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At Dawpool, we believe that wearing the correct school uniform is an important part of creating a positive and respectful learning environment. School uniform helps children to feel part of our school community and promotes a sense of pride and belonging.

Wearing the correct uniform also helps reduce distractions, so children can focus on learning and playing together. It encourages equality, as everyone is dressed the same, and helps prepare children for routines they'll encounter in later life.

We have noticed that many children are increasingly wearing the incorrect uniform. Children should only wear trainers on their PE day. Additionally, leggings and stretch skirts are not acceptable items of uniform. Please see our uniform guidelines here

https://www.dawpool.wirral.sch.uk/website/uniform/653857

If you have difficulty funding the correct uniform https://wirralfuss.co.uk/ may be able to help.

Please support your child in wearing the correct uniform each day, including appropriate footwear and PE kit on the right days. If you have any questions or

concerns about uniform, don't hesitate to get in touch with the school office.

Thank you for helping us keep our school looking smart, safe, and ready to learn!

The cross country event at Birkenhead Park on Monday evening saw huge success for Dawpool. We had three top ten finishes and there were huge improvements on previous personal bests. I am really impressed by the children's determination, perseverance and willingness to have a go.

"I've done a lot of training. I'm proud I've really improved.' Xander

Xander's quote is a prime example that hard work really does pay off.

Children in Key Stage 2 had the privilege of joining a Wirral Ethos Conference on Wednesday. The day began with a live worship joined by many schools on the Wirral. The theme for the conference was 'Giants of Faith' which began with the children considering characters like the BFG and the Incredible Hulk before moving on to people in the Bible. I was so proud of the responses made by our children about how they could be 'Giants of Faith' for our school. The day ended with an online reflection opportunity for us to come back together with children from other Wirral schools.

"It was really nice to join with other schools virtually and discuss Giants of Faith in the Bible." Mrs Wood

"The children were really engaged and made thoughtful responses." Mr Cushion





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"My friend from cricket from another school saw my video. I felt happy and proud that I did it." Tom

"It was really fun because it was so much fun. I want to do it again." Harper

I feel incredibly proud to be Headteacher of Dawpool especially when I hear how impressed adults have been by children's attitudes and values. Year 3 had netball this week with Claremount school. The teacher visiting our school to deliver the session was amazed by the teamwork she saw. Children worked particularly well together showing excellent collaboration and kindness whilst encouraging each other. Year 3 what wonderful role models you are!

I can't wait for the FoDs disco next Friday night. I'm looking forward to dancing with the children and seeing their dance moves. In the meantime, I'll be watching some Strictly this weekend as my homework!

I hope you have a wonderful weekend and look forward to seeing everyone on Monday.

Warm regards,

Mrs Helen Griffiths

NEXT WEEKMonday 6th October

Tuesday 7th October
Wednesday 8th October

Forest School for Y2

3.30-4.30 pm Chess Club

Thursday 9th October

Friday 10th October

Lunchtime Violin Club FoDs Autumn Disco

Parents' Evenings for **Years 1-6** will take place on the 14th and 15th October.

Appointments can be booked between **3.40pm and 6.30pm**. Bookings are now open until Thursday 9th October.



F1, Mrs Ham and Miss Johnson had the best day on Wednesday during Forest School. What an adventure they had!

Mrs Ham started by teaching everyone the safety rules. Everyone then took it in turn to light fires, sing songs, play in the hammock and build dens.





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The afternoon finished with a nature scavenger hunt, trying to find leaves, snails, sticks, birds and squirrels.

"It was great,I loved it." Eleanor

"I loved going on the net thing(hammock)." Sienna

"I liked lighting the fire." Asher

"I rolled on the hill in forest." Ezra

"The swingy thing I liked." Josie

"I liked the sticks." Elijah

Next week is Year 2's turn for Forest School.

Open Morning

We are excited to invite prospective parents and carers to our **Open Morning** on Wednesday 5th and Thursday 13th November for children due to start in **Foundation 1 (Nursery)** and **Foundation 2 (Reception)** in September 2026. Open mornings will be at 9.30am and 11am.

Come along and see our fantastic Early Years setting in action! There will be an opportunity to:

- Tour the learning environments
- Meet our friendly staff
- Ask questions about our curriculum and daily routines

 Learn about how we support children as they begin their school journey

Please contact the school office to book your appointment on 0151 648 3412. We look forward to meeting you.



Wednesday - KS2 chess club. Friday-Cross-country lunchtime club Y4 5 & 6. Friday-Violin Club Y3-6



We are looking forward to seeing the work getting started next week for the new outdoor play equipment on the field that was fundraised for last year.

Thank you to everyone for their support which has made this new equipment purchase possible.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

As we start the new school year, we're asking for your support with our PTA; Friends of Dawpool School. All our fundraising and school activities rely on the time, skills and generosity of our parent community.

Any help - big or small - makes a massive





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difference. You don't need to commit to every event; even occasional time, resources or expertise are invaluable.

A letter has been sent home this week, and we'd be very grateful if you could fill this in and return it to school.

Together we can make a real difference for our children and school community.

AUTUMN DISCO - FRIDAY 10th OCTOBER

Book your tickets online for the disco next Friday 10th October:

https://friends-of-dawpool-school.sumupstore.com/products

A letter with all the information was sent home last week.

Please also sign up to be a parent helper on the night:

https://signup.com/go/vbrzdzh

Thank you.









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CHURCH NEWS

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

10.30am Holy Communion at St Bart's

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

10.30am 10.30 am All Age Communion at St Chad's

Sunday 19th Oct 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's

10.30am Holy Communion at St Bart's

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

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

Email:

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