

DAWPOOL CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

... The Abundant Life that Jesus Offers

DAWPOOL NEWS ISSUE 14 8th May 2026

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Dear Parents and Carers,

There have been many special moments across school this week and it has been wonderful to see our children continuing to embrace every opportunity with enthusiasm, curiosity and kindness.

We are delighted to announce that we will be implementing OPAL Play (Outdoor Play and Learning) in school. OPAL aims to have a positive impact on children's play at lunchtimes and its vision is:

"That every child in every school has an amazing hour of high-quality play every day – with no exceptions."

We are incredibly excited to begin this journey and have no doubt that all of our children will benefit significantly from the opportunities OPAL will provide. High-quality play is such an important part of children's development and wellbeing, and we are looking forward to transforming our playtimes over the coming months.

Further information will follow as we are hoping that our families and local businesses may be able to support us in resourcing this exciting enhancement to our provision. In the meantime, if you would like to find out more about OPAL, please visit [OPAL Play](#).

We would also like to say a huge thank you to Mrs

Parkhouse from Christians Against Poverty who has been visiting our Year 6 class to deliver invaluable workshops focused on raising awareness and developing understanding of financial management. The children gained so much from these sessions and engaged thoughtfully throughout. We are very grateful for the time and expertise shared with them.

"We learned about how people earn money and how to budget." Lucy

"When you get in debt, you need to try and spend less and earn more to increase your income." Amira

Next week, our Year 6 pupils will complete their SATs assessments. Following the recent CDAT Year 6 worship, I would like to reinforce the important message shared with the children; every single Year 6 pupil should feel extremely proud of themselves. They have shown resilience, determination and maturity throughout the year and we could not be prouder of the effort they have put into their learning. We know they will all do their very best and, most importantly, continue to shine in the many ways that make them unique.

"The worship helped us realise we shouldn't worry about SATs." Scott

We also had a very special visitor in school this week; Ziggy the therapy dog! The children and staff thoroughly enjoyed spending time with Ziggy, sharing

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lots of cuddles and watching him perform his impressive tricks. Judging by all the attention he received, we are certain Ziggy had a wonderful time too! It was lovely to see the smiles and excitement he brought to our school community.

"Ziggy was really friendly and would lie on his back for people to stroke him. You can tell he is very well trained. He helped me to relax." Imogen Y6



Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Warm regards,
Mrs Helen Griffiths

NEXT WEEK

Monday 11th May

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Y6 SATs

Y5 Bikeability

3.30-4.15pm Drama Club

3.30-4.30pm Summer Olympics F2-Y2

3.30-4.30pm Y4-6 Spaghetti Maths Club

Tuesday 12th May

Y6 SATs

Y5 Bikeability

Lunchtime Cricket Club for Y5 and Y6

3.30-4.30pm Y2/3 Zumba Club

Wednesday 13th May

Y6 SATs

Y5 Bikeability

3.30-4.30pm Chess Club

7pm FoDS Meeting at School

Thursday 14th May

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Y5 Bikeability

3.30-4.15pm Choir

3.30-4.15pm Drama Club

Y5/6 Netball Club match (please see separate letter for details)

Friday 15th May

Y5 Bikeability



Year 2 were firestarters during Forest School this week. They use flint and steel to light a fire.

"I loved going on the swing." Hermione Y2

"I loved toasting marshmallows." Mollie Y2

"I enjoyed climbing trees." Henry Y2

It will be F2 for Forest School on Wednesday.



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

Date for Diary

We are looking forward to our Sports Day for Y1-Y6 on Wednesday 20th May at The Oval Bebington.

An email has been sent to parents of these year groups requesting help on the day. Please let us know by Friday 15th if you can help. Many thanks.

11 + Registration – Year 5 Pupils

Please note that online registration for pupils to sit the 11+ examination in September 2026 is now open. Please register by clicking [here](#). Please note that the registration window closes at 12 noon on 1st June. If parents are unable to register online, they can obtain paper forms by calling the Call Centre on 0151 666 4600.

Parents who do not wish their child to sit the 11+ examination do not need to register.

Upton Hall School, St Anselm's College and Birkenhead High School Academy have their own testing arrangements and parents should contact the schools directly for more details.

If you have any questions about registering for the 11+ or the selective testing process, please contact mainstream admissions as follows
Email: secondaryplaces@wirral.gov.uk

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Phone: 0151 666 4600.

All secondary schools are now advertising open events for the summer term, so please contact the schools directly for more information.

Free Dr Bike Service

A free Dr Bike session will be taking place on Saturday 9th May, making it a perfect opportunity for families to get their bikes checked, serviced, and ready for use.

Event details:

Date: 9th May 2026

Time: 10am – 2pm

Location: West Kirby Concourse

Booking: To guarantee a bike service, please scan the QR code on the attached flyer or visit [DrBikeWKC.eventbrite.co.uk](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/DrBikeWKC)

Alternatively, we will have limited space for walk ups so you can turn up during 10am - 2pm

What's on offer:

A free bike service delivered by BikeRight
Bike marking provided by Merseyside Police
Information and resources from the Council's Road Safety Team, including free cycle maps
Advice for anyone wanting to build confidence or cycle more regularly.



Free bike check
Come and get your bike serviced for free at our bike servicing and information session:

- A free service of your bike by Bikeright
- Bike marking by Merseyside Police
- Information from the council's Road Safety Team and resources including a free cycle map
- Advice and resources for cycling

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Grange Road, West Kirby
Wirral CH48 4HX

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Meeting – Next Week

We are looking forward to welcoming you to our next meeting on Wednesday 13th May; 7pm start at School.

We'll be discussing events for the summer term and would love to hear your new ideas, as well as encourage more people to get involved in creating wonderful memories for our children while raising valuable funds for the school.

We look forward to seeing you there!

CHURCH NEWS

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 10th May	9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's 10.30am All Age Service at St Chad's
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

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