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As we rapidly approach the excitement and busyness of December, we have had a week to remember due to class visits and visitors.

The week began with a visit to Chester for Year 4 as part of their Roman topic in history. A fully immersive experience was had by all as the children marched through the streets of Chester, proudly chanting whilst in role as Roman soldiers. Their time spent in the museum and amphitheatre brought their learning to life and when the children returned to school they couldn't wait to share their learning and highlights with me.



"Today has been the best day of Year 4!" Bobby

"We got to smell Roman smells. They were disgusting." Freddie

"We went in the museum and learned about the best formations for soldiers." Sadie

Year 3 arrived at school on Monday looking fantastic and fully prepared for their Stone Age Day. Thank you for taking the time to find and make such wonderful costumes. Your support is greatly appreciated.

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"It was fun because we could dress up and because we got to do mini shows." Marnie Y3

"We got to look at weapons and it was an amazing day." Rhys Y3

"I enjoyed it when we got to do acting because it was really fun." Nina

I would like to warmly welcome a new member of staff to the Dawpool family. Miss Brady has been appointed as a Teaching Assistant and has enjoyed getting to know the children this week. Miss Brady will be running an after-school club on a Tuesday which will enhance our extra-curricular offer. Just need to confirm what club she will do

I can also finally announce that we have successfully appointed a Year 6 teacher as Mrs Lee will sadly be leaving us at the end of term. Mrs Alice Croft is an experienced teacher who will be officially joining us in January. She has been in school today and will be visiting us during December to ensure a smooth transition for our Year 6 children. She will also be joining us for our whole school theatre visit on December 10th. She is very much looking forward to being part of the Dawpool family and getting to know our wonderful children and families.

This weekend begins with the Irby Lights Switch On. Our talented choir, led by Mrs Clark, will be singing at the Shippons at 4.30pm so I hope to see lots of

you there - please do come along to support this festive community event.

Warm regards,

Mrs Helen Griffiths

**NEXT WEEK**

**Monday 1st December**

**Tuesday 2nd December**

**Wednesday 3rd December**

9.30am and 2.30pm Y1 Nativity

No Forest School

3.30-4.30 pm Chess Club

**Thursday 4th December**

**Friday 5th December**

FoDS Christmas Bazaar

Lunchtime Violin Club

**Forthcoming Events at a Glance**

**Friday 28th**

From 4.30pm: Santa

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<b>November</b>	Comes to Irby
<b>Wednesday 3rd December</b>	9.30am: Nativity for Y1 parents 2.30pm: Nativity for Y1 parents
<b>Thursday 4th December</b>	Christmas Dinner
<b>Friday 5th December</b>	FoDS Christmas Bazaar
<b>Tuesday 9th December</b>	9.30am: Y2 Christmas Nativity 2.30pm: Y2 Christmas Nativity
<b>Wednesday 10th December</b>	F2-Y6 Beauty & the Beast at The Storyhouse
<b>Thursday 11th December</b>	2.15pm: Y3,4 & 5 Carol Service at St Chad's
<b>Friday 12th December</b>	FoDs Santa Dash
<b>Monday 15th December</b>	6pm: Christingle Service for Y6 at St Bart's
<b>Tuesday 16th December</b>	FoDS Elfridges Sale
<b>Wednesday 17th December</b>	2-3pm: F1 Christmas Event for Families

<b>Thursday 18th December</b>	2-3pm F2 Christmas Event for Families
<b>Friday 19th December</b>	Class Christmas Parties (Non-Uniform Day) Santa visits all classes with a gift.  <b>End of Term.</b>

## Christmas Post

The school's Christmas post box will be available in school from **Monday 1st December** for pupils to post Christmas cards to their friends. Alternatively, pupils may prefer to write one card for the whole class which will be displayed in the classroom.



On **Thursday 11th December** at 2:15pm, all pupils in Years 3, 4 and 5 will lead a traditional Carol Service for their families at St Chad's Church. The pupils will have the option of going home after the service or returning to school.

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#### Year 6 Christingle Service

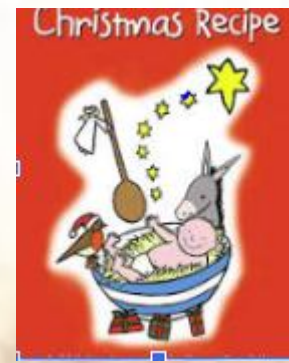
On **Monday 15th December** at 6:00pm, all Year 6 pupils will lead a Christingle Service for their families at St Bartholomew's Church.



On **Wednesday 3rd December** at 9.30am and 2.30pm Year 1 will be performing Bethlehem Bake off.

It's the night before Christmas and Bethlehem is holding its annual baking competition. This year, though, there are a few surprise contestants: some shepherds from the local fields, a choir of angels from the heavens, and some wise-looking chaps who arrived on camels. Year 1 look forward to presenting - The Bethlehem Bake Off!

#### A Christmas Recipe



Y2 are performing 'A Christmas Recipe' on **Thursday 9th December** at 9.30am and 2.30pm. This is a delightful Christmas story about all the things that go into making Christmas perfect with Jesus being the vital ingredient.

#### F1 Christmas Event for Families

On **Wednesday 17th December** the children from F1 would like to invite their families to an afternoon of 'Magical Christmas Crafts' for children and their grown-ups.

The afternoon starts at 2pm and should finish around 3pm.

We can't promise you won't go home covered in glitter!

#### F2 Christmas Event for Families

On **Thursday 18th December**, from 2-3pm, Foundation 2 will be holding a special Christmas concert for parents, where the children will share songs and talk about the wonderful things that

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happen at Christmas time, including the true meaning of Christmas.

After the performance, our children will serve afternoon tea to their families. We look forward to celebrating this special occasion together.



Year 5 had a wonderful time in Forest School this week, so much so they've requested to have it every week! They made shelters then tested if they were waterproof.

"I liked making a mini cafe because it was really fun and I got to do it with friends." Kay

"The activities were really fun but den building was my favourite because I got to build it myself." Ben P

"It was fun because I got to make a waterproof shelter." Harper

Year 3 also visited Forest School this week. They had lots of fun, exploring and wandering among the trees.

"We built a swing and it was really fun." Ned

"We climbed high trees." Ariel

"Beatrice played the drums with sticks and pots!" Hettie

"Forest School is lots of fun." Isaac

Next week there will be no Forest School on Wednesday.



Monday-Lunchtime Chess club

Wednesday - KS2 Chess club

Thursday-KS2 Choir Club.

Friday-Violin Club Y3-6



## FoDS News

### **Wreath workshop**

Thank you to everyone who attended our Christmas Wreath workshop. It was a wonderful evening and a great way to begin the festive period whilst also raising funds for the school!

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**Volunteers**

Don't forget to sign up using the link below to help where you can in the run up to Christmas:  
<https://signup.com/go/zthnnZb>  
We couldn't function without our volunteers, so a massive thank you in advance for your help.



The wait is nearly over. Our Christmas Bazaar is just 1 week away, and we are looking forward to inviting all the children to join us for some festive fun next Friday during the school day.

At the Christmas Bazaar, there will be lots of things

for the children to do and buy, including:

**Christmas Stall** (items ranging from 50p to £2)  
**Christmas Craft** (items ranging from 50p to £2)  
**Pocket Money Toys** (items ranging from 50p to £2)  
**Cakes** (50p each)  
**Junior FoDS Stall** (50p a go)  
**All Games** (50p each)  
**Teddy tombola** (50p a go)  
**67 Game** (50p a go)  
**Rainbow Raffle tickets** (£2.50 a strip)

On the day, please send children in with **a named** purse/wallet for their cash or tokens and a carrier bag for all their goodies!

Parents and families will be invited into the School Hall from 3pm to visit the Bazaar – we look forward to seeing you there.

**Tokens**

To order your Christmas Tokens for the children to use at the Bazaar, please use the link below:

<https://friends-of-dawpool-school.sumupstore.com/product/christmas-bazaar-tokens-10-or-20>

Cash can still be used on the day.

As always, thank you for your continued support!



**Friday 12th December-**  
**Santa Dash**

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During the school afternoon, all the children are invited to grab their Santa or festive hat and take part in Dawpool's first ever Santa Dash! The cost of this event is £4 and can be paid for using the link below

Whilst F1 and F2's run will take place in the school grounds, we are excited to be taking years 1-6 out into the woods where they can run through the trees, solving clues to win a prize.

Parents and carers are invited to join in the festive fun between 3.15pm and 3.45pm on the playground with music from the DJ, school choir performance and refreshments for families (included). All children will receive a medal and chocolate prize.

<https://friends-of-dawpool-school.sumupstore.com/product/santa-dash>

Or use this QR code



## 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 30th Nov	9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's 10.30am 10.30 am Communion at St Bartholomew's
Sunday 7th Dec	9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's 10.30am 10.30 am Communion at St Bartholomew's
Sunday 14th Dec	9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's 10.30am 10.30 am Communion with Junior church at St Chad's

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