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## DAWPOOL NEWS ISSUE 34 5th December 2025

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I usually reflect on the past week in the Dawpool News but I couldn't begin without mentioning our wonderful choir who sang beautifully at the Irby Lights Switch On last Friday. The children sang with such enthusiasm and certainly entertained the large crowd. The organisers commented on how the children had brought the community together and that the festive spirit and crowds gathered much earlier than in previous years. It felt very special for Dawpool to play a part in such a wonderful community event so thank you to the many families who joined us to show their support (and sing along) and to Mrs Clark for producing our fantastic choir.

Year 1 have certainly set the bar high being the first class to perform their Nativity. Whilst the 'Bethlehem Bake Off' may have taken many creative "whisks", the children performed with such courage, confidence and joy to entertain their families. They reminded us of the reason we celebrate Christmas and gave us the chance to pause, reflect and enjoy during this busy time of year. Thank you to parents and families who provided their support by providing costumes, helping children to learn their lines and to calm nerves. I must also thank the Year 1 team and other staff who gave our children the chance to shine and make this possible.

"What a fantastic effort from all of the children. Their singing was magical, their confidence was fabulous and their joy was heard throughout the whole school." Mrs Ham

On Thursday, Mrs Whitwham-Kohler, Mrs Rathbone and Ms Lo treated us to a very special Christmas dinner. The children enjoyed being together, eating their delicious lunches whilst singing along to Christmas songs. A huge thank you to all our kitchen and lunchtime staff for preparing, serving and assisting our festive feast.

"It was delicious!" Bea Year 3

"The turkey was really nice." Ned Year 3

"It was very nice." Freddie Year 6

"It was fun having Christmas dinner with my friends."
Nikhil Year 4

I would like to warmly welcome another new member of staff to the Dawpool family. Mrs Carlson has been appointed as a Teaching Assistant and has enjoyed getting to know the children this week.

I would also like to thank Church Farm for generously donating and delivering our Christmas tree. I think it is fair to say, Christmas has certainly arrived at Dawpool and we are really looking forward to the next couple of weeks.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.
Warm regards,

Mrs Helen Griffiths





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## **NEXT WEEK**

#### **Monday 8th December**

#### **Tuesday 9th December**

9.30am and 2.30pm Y2 perform 'A Christmas Recipe'

#### Wednesday 10th December

F2 to Year 6 Storyhouse theatre visit

3.30-4.30 pm Chess Club

#### **Thursday 11th December**

2.15pm Y3,4 & 5 Carol Service at St Chad's

Choir has now finished for this term.

#### Friday 12th December

Lunchtime Violin Club

Santa Dash

#### Forthcoming Events at a Glance

Tuesday 9th December

9.30am: Y2 Christmas

Nativity

2.30pm: Y2 Christmas

	Nativity
Wednesday 10th December	F2-Y6 Beauty & the Beast at The Storyhouse
Thursday 11th December	2.15pm: Y3,4 & 5 Carol Service at St Chad's
Friday 12th December	FoDS Santa Dash
Monday 15th December	6pm: Christingle Service for Y6 at St Bart's
Tuesday 16th December	FoDS Elfridges Sale
Wednesday 17th December	2-3pm: F1 Christmas Event for Families
Thursday 18th December	2-3pm F2 Christmas Event for Families
Friday 19th December	Class Christmas Parties (Non-Uniform Day) Santa visits all classes with a gift.
	End of Term.





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Our theatre trip is nearly here. On Wednesday, when we visit the Storyhouse, we are aiming for the coaches to leave at 9.15am. It is really important that we are able to leave promptly so please ensure that your child arrives at school no later than 8.55am. Gates will open at 8.35am on Wednesday to allow us a bit of extra time before leaving. All children should wear school uniform and bring a snack and their water bottle for the interval. We will be having a late lunch so please ensure your child has a suitable snack. We have been advised by the theatre that due to a visitor with an airborne nut allergy, there must be no nuts or products containing traces of nuts.



On **Thursday 11th December** at 2:15pm, all pupils in Years 3, 4 and 5 will lead a traditional Carol

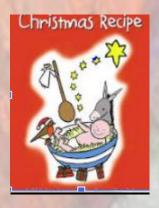
Service for their families at St Chad's Church. The pupils will have the option of going home after the service or returning to school. Please ensure the form indicating your option is returned on Monday if you haven;t already done so. Thank you for your support.



#### 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.

#### **A Christmas Recipe**



Y2 are performing 'A Christmas Recipe' on Tuesday 9th December at 9.30am and 2.30pm. This is a





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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 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.



Christmas Party Day for all classes will take place on Friday 19th December. Children may come to school

in their own party clothes and will enjoy party games and activities. Party food will be served during the day and Father Christmas will be visiting school with a gift for every child. A letter with full details and the payment request has been sent home today.

#### Are you getting rid of any LEGO?

We have a developing and enthusiastic LEGO lunchtime club but are in need of some more LEGO!

If you are making space before Father Christmas arrives and are ready to pass on your LEGO, we would love to take it off your hands. Full LEGO sets and random collections welcome!

Many thanks,

Mrs Barrick (SENDCo) and Tom Brown (Y5)







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Next week there will be no Forest School on Wednesday. Due to our theatre visit.



Monday-Lunchtime Chess club

Wednesday - KS2 Chess club

Thursday-KS2 Choir Club is now finished for this term but will recommence on **15th January**.



**FoDS News** 



#### **Christmas Bazaar**

Thank you to everyone who helped make our Christmas Bazaar such a special day today! It was wonderful to see all the children having such a fantastic time. An extra BIG thank you to all our amazing volunteers for their help both today and in the lead up to the Bazaar. Thank you to all staff and Year 6 children for their help throughout the day too. We really couldn't do it without you!



#### Santa Dash- Friday 12th December

We are really looking forward to hosting Dawpool's very first Santa Dash in the school afternoon session on Friday 12th December! This has been organised collaboratively between FoDS and Mrs Ham (PE Lead for school) with the intention of it being a whole-





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school event. More details of the event, including the planned route, was shared in an email on Friday 28th November.

The children should all attend school in their PE kit on the day of the Santa Dash. Christmas jumpers may also be worn and a Santa or festive hat is essential! If the weather is particularly wet and muddy, you may send your child in with a spare pair of shoes if necessary. A light waterproof would also be encouraged.

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.

We would like to invite parents and carers to join us in the playground between 3.15pm and 3.45pm, where the DJ will be playing some more festive tunes and refreshments will be served. We are so lucky to also have the school choir performing in the playground during this time.

Please sign your child(ren) up using the link below:

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

Or use this QR code



#### Elfridges -Tuesday 16th December

This year, FoDS will be hosting Elfridges at school on Tuesday 16th December. On the day, children will go to the hall during school time to select gifts for their loved ones.

One token will be allocated for each gift option purchased online. Tokens will be given to the children on the day. This event is online order only. Unfortunately, we won't be able to accept cash on the day. To preorder your tokens, please use the link below:

https://friends-of-dawpool-school.sumupstore.com/product/elfridges

We are also looking for volunteers to help run Elfridges on the 16<sup>th</sup> December. The event runs from 1:30 to 3:15pm. If you are free to help, please use the following link:

https://signup.com/go/zthnnZb

We couldn't function without our volunteers, so a massive thank you in advance!





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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 7th Dec 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's

10.30am 10.30 am Communion at St Bartholomew's

9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's Sunday 14th Dec

10.30am 10.30 am Communion with Junior church at St Chad's

Sunday 21st Dec 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bart's

10.30am Morning Worship at St Chad's WITH NATIVITY

6.00pm Carol Service 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/

