for the future.



Next half term, we will be introducing Wow Walks on Friday lunchtimes. These walks will be led by staff alongside pupils from our Ethos Group. The aim of Wow Walks is to give children the opportunity to explore our local area, including Royden Park and Thurstaston Common, noticing the beauty of the natural world around them. Pupils will be encouraged to share anything they see in nature that is a 'wow' moment for them. Members of the Ethos Group will then support children in reflecting on the wonder of the world around us and thinking about how and why these things came to be there.

As we begin the Easter break, my hope is that we all carry a little of that 'Easter light' with us. May this be a time filled with rest, peace and perhaps a little bit of chocolate!

Thank you once again for your continued support and I wish all of our families a happy and restful Easter.

Mrs Helen Griffiths

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WHEN WE RETURN

Monday 13th April

3.30-4.15pm Drama Club

3.30-4.30pm Y4-6 Spaghetti Maths Club

Tuesday 14th April

3.30-4.30pm Y2/3 Zumba Club

Wednesday 15th April

3.30-4.30pm Chess Club

Thursday 16th April

3.30-4.15pm Choir

3.30-4.15pm Drama Club

3.30-4.15pm Y5/6 Netball Club

Friday 17th April



Forest School when we return will be the turn of Year 3.



Monday-Lunchtime Chess Club

Monday-Drama Club & Spaghetti Maths

Tuesday-Zumba Club Y2&3

Wednesday - KS2 Chess Club

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



FoDS News

“Junior FoDS had a really fun and busy time selling raffle tickets for our first planned event, the Easter Raffle. We were so happy to be able to do this and make money for our school. The children in our school were so excited that this was happening! When we picked the raffle tickets during the celebration assembly the children and teachers were all excited that they might win. We saw very smiley faces and raised £114.20.” Year 6 Junior FoDS.

Happy Easter

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We would like to thank you for all your support for the Spring Term and wish all of you a wonderful Easter break.

Pre-Loved Uniform

Thank you to Elizabeth; a Year 1 parent who has volunteered to run a Pre-Loved Uniform Stall at this year's Summer Fair.

Donate your pre-loved uniform and accessories on the school playground at pick up on the following dates:

Wednesday 22nd April
Friday 24th April
Wednesday 24th June
Thursday 25th June

For anyone not at pickup, please drop off your donations off at the office on the above dates.

Please ensure all donations are pre-washed.

All proceeds at the summer fair will go to FoDS.

Thank you for your support

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Please ensure all donated clothes are pre-washed. All uniform will be for sale at the summer fair, with proceeds going to FoDS

Thank you!

Wirral Country Park Easter Trail

Look out for the letter 'N' that was designed by Dawpool pupils!
See details below.

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WIRRAL COUNTRY PARK

Easter Event

EASTER TRAIL
28TH MARCH - 12TH APRIL
10:30AM - 3:30PM

Collect your map from The Whistle Stop Café & explore the park to find the eggs designed by Wirral Eco Schools with letters on them. Work out the Easter related word. Return to the café to claim your prize.

£1.00 per child. Cash Only.
Car parking charges apply.

 wcp@wirral.gov.uk
 www.wirral.gov.uk/leisure-parks-and-events
 Visitor Centre, Station Road, Thurstaston, CH61 0HN






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<https://twitter.com/StBartsStChads>

Messy Easter at St Chad's
10.00-11.00am on Good Friday (3rd April)

Crafts for children and their families,
and an Easter Egg Hunt.

All Children will need to be accompanied by an adult.

FREE - but you will need to book a place
so we have enough crafts and treats to go around.

To book your place, email office@thurstaston.org.uk
We will send a booking form - this must be returned by 22nd Mar.

If you are already registered with Junior Church (from Sept 2025), then
just email the parish office with the names of the children who will be
attending and the name(s) of the adult(s) will be accompanying them.



HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Sunday 29th March

PALM SUNDAY

9.00am BCP Communion at St Bart's

10.30am Holy Communion at St Chad's

Thursday 2nd April

MAUNDY THURSDAY

7.00pm Communion at St Chad's

Friday 3rd April

GOOD FRIDAY

2.00pm "Hour at the Cross" at St Bart's

Sunday 5th April

EASTER DAY

9.00am BCP Communion at St Bart's

10.30am Communion at St Bart's

CHURCH NEWS

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 29th Mar 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's

Palm Sunday 10.30am Holy Communion at St Chad's

Maundy Thursday - 2nd April 7.00pm Holy Communion at St Chad's

Friday 3rd April 10.00-11.00 Messy Easter at St Chad's - you need to book your place

Good Friday 2pm "Hour at the Cross" at St Bartholomew's

Sunday 5th April 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's

Easter Day 10.30am Holy Communion at St Bartholomew's

Sunday 12th April 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's

10.30am Morning Worship at St Chad's

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

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Easter Hockey Camp for KS2 Children

Please see below the details of a hockey camp taking place during the Easter Holidays. An excellent opportunity for the children to keep practising their hockey skills through the holidays. It is run by Oxton Hockey Club but open to all.

WHAT - 2 Day Camp for 7-15 year olds

WHEN - Thursday 9th & Friday 10th April 2026 - 9.30 - 3.30

Early drop off from 8.30 and late pick up until 4.30 available

You can book 1, 2 or all 3 days.

WHERE - Calday Grammar School - Glasspool playing Fields CH48 1NY

COST - £40 for 1 day, £70 for 2 days

Please follow the link below to book a place:

<https://club.spond.com/landing/courses/oxtonhockeykey/C5D794D133BC4572B1D40335A5093E6B>

If you have any questions, please contact Jules & Jay at lionsdenhockey@gmail.com

Do you Know a Young Hero?

Nominations are now open for the BBC Radio Merseyside Make a Difference Awards 2026 and they're looking for young people under 16 who have made a positive impact in their community. If you

know someone who deserves a thank you or recognition, why not nominate them

For a full list of categories - and details of how to nominate someone - go to bbc.co.uk/makeadifference, where you can also see full Terms and our Privacy Notice. Nominations are open now and close on the 31st of March at 5pm.



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From the Friends of Whitfield Common

Whitfield Common EASTER Event

PLUS! Fire Engine & Bouncy Castle!

**Saturday 28th March,
1-4pm**
WHITFIELD COMMON,
Heswall
CH60 5RX

Lucy's Resin
Crafts Wival

Cazzadoodle
Face Painting
**HARRY'S
3D PRINTS**

**MR
SHUEY'S**
The Dessert
Don

CELANDINE WOOD
ANIMAL RESCUE

**Jollys
3D
CREATIONS**

NB Vending Solutions
Wax Hands!

Vending Solutions

All proceeds going to Whitfield Common
community group projects

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Now accepting applications for courses for
the following age range: 3 to 7 years and
5 to 11 years.

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