



## DAWPOOL CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It was a pleasure to welcome Reverend Jane to lead our whole school worship on Monday. During our time together, she taught us about St Chad and his amazing faith and courage. As our church was named after St Chad, we are encouraged to follow his example in our everyday lives. That doesn't mean travelling across the country on foot, but it does mean showing God's love through our kindness, our prayers, our learning and the way we care for one another. It was a wonderful opportunity for the children to reflect on how they can demonstrate these values in their daily lives both in school and beyond.

On Tuesday, our Year 3 and Year 4 pupils enjoyed a visit to the Floral Pavilion to watch Calday Grammar School's production of *Swing in the Willows*. The opportunity to see secondary school pupils, including some past Dawpool pupils, performing on stage was truly inspirational and provided fantastic entertainment for everyone involved. Experiences like this help to bring stories to life and show children where their own creativity, confidence and talents might take them in the future.

"My favourite character was Mr Toad when he was driving the car." Nina Y3

"The weasels ran up and down the aisles". Isaac Y3

"It was really funny and the acting was like professional actors." Isabella Y4

"I knew two people in it and their characters were really good and made people laugh." Rose Y4

On Thursday, we celebrated World Book Day, which was certainly my highlight of the week. Thank you for your support in helping the children take part so enthusiastically. The children and staff looked fantastic and it was a joy to see pupils across the school engaged in a variety of activities to celebrate the wonderfulness of books. Throughout the day, classes took part in a range of reading activities, including live online lessons designed to inspire and promote a love of reading. It was wonderful to see the excitement that stories and books can bring to our school community.

We were very lucky to receive generous donations of books from a local business and through a pupil's family connection.

"We acted out being animal characters." Finlay F2

"We made bookmarks." Olivia F2

"We had a big parade in the hall." Alex Y1

"The assembly was so much fun. I dressed up as Paddington Bear." Asher Y2

"My character was Captain Scallywag." Alistair Y3

"We drew the spine of our favourite books for

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everyone to see.” Sophie Y3

“World Book Day was so much fun because we got to read loads of books and show our costumes which was really funny.” Ned Y4

“World Book Day Harry Potter meal was really nice. The hall looked magical with lights and decorations. We loved it.” Sophie Y5

“We spent the afternoon with our special buddies in F2. We made bookmarks and read them stories.” Emily Y6

“It’s great to express what our favourite books are. World Book Day is my favourite day!” George Y6



We are very proud of our U9 chess team. Huge

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congratulations to Bentham and Joseph in Y4 who came third at the Northern Counties Zonal at Ladymount giving them a bronze medal and qualification to the National Final in Coventry.

We have also been reviewing our safeguarding procedures for collection at the end of the school day and after extra-curricular clubs. I would like to take this opportunity to remind all parents that if your child is to be collected by someone else, school must be informed in advance. This includes occasions when children are going home with a friend or when there is a change to their usual arrangements, such as not attending a club. These procedures are an important part of ensuring that all children remain safe and accounted for, and we are very grateful for your continued support in helping us with this.

As always, thank you for your continued encouragement and support. Your partnership plays a vital role in helping us provide a safe, nurturing and inspiring environment for all of our children.

Have a lovely weekend.  
Warm regards,

Mrs Helen Griffiths

3.30-4.15pm Drama Club

**Tuesday 10th March**

9.10am F2 Class Assembly

3.30-4.30pm Y1/2 Ball Game Club

3.30-4.30pm Y4-6 Future Medics Club

Parents Evening 3.40-6.30pm

**Wednesday 11th March**

3.30-4.30pm Chess Club

Parents Evening 3.40-6.30pm

**Thursday 12th March**

Mother's Day Sale

3.30-4.15pm Choir

3.30-4.15pm Drama Club

3.30-4.15pm Y5/6 Netball Club

**NEXT WEEK**

**Monday 9th March**



Easter Service

**Easter Service 2026**

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Wednesday 25th March 2:15pm

Families of children in Years 2-6 are invited to join us for an Easter Service at St Chad's Church on Wednesday 25th March at 2:15pm. Pupils in Y2-6 will leave school after lunch to walk to church. The service is expected to last around 40-minutes and parents have the option of taking their child home after the service. More information will follow shortly.

Pupils in EYFS and Year 1 will remain in school to take part in Holy Week activities.

#### Healthy Snacks

We remind parents/carers that children should avoid bringing crisps, sweets, cakes or sugary snacks into school. Playtime snacks should be healthy options only. We have a [lunchbox policy](#) on our website that we would ask parents to be aware of. Thank you for your help.

#### Love Music Trust Vocal Day

We are sharing the following information from Love Music Trust-

'We are excited to announce Love Music Trust Vocal Day on Saturday 25th April. This year, in order to allow more young singers to attend, the event will take place across 2 locations - namely Sandbach School, Cheshire East and West Kirby Grammar School, Wirral.

Both courses will run on Saturday 25th April 9am - 5pm and finish with a celebration concert from 4pm for friends and family. The Vocal Days are open to all students, from Year 3 - 7 in full time education, across the borough who love to sing and want to learn more about stagecraft, vocal technique and solo / ensemble singing. The course will consist of a variety of workshops for all attending, plus age appropriate classes. A vibrant mix of warm-ups, games and songs will be explored over the fun packed day.

The cost for the day is just £25 per participant and the link for more information and sign-up is as follows;  
<http://www.lovemusictrust.com/vocal-day>

The closing date to sign up for our Vocal Day is Friday 17th April 2026.

#### Free Online Training for Parents

Please see details below of a free, live and online parent session led by highly specialist clinical psychologists from CAYP.

Date/Time: Tuesday 24th March, 8-9 pm  
Free Webinar for Parents: What's Really Going on with My Child's Focus and Emotional Regulation? Delivered by Dr Daniel Weisberg, Consultant Clinical Psychologist

Link: <https://www.cayp.co.uk/event-details/whats-happening-with-child-focus-emotional-regulation-webinar>

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This session, led by Consultant Clinical Psychologist Dr Daniel Weisberg, will support parents to better understand their children's focus, emotional regulation and behaviour, offering clear psychological insight alongside practical strategies they can implement immediately. Strengthening parents' understanding in this area can help improve consistency between home and school and reduce relational strain around behaviour.

Parents will also be invited to submit questions in advance, helping ensure the session reflects the real experiences of families.

**INSET Dates**

INSET Dates for 2026 -27 are as follows:

Tuesday 1st September 2026

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2027

Thursday 6th May 2027

Friday 28th May 2027

Wednesday 21st July 2027

**CLASS ASSEMBLY**

We look forward to welcoming you to our next Class Assembly which will be the turn of F2 on

Tuesday 10th March. The assembly will take place at 9.10am and is expected to last around 20 minutes.



Year 3 had great fun in Forest School. Mrs Clark climbed her first tree!

There will be no Forest School on Wednesday.



Monday-Lunchtime Chess Club

Monday-Drama Club

Tuesday-Y1/2 Ball Games Club Y4-6 Future Medics Club

Wednesday - KS2 Chess Club

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

Friday-Lunchtime Cross Country



**FoDS News**

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**Junior FoDS Easter Raffle**

Junior FoDS are excited to host their very first event!

We are delighted to announce our Easter Raffle, organised by the Junior FoDS committee.

The children are kindly asking parents and carers to donate Easter chocolate or treats to be used as raffle prizes.

Please send any donations into school by Friday 20th March.

Raffle tickets will be sold in school to all children from Monday 16th March for 50p each.

The draw will take place on Friday 27th March.

All proceeds will go towards Junior FoDS fundraising efforts for the school.

This event has been organised and will be run entirely by the children. Thank you so much for supporting them with their very first Junior FoDS event.



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# Mother's Day SALE

## **MOTHERS DAY SALE – Thursday 12th March**

All the children will have the opportunity to buy a gift for their Mum or another 'Wonderful Woman' in their life in school on Thursday 12th March.

Each gift will cost £3.00.

**ONLINE ORDERS ONLY by Tuesday 10th March** using the link below: (No cash payments on the day)

<https://friends-of-dawpool-school.sumupstore.com/product/mothers-day-sale>

Please include your child's name and year group in either the name field or notes section

Thank you.



## **SPRING DISCO – Friday 20th March**

We need volunteers to assist with the games and stalls during the evening, please sign up if you are able to help.

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The cake stall is always the most popular with the children, so we would really appreciate any cake donations; either homemade or shop-bought.

Please sign up using the link below:

<https://signup.com/go/QWkLvyf>

**EYFS (F1 & F2) - 3:30pm to 4:45pm**  
**£5.50 (ticket price includes a soft drink, snack and treat)**

<https://friends-of-dawpool-school.sumupstore.com/product/spring-disco-eyfs-f1-and-f2-friday-20th-march>

Buy tickets online using the links below. Please include your child's name and year group either in the name field or notes section:

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**KS1 (Y1 & Y2) - 3:30pm to 4:45pm - £4.00**

<https://friends-of-dawpool-school.sumupstore.com/product/spring-disco-ks1-friday-20th-march>

**KS2 (Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6) - 5:00pm to 6:15pm - £4.00**

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**COFFEE AFTERNOON 2-4pm 7 March**

In aid of two charities  
Celandine Wood Animal Rescue and Leprosy Mission  
Children's crafts and activities, Bring & Buy, Cake sale and refreshments

**Coffee Afternoon**

**2 - 4 pm Sat 7 March**



**Family fun and goodies**

**Cakes and Bring & Buy**

**All proceeds to these charities**



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**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 8th Mar 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's  
10.30am All Age service at St Chad's

Sunday 15th Mar 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's  
**Mothering Sunday** 10.30am Morning Worship at St Bartholomew's

Sunday 22nd Mar 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's  
10.30am Holy Communion with Junior church at St Chad'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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