

Dawpool CE (Aided) Primary School

School Information 2023-24



Vision Statement

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Welcome



A warm welcome to the 2023-24 academic year.

Some helpful links

Our school website: <https://www.dawpool.wirral.sch.uk/website>

Our school Twitter feed: <https://twitter.com/DawpoolCofE>

Our school email: schooloffice@dawpool.wirral.sch.uk



Staff



Our staff team are here to ensure that your child is well looked after during the school day. Please click [here](#) for a full list of staff.



Contact us



View our **Home-School Communication Procedures** [here](#).

Initially, please contact the school office who will hopefully be able to respond to your enquiry straight away. The school office can help with all general enquiries: admin, events, attendance, school dinners, clubs, payments, wrap-around care, etc. Alternatively, the school office may direct your enquiry to another member of staff, for example:

- ***Class teachers:*** For enquiries relating specifically to children (learning, progress, behaviour, wellbeing, equipment, timetables etc.)
- ***SENCo:*** For enquiries relating to Special Educational Needs (SEN) and Inclusion.
- ***Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL):*** For enquiries relating to pupil welfare and safeguarding.
- ***Deputy / Head Teacher:*** For enquiries that have not been previously resolved by speaking with other staff members.

Staff Availability

For enquires that require a parent or carer to speak with a member of staff, the school office will arrange this for you. Staff will always try to speak with parents and carers as soon as their work schedule allows, but this may be difficult to organise quickly due to teaching and other commitments. The office staff will keep you informed of timescales regarding meetings and appointments. Staff are also available at the school gate at the start and end of each day.



Arrivals & Departures



Our school will give a warm and friendly welcome to each child on arrival and ensure that they depart safely at the end of each day. A copy of our full **Arrivals and Departures procedure** can be viewed [here](#).

Arrivals

The opening times for arriving at school are **8.45am – 8.55am** each day for all pupils. Pupils arriving in their classroom after 8:55am will receive a late mark.

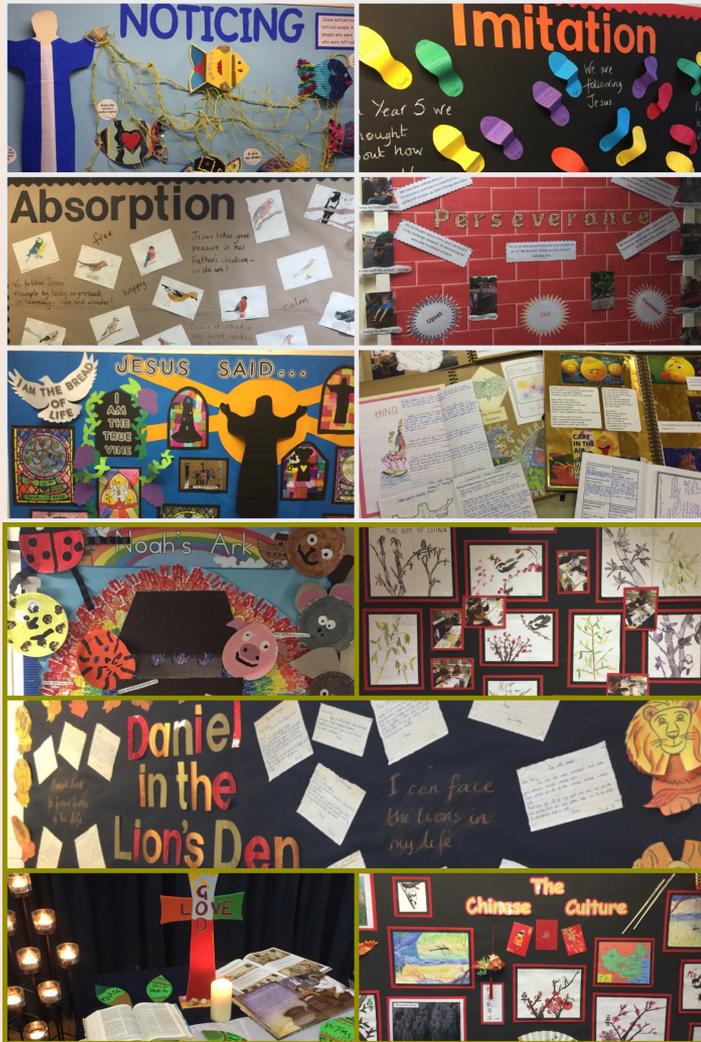
If your child is absent from school, please inform the school office by **9:00am** using the pupil absence line: 0151 648 3412 (option 1). On your child's return to school, you must provide a written explanation for the absence.

Departures

F1 and F2 classes finish school at 3:25pm. All other classes finish at 3:30pm. All classes are escorted outside by a member of staff who will be on duty in the playground until 3.40pm. No pupil will be permitted to leave school without a parent or carer, unless the pupil is in Years 5 and 6 and school has received signed parental consent. **In the interests of safety, we ask that children do not play on the trim trail at home time.**



Structure of the Day



A school day will typically follow this routine:

07:45 – 08:45: Breakfast Club (if booked)

08:45: Children enter school

08:55: School doors close

09:00: Registration closes

09:00: *Lesson 1*

10:10: Worship

10:30: Playtime

10:50: *Lesson 2*

11:45: F1 Lunchtime starts

12:00: F2 Lunchtime starts

12:15: Y1-Y6 Lunchtime starts

13:15: *Lesson 3*

14:15: Playtime

14:30: *Lesson 4*

15:25: End of school day for F1 & F2

15:30: End of school day for Y1-Y6

15:30 – 17:45: After School Club (if booked)



Uniform



The school's uniform policy and order forms can be viewed [here](#).

All year uniform options:

- White shirt, either long or short sleeved, worn with a school tie
- Grey or navy trousers
- Navy skirt
- Navy pinafore
- Navy jumper, with or without the school logo
- Navy cardigan, with or without the school logo
- Black shoes (not trainers)

Summer term uniform options:

Uniform should be worn as above, but the following options may be worn instead:

- White polo shirt, with or without the school logo.
- Grey or navy shorts
- Navy skirt
- Navy/blue check dress



Bags and Belongings



The children may bring to school a navy-blue book bag and a small lunchbox, if required. We ask that the children do not bring larger bags or rucksacks as it is difficult to store these.

The children do not need to bring a pencil case and items of stationery as these will be provided by the school.



PE Kits and PE Days



The children will have PE lessons on the following days:

- **Foundation 2: Friday**
- **Year 1: Friday**
- **Year 2: Monday**
- **Year 3: Thursday**
- **Year 4: Wednesday**
- **Year 5: Tuesday**
- **Year 6: Thursday**

Children may come to school on their PE day wearing their PE kit:

- Navy shorts or skorts
- White t-shirt (with or without school logo)
- Plain navy tracksuit (in colder weather)
- Trainers

Children should not wear 'own clothes' or football kits on their PE day. It is important that all pupils adhere to the items of PE uniform listed above.



Forest School



Our unique woodland setting enables us to provide a beautiful and extensive outdoor area including a Forest School within the school site.

An overview of our Forest School can be found [here](#).

We aim to enable all year groups to access the Forest school throughout the year. Forest School activities are designed to complement the National Curriculum and take place in all weathers and are flexible in order to make the most of the learning potential that nature offers at any one time.

If the children are using the forest school area, they will wear school uniform. Parents will be informed when forest school activities are taking place as the children will need to bring a pair of wellies or sturdy shoes and a waterproof coat.





The Person, Love & Work of Jesus



Person of Jesus (Our Christian Values)

Galatians 5:22-23

'The Fruit of the Spirit is Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Generosity, Faithfulness, Gentleness and Self-Control.'



Love of Jesus (Our HeartSmart Actions)

Matthew 22: 36:40

'Love the Lord God with all your heart with all your soul and with all your mind. Love your neighbour as yourself.'



Work of Jesus (Our Learning Values)

Jeremiah 29:11

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord. "Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."



At Dawpool, we aim to embody the **person** of Jesus Christ by growing the **Fruit of the Spirit**.

At Dawpool, we aim to we embody the **love** of Jesus Christ by teaching pupils to be **HeartSmart**.

At Dawpool we aim to embody the **work** of Jesus Christ by teaching pupils core **learning values**.



School Values



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A strong focus on all of our **Christian Values**, with specific emphasis on:

- Loving God, loving and accepting ourselves and loving and responding well to others
- A joy of learning
- A peaceful classroom environment
- Kindness and generosity towards others
- Gentle interactions
- Patience and understanding
- Excellent behaviour and positive attitudes

A strong focus on all of our **Heart Smart actions**, with specific emphasis on:

- Positive relationships
- High levels of praise
- Love and care for others
- Learning from mistakes
- Fostering a growth mindset & perseverance
- Equal opportunity for all pupils
- Nurturing positive self-esteem

A strong focus on all of our **Learning Values**, with specific emphasis on:

Making Links

- Presenting new material using small steps
- Providing models
- Providing scaffolds for difficult tasks

Questioning

- Asking questions
- Checking for understanding

Revising

- Daily, weekly and monthly reviews

Interdependence

- Guiding pupil practice
- Obtaining a high success rate
- Supporting independent practice

Rewards and Certificates

Positive reinforcement, rewards and certificates are an important part of our behaviour policy.

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FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT AWARD

The following certificates are presented to pupils from each class during Celebration Worship on a Friday.

- Learning Values Award
- Fruit of the Spirit Award
- Dawpool Special Mention
- Dawpool Ambassador

Dawpool C.E. (Aided) Primary School
FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT AWARD
 Presented to _____
 For _____
 Signed _____

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Learning Values Award
 Awarded to _____
 for _____
 Signed _____
 Date _____

Imagining Questioning Making Links Reasoning Empathy & Listening
 Capitalising Absorption Managing Distractions Noticing
 Perseverance Planning Revising Drilling
 Meta Learning Interdependence Imitation Collaboration

The Abundant Life that Jesus offers
 Dawpool Church of England (Aided) Primary School
 A Curriculum for Christ-Likeness
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AMBASSADOR

Dawpool Special Mention
 Presented to _____
 For _____

Pupils who bring in certificates and awards from home will have the opportunity to share them in the classroom. Staff acknowledge receipt of these achievements by writing a Dawpool **Special Mention** which is presented in Celebration Worship on a Friday.

Pupils in Y2-Y6 collect merits for good work which are rewarded with Bronze, Silver and Gold Achievement Certificates. Following the Gold Award, pupils can work towards the Head Teacher's Award.



Curriculum Overview



We provide a subject-specific curriculum in which we have mapped out the knowledge and skills that we want children to learn at each stage. The **subject-specific curriculum documents** also comprise an overview of Early Years and can be viewed within the curriculum section of our website by clicking [here](#).

Click on your child's year group below to view the **Wisdom, Knowledge & Skills** documents:

[Year 1](#)

[Year 2](#)

[Year 3](#)

[Year 4](#)

[Year 5](#)

[Year 6](#)

The Subject Specific Curriculum

Reading	Writing	Spelling & Grammar	Speaking	Maths	Science	History	Geography
Religious Education	Art	Design & Technology	Computing & E-safety	Music	Physical Education	Modern Foreign Languages	Early Years Curriculum

Where possible, subjects are delivered through topics which are designed for maximum engagement and ensure all pupils benefit from a rich, broad, balanced curriculum presented in an interesting, exciting and imaginative manner with lots of opportunities for first-hand experience, practical work, investigation and learning through play. The curriculum is enriched with visits, visitors, and extensive use of our unique environment.



Curriculum Topics



List Curriculum Topics Here



Class Pages



Each class has a webpage which provides parents and carers with an overview of the children's learning on a week-to-week basis. Please click on your child's Year Group to view the class page: [F1](#), [F2](#), [Y1](#), [Y2](#), [Y3](#), [Y4](#), [Y5](#), [Y6](#)

Your child's class webpage includes:

- Links to important curriculum resources and online platforms
- Recommended reading list
- Statutory phonic / spelling lists
- A timetable of lessons and objectives each week
- Homework expectations



Homework



Homework will be set for your child each week.

Your child's **class page** (see previous page) provides an overview of the weekly homework expectations, including:

- Routines for changing reading books
- English homework task
- Maths homework task
- Wider curriculum activities

Homework may encourage use of the online platforms that are available, e.g.

- Purple Mash
- BBC Bitesize
- Oak Academy
- Tapestry (EYFS)

Please speak to your child's class teacher if you have any questions about homework or need a reminder of login details for online platforms.



Dawpool News



The '**Dawpool News**' is our weekly newsletter which is published **every Friday**. It is our **main form of communication** and contains an overview of forthcoming events and activities, current school initiatives, curriculum work, school visits, extra-curricular activities, fundraising events, church news, community information, pupil celebrations and weekly reflections.

The Dawpool News is emailed to all parents by the end of a school day on a Friday. Please make sure any changes to email addresses are reported to the school office straight away. The Dawpool News is always uploaded to the school website and all copies can be found [here](#).

Silver Smarties
Hopefully the children have started helping to earn their 20p's for our Silver Smarties fundraiser and will continue to do so over half term! The tubes are due back in on Monday 2nd March. Thank you for your support.

PARENTS EVENING
Our Spring Term Parents' Evenings will take place on **Tuesday 10th March and Wednesday 11th March**. We will write to you after the half term holiday with further information.
Please note that the **Year 4 Parents Evening** will take place at a later date after Mr Greenop's return to school. We will advise you of the date in due course.

Year 6 Leavers
Next week we say goodbye to our wonderful Year 6 pupils as they move onto their secondary schools. We hope to be able to make their final days at Dawpool as special as we can under the circumstances, culminating in a special graduation/presentation service and a special party on Friday 16th July. Photographs and video clips of our leavers' activities will be made available on the school website and Twitter feed. We have written to Year 6 parents with the arrangements.

Wild World Heroes
Wirral Libraries are, once again, taking part in the Reading Agency's Summer Reading Challenge.
Children can take part in the Challenge online at www.readingchallenge.org.uk, or for children who are using stickers, wallets that they can complete by adding stickers awarded for the books they read, and medals for children who complete the challenge by reading six or more books.
We do hope you will be able to participate either online or at your local library.

DISCO
The school disco will take place on **Friday 6th March**
5:15-6:30pm: KS1 Disco
7:00-8:15pm: KS2 Disco
A separate letter with full details has been sent home.

Family Service
All Dawpool children and are invited to attend the Family Service at St Chad's Church **Sunday 1st March**. The opportunity for all Dawpool pupils to come to church to support the school community.

Next Week
Monday 9th March
Tennis Club
10pm Parents' Evening
Tuesday 10th March
Pro-Skill Football Club
10 Chess Club
10pm Parents' Evening
Wednesday 11th March
3:30pm Y3/4 Netball Club
Thursday 12th March
1:30pm Y5/6 Netball Club

Summer Reading Challenge 2021
Easter Eggstravaganza
A reminder it's our Disco tonight. Tickets have been sent home but if you cannot find yours please just turn up and we can check our records here. Please note that pupils must not bring mobile phones.

Church News
This Week at St Bartholomew's and St Chad's
Sunday 6th December
10:00am - 11:00am: 1st Communion Service at St Bartholomew's
8:00am - 9:00am: 1st Communion Service at St Chad's
9:30am - 10:30am: Christmas Service at St Chad's
10:00am - 11:00am: Christmas Service at St Chad's
Please visit <https://www.thurston.org.uk/> for information about this week's services.
Twitter: [@StBarthsChads](https://twitter.com/StBarthsChads)
Facebook: [stbartholomews](https://www.facebook.com/stbartholomews)
Email for Revd Jane: rector@thurston.org.uk

Christmas Eve Cris Service by Zoom
4:00pm Thursday 24th December
Details from rector@thurston.org.uk
Why not be one of the Cris winners? Here we make ideas!

Fruit of the Spirit and 'Learning Values' Awards Plus our 'Lunchtime Award'
The list of pupils who have received the weekly awards and certificates is available to view online. Please visit our **Values Award Winners** page on our website for a list of the latest recipients. Please note that this page may not be updated until the end of the school day.
David Burrows
Head Teacher



Worship



There is an Act of Worship every morning. Worship is a time where we come together to reflect on the school's vision and values and to learn about the **Person, Love & Work of Jesus** which is central to the school's vision and curriculum. The daily Act of Worship promotes the school values which permeate the ethos of the school. Worship covers such areas as:

- Christian Values: Person, Love & Work of Jesus
- British Values
- Relationships & Health Education
- Equality & Diversity
- Celebration: Rewards & Certificates





Behaviour & Anti-Bullying



At Dawpool, we believe that all people are made in the image of God and are unconditionally loved by God. Everyone is equal and we treat each other with dignity and respect. Our school is a place where everyone should be able to flourish in a loving and hospitable community. Poor behaviour and bullying of any kind will not be tolerated and will be taken seriously.

Dawpool's **Behaviour Policy** can be viewed [here](#).

Dawpool's **Anti-Bullying Policy** can be viewed [here](#).

The school's **Anti-Bullying Guide for Parents** can be viewed [here](#).

The school's **Anti-Bullying Guide for Children** can be viewed [here](#).

If parents and carers have a concern about behaviour or bullying, please share your concern with the class teacher so we can resolve the situation quickly.



Term Dates and Holiday Requests



To support excellent attendance of pupils, all of the Term Dates until **Summer 2025** can be found on the [council website](#) and on the [school calendar](#).

Please note that family holidays will not be authorised in term time. This includes leaving school early on a Friday to facilitate weekend breaks. Unauthorised holidays will be reported to the local authority and a fixed penalty notice issued.

All non-emergency appointments, including routine dental appointments, should be made out of school hours.

Parents who believe their circumstances are exceptional are asked to complete an **Application for Leave of Absence form** which can be downloaded [here](#). This form should be returned to the school well in advance of the proposed leave to be approved.

The remaining INSET Days for **2023-24** are as follows:

- **Thursday 2nd May 2024**
- **Monday 22nd July 2024**
- **Tuesday 23rd July 2024**



Administration of Medicines



If a child requires medication during the course of the school day, the parent/carer will be asked to complete a **Request for School to Administer Medication Form** which can be downloaded [here](#). The medication must be prescribed by a medical professional and have the name of the child clearly marked on it. The medication will be administered by Mrs Kenney or Mrs Parr and will be stored in either a secure cupboard, in the fridge in the Food Technology Room or, in the case of controlled drugs, in the locked safe in the school office.

In the case of Asthma, inhalers are kept in the classrooms by the teacher and are administered by that teacher. Two emergency inhalers are kept in the Head Teacher's office.





Special Educational Needs & Pastoral Support



The [Pastoral Support](#) pages of the school website provide parents and carers with a range of information and resources to support all children in accessing their education whatever their individual circumstances and needs. We provide resources to support conditions relating to mental health and well-being, character and values, learning differences like dyslexia and resources to support looked-after children.

If your child is struggling or experiencing difficulties, talk to your child's class teacher about your concerns. They will be able to make some adjustments through Adaptive Teaching approaches and provide additional support and resources.

If you continue to have concerns, you can arrange a meeting with Mrs Barrick, the school's **SENCo & Inclusion Manager**. Please book an appointment with the school office. The school's [SEND Policy](#) and [SEND Information Report](#) provide comprehensive information for parents about Dawpool's support for pupils with Special Educational Needs.

Mrs Whibley is the school's **Emotional Literacy Support Assistant (ELSA)** and can provide your child with a bespoke programme of emotional support if required. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you think this support would be beneficial. More information about the ELSA can be found [here](#).



The Family Toolbox



[Familytoolbox.co.uk](https://familytoolbox.co.uk) is a free online hub to help Wirral families be the strongest they can be. It's been designed by Wirral parents and carers to make your life easier. It's full of videos, tips and ideas – things you can fill your toolbox with and make use of when you need to – so that you can be the best parent for your children.

- Find loads of tried and tested tips on parenting, looking after yourself and life as a family.
- Introduce yourself to people and places who can give you a bit of support.
- Find out what's on in Wirral for you and your family.
- Take space to reflect on what's going on at home and what you'd like to change.
- Save your family's favourite ideas, resources and places to your own Toolbox.

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Safeguarding



We know there can be no greater importance to parents and carers than the safety of their children. It is a priority that our safeguarding procedures keep our children safe.

We have a team of staff responsible for keeping children safe and supporting those most vulnerable to harm and neglect. Our Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL) are Mr Burrows (Head Teacher), Mrs McCann (Deputy Head Teacher) and Mrs Kenney (School Business Manager). Our safeguarding team pays particular attention to the meticulous and systematic implementation of policies and routines.

Safeguarding involves every member of the community. If you are concerned about a child's welfare, please record your concern and report it to one of the safeguarding team as soon as possible.

The school's safeguarding policies and procedures can be downloaded [here](#).



School Meals & Wrap Around Care



Information about our school meals and lunchtime menus can be found [here](#).

If you would like your child to have a meal provided by the school, please contact the school office.

The school operates a Breakfast Club for all pupils (F1 - Year 6) which runs from 7:45 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. every morning.

From 3:30 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. the school runs an After-School Club. Again, please contact the the school office if you would like to enrol your child in our Breakfast or After-School club.

Mrs Vickers manages our Wrap-Around Provision and can be contacted via the school office.

Further information about Wrap Around Care can be found [here](#).

