

DAWPOOL CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

... The Abundant Life that Jesus Offers

DAWPOOL NEWS ISSUE 12 17th April 2026

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we begin a new term, I would like to take a moment to thank all of our pupils and families for such a positive and enthusiastic start. It has been wonderful to see the children return to school ready to learn, reconnect with friends and embrace the opportunities ahead.

This term has already seen the introduction of some exciting new extra-curricular clubs. From the creativity and problem-solving of Spaghetti Maths to the energy and enjoyment of Zumba, it has been fantastic to see so many pupils getting involved and trying something new. Next week, sees the start of our after-school Summer Olympics club for F2-Y2 and lunchtime cricket club for Y5 and Y6. These opportunities play such an important role in enriching our wider school experience and supporting children to develop new skills and interests.

Although the holidays may now feel like a distant memory, Year 5 transported us far beyond our local area with their recent class assembly. Their journey through South America was both engaging and informative, showcasing just how much they have learned about the continent's countries, cultures and landscapes. It was a wonderful reminder of how exciting learning can be and how it opens up the wider world to our children. We are very proud of the confidence and enthusiasm they demonstrated.

Lunchtime today gave some children the opportunity to attend a walk to Thor's Rock which provided lots of opportunities for children to stop, reflect and admire the wonders around us. As a result of the children's responses during the walk, these Friday lunchtime walks will now be called 'Wonder Walks'.

"We went to Thor's rock and we all had lots of questions. We could answer some of them but some questions didn't really have an answer." Hettie Y3

"Wow! It let me be free with nature in the woods. The rock reminded us of one of our worship songs from our worship with children from St Peter's school." Lillia

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to address an ongoing concern regarding parking outside of school. Unfortunately, this continues to present a significant risk to the safety of our children and families, as well as showing a lack of consideration for our neighbours. We kindly ask all members of our community to park responsibly, allowing enough space for pedestrians to move safely and ensuring driveways and access points are kept clear. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated and makes a real difference in keeping everyone safe.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Warm regards,

Mrs Helen Griffiths

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NEXT WEEK

Monday 20th April

3.30-4.15pm Drama Club

3.30-4.30pm Summer Olympics F2-Y2

3.30-4.30pm Y4-6 Spaghetti Maths Club

Tuesday 21st April

Lunchtime Cricket Club for Y5 and Y6

3.30-4.30pm Y2/3 Zumba Club

Wednesday 22nd April

3.30-4.30pm Chess Club

Thursday 23rd April

3.30-4.15pm Choir

3.30-4.15pm Drama Club

3.30-4.15pm Y5/6 Netball Club

Friday 24th April



There will be no Forest School on Wednesday due to a RNLI workshop for Years 3-6.



Monday-Lunchtime Chess Club

Monday-Drama Club & Spaghetti Maths & Summer Olympics

Tuesday-Lunchtime Cricket Club Y5&Y6-
Zumba Club Y2&3

Wednesday - KS2 Chess Club

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

Statutory Assessments 2026

Whilst all schools are required to deliver a range of statutory assessments each year, Dawpool's priority is to ensure that they are always administered in such a way that the children are happy and at ease. In many cases, the children won't be aware that they are doing a test and will approach them as a part of their usual classroom activities.

The timetable for statutory assessments is as follows:

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Year 1 Phonics

The Year 1 Phonics Check will take place during the week commencing 8th June 2026. The check is administered on a 1:1 basis with Mrs Broadbent or Mrs Ham and the children will be unaware it is a 'test'. The children will see it as part of their normal phonics activities. Phonics scores will be shared with parents at the end of the academic year.

Year 2 SATS

End of KS1 assessments became non-statutory from the 2023/24 academic year onwards. Schools are able to access optional Key Stage 1 tests to help identify where pupils need additional support as they transition into key stage 2. These optional tests will be used in the summer term alongside teacher-assessed judgements to monitor and report on your child's progress.

Year 4 Multiplications Tables Check

The Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check will take place any time between 1st-12th June 2026. The check is administered on a 1:1 basis with Mrs Gossage. More information about the Multiplication Tables Check will be shared soon and the scores will be shared with parents at the end of the academic year.

Year 6 SATs

Year 6 SATs will take place on the following dates:

Monday 11th May
Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar - Paper 1
Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar - Paper 2

Tuesday 12th May
English Reading Paper

Wednesday 13th May
Maths Paper 1 (Arithmetic)
Maths Paper 2 (Reasoning)

Thursday 14th May
Maths Paper 3 (Reasoning)



FoDS News

FoDS Meeting – Wednesday 13th May

We hope you all had a wonderful Easter break.

Our next meeting to discuss the events for the summer term will be taking place on Wednesday 13th May, 7pm start at school.

We would love to see as many of you there as possible to offer your new ideas and support for the summer term. Look forward to seeing you there.

Pre-Loved Uniform Drop Off

Thank you to Elizabeth; a Year 1 parent who has volunteered to run a Pre-Loved Uniform Stall at this year's Summer Fair.

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Donate your pre-loved uniform and accessories on the school playground at pick up on the following dates:

Wednesday 22nd April
Friday 24th April
Wednesday 24th June
Thursday 25th June

For anyone not at pickup, please drop off your donations off at the office on the above dates.

Please ensure all donations are pre-washed.

All proceeds at the summer fair will go to FoDS.

Thank you for your support

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Thursday 25th June

Please ensure all donated clothes are pre-washed. All uniform will be for sale at the summer fair, with proceeds going to FoDS

Thank you!

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 19th April 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's
10.30am Morning Worship at St Bartholomew's

Sunday 26th April 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's
10.30am Holy Communion with Junior Church at St Chad's
6.00pm APCM at St Chads

Sunday 3rd May 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's
10.30am Holy Communion at St Bartholomew's

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

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