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### After Half Term

#### Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February

3.30-4.30pm Football Club Y3-6

#### Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February

Lunchtime Cross Country Practice

#### Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March

3.30-4.30pm Chess Club Y3-6

#### Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March

World Book Day

3.30-4.30pm Multi Skills Club F2 Y1 & Y2

3.45-4.15pm Choir rehearsal Y3-6

#### Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March

Spring Discos EYFS/KS1 5.15-6.30pm  
KS2 7-8.15pm

### Quiz Night

Our Quiz Night on Saturday was a huge success! Thank you to everyone who came along on the night and special thanks to Sarah and Will Hughes and their family for all their hard work organising and delivering it. We managed to raise an incredible £880!



### Spring Disco

We will be hosting a Spring Disco in school on **Friday 3rd March**. It is now possible to book your child(ren)'s places using the link below. Please remember to add their name(s) to the booking so we can tick them off at the door. Like last time, no paper tickets will be issued. <https://friends-of-dawpool->



## FoDS News

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[school.sumupstore.com/product/spring-disco-friday-3rd-march](https://school.sumupstore.com/product/spring-disco-friday-3rd-march)

Thank you to everyone who has already volunteered to help on the night using our new online helper system. We do need a few more helpers for the KS1 disco so please sign up if you can. Your support is very much appreciated.

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

Please note, in the interests of safeguarding, pupils should not bring mobile phones to the disco, thank you for your understanding.



### Bag2School

Our next collection is booked in for the **21<sup>st</sup> March** (correction to date advised last week). If you are doing any sorting of clothes, bags, shoes over half term please keep them to one side for this collection. Bags went home earlier this week. Thank you for your support.

### Y1 Class Assembly

It was great to welcome Year 1 families to school this week. The children shared a joyous assembly about the importance of friendship, with poems, readings and singing. It was a lot of fun.

Well done, Year 1!



We will be celebrating **World Book Day** on **Thursday 2nd March**. All pupils are welcome to dress up or accessorise their uniform. Please do not go to any expense.

We also have a special World Book Day menu for pupils on this day with BFG burgers, Wonka cupcakes and Hungry Caterpillar fruit!

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Across the week, staff will be utilising World Book Day resources to promote pupils' love of reading and all classes will receive a visit from a mystery reader! The World Book Day website has a range of resources and activities for families which includes pre-recorded stories and audiobooks.

<https://www.worldbookday.com/families/>

#### Bikeability



Year 5 pupils enjoyed their Bikeability lessons this week. A huge thank you to the wonderful instructors who led safe cycling sessions to all pupils during the week.

## PARENTS EVENINGS

#### Parents' Evenings – March 2023

The Spring Term Parents' Evenings will take place after half term as follows:

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March:**  
Y1, Y2, Y3, Y5

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> & Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March:**  
F1, F2, Y4, Y6

Please note that we are unable to offer creche facilities during the parents' evenings, so please make alternative child-care arrangements.



#### Parents' Evening Appointments Online Booking

Our new parents' evening booking system will go live on **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2023 at 6:00pm** and appointments can be booked for all parents' evenings.

Appointments can be booked through our school website and login details have been sent home this week but if for any reason you have not received yours, please contact the school office upon our return from half term.

Please note that parents' evening appointments are 10-minutes duration. In

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fairness to everybody, it is important that we keep appointments running to schedule, so please make sure you end your appointment within the allotted time.

If you are booking consecutive appointment for siblings, we suggest you leave a short period between appointments to allow time to move between appointments.

Thank you for your support in ensuring our parents' evenings run smoothly.

## INDUSTRIAL ACTION

### Teachers' Industrial Action

You will be aware that the **National Education Union (NEU)** has announced national and regional strike action in England. The next date is:

- **Tuesday 28th February 2023**

Please note that Dawpool is **open as usual on this date** for all children including wrap-around care.

There are 2 further proposed dates for industrial action on **15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> March**. Again, we expect to be open as usual on both of these dates, but will let you know at the earliest

opportunity if the situation changes.

Whilst Dawpool will remain open to all pupils, we continue to support the education sector in securing better pay, funding and conditions for our schools.

## WORSHIP

Dawpool's daily act of collective worship is viewed as an integral and important part of school life. Through this and in the general ethos of the school we seek to promote our vision:

**'The Dawpool community are united in their ambition to create a school which embodies the person, love and work of Jesus Christ: a school which enables Christian values to flourish and where all children may experience the abundant life that Jesus offers.'**

Worship is a time where we come together to share our love of God and celebrate our achievements together. The worship of the school is based on promoting the **Person, Love and Work of Jesus** which permeates the ethos of the school. Worship is when we meet to acknowledge and reflect in God's word and the teachings of Jesus.

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A full overview of Worship for 2022-23 can be found on our website [here](#).

#### 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."*

This half term the children have explored the values of **Absorption, Perseverance, Empathy, Listening, Managing Distractions and Self Control**. The children have used the teachings of Jesus to reflect on these values:

**Luke 2:41-52**

*The boy Jesus at the temple.*

**Matthew 3:13-17**

*The baptism of Jesus*

**Luke 18:1-8**

*Jesus tells the parable of the persistent widow.*

**Luke 13:10-17**

*Jesus heals a crippled woman.*

**Luke:10-38-42**

*Jesus visits Mary and Martha.*

**Luke 8: 4-15**

*Jesus tells the parable of the farmer and the seeds.*

**Matthew 4:1-11**

*Jesus is tested in the wilderness.*

#### 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.'*

This half term the children have explored the value of **creation**:

**What is creativity?**

*The Bible story of Creation (Genesis).*

**How can I be creative?**

*The story of Bezalel and the building of the tabernacle.*

**Being Creative: Using our hands and unique skills.**

*The story of Noah and the Ark*

**Being Creative: Using our hearts.**

*King David's life as a musician, composer and poet (Psalms)*

**Using our creativity for others.**

*The story of Tabitha*

**Using our creativity for good.**

*The story of Deborah*

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It has also been wonderful to share in a wide variety of class assemblies this term:



**Year 5:**  
*Companionship*

**Year 4:**  
*The Celtic Queen Boudicca*

**Year 3:**  
*A European Journey*

**Year 2:**  
*The Great Fire of London*

**Year 1:**  
*Friendship*

We are looking forward to sharing more class assemblies with families during the Spring and

Summer terms. These will take place in school on the following dates:

**Foundation 2**  
Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at 9:15am

**Foundation 1**  
Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at 9:15am

**Year 6**  
*Leavers' Service & Activities – Date(s) to be arranged*

### 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'

This half term, the children have reflected on our **HeartSmart Actions** through the Relationships and Health Education Curriculum.

HeartSmart is a scheme of work that we use to build character, emotional health and resilience in children. It equips them with foundational principles, skills, habits and a mindset that will improve their mental health, relationships and academic achievement.

HeartSmart is delivered around 6 key topics:

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- Get Heart Smart
- Don't forget to let love in
- Too much selfie isn't healthy
- Don't rub it in, rub it out
- Fake is a mistake
- No way through, isn't true

For more information about our HeartSmart Curriculum, please go to our website [here](#).

## BRITISH VALUES

In Worship each week, Dawpool pupils focus on a **big question**, based on a current news story, which relates to one of the fundamental British Values: **Democracy, Rule of Law, Individual Liberty, Mutual Respect, Tolerance of Different Faiths and Beliefs.**

This half term, pupils have focused on the following questions:

- Should all energy we use be renewable?
- Do we throw things away too easily?
- Does the natural world have rights?
- Can you learn to manage under pressure?
- How much control do social media influencers have over our choices?
- What is the most important form of

communication?

- Should men and women's sports teams be paid the same?
- Why are there teacher strikes?
- What has happened in Turkey and Syria?

For more information about our British Values Curriculum, please go to our website [here](#).

### Celebration Worship

Each Friday, we present awards to pupils who have displayed our school values in action:

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

Congratulations to all pupils who have received awards this half term.

### Dawpool Ambassador Awards



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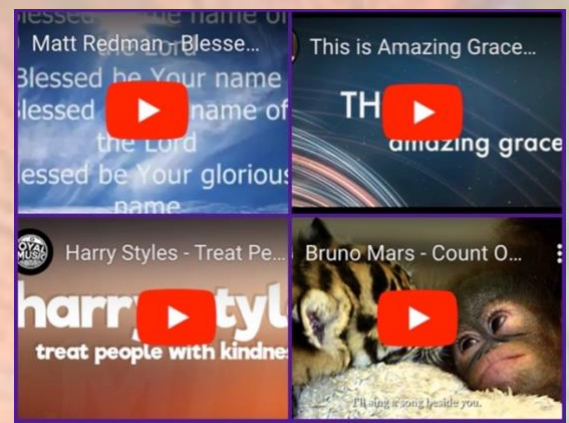


Today, we presented our **Dawpool Ambassador Badges** to **16 pupils** who have proven to be outstanding ambassadors of Dawpool's values this half term. The Dawpool Ambassadors can wear their badges every day on a permanent basis. We present Ambassador badges at the end of each half term. Congratulations to the following children:

Albie Davies  
Henry Leak  
Ned Taylor  
Evie McKay  
Noah Cree  
Isabella Thomas  
Ella Hughes  
Ben Young  
Evan Nolan  
Megan Willerton  
Edie Byrom

Finlay Law  
Mikko Cox  
Archie Booth  
Nancy Byrom  
James Dickens

### Soundtrack to Worship



Dawpool loves to sing! We sing a wide repertoire of songs in Collective Worship covering many musical styles and genres, both traditional and modern, from Harry Styles, Bruno Mars and Shakira to Matt Redman, The Rend Collective and Hillsong, not to mention all of our iSingPOP favourites! Our Soundtrack to Worship 2022-23 is now available on our school website [here](#) for families to enjoy at home.

We add different songs to our soundtrack all the time, so keep checking back for updates.

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#### School Choir



It was lovely to hear our school Choir singing a beautiful rendition of 'A Million Dreams' from the Greatest Showman during Worship this morning. It was a special moment! Thank you to Miss Brown for leading the Dawpool choir. We look forward to hearing them sing again soon.

#### Church News

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

**Website:**

<https://www.thurstaston.org.uk/>

**Email:**

[office@thurstaston.org.uk](mailto:office@thurstaston.org.uk)

**Facebook:**

<https://www.facebook.com/stchadsstbarts/>

**Twitter:**

<https://twitter.com/StBartsStChads>

#### Forthcoming Church Services

EVERY Wednesday 10.30am HC at St Chads	
Sun 19th February	9.00am BCP Communion at St Bart's 10.30am Morning Worship at St Barts
Sun 26th February	9.00am BCP Communion at St Bart's 10.30am Communion at St Chad's
Sun 5th March	9.00am BCP Communion at St Bart's 10.30am Holy Communion at St Barts

It's not too late to get involved with the Irby Heart Bomb, **11 February – 11<sup>th</sup> March**. It's lovely to see lots of Hearts already displayed in our local community.



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**Heart Bomb**

**Irby Heart Bomb**

**Hearts for everyone**  
**Put up hearts everywhere**  
**Join in the joy**  
**Everyone is Loved**

**February 11 – March 11**



The children return to school on  
**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February**

Have a lovely half term holiday.

David Burrows  
Head Teacher

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