



DAWPOOL CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

... The Abundant Life that Jesus Offers

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School 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.*

I hope you are all well and keeping warm now the temperature has dropped. We have had a wonderfully busy and exciting week in school, and I am delighted to share some of the highlights with you.

On Thursday Year 5 visited The Walker Art Gallery in Liverpool. They enjoyed a Greek storytelling workshop where they heard the stories of Diana and Endymion and Atalanta and Malega. They were exceptionally well-behaved and showed real curiosity and enthusiasm throughout the day.

"I loved learning a new Greek myth and sharing my knowledge with Jacob who was giving the talk" Luke

"There are so many beautiful pieces of art . I want to go back and see some more" Cora

Meanwhile, back in school, a group of children in Year 2 took part in a special team-building challenge at Activity for All, designed to develop cooperation, communication, and problem-solving skills.

The children worked in small groups to complete a series of activities. It was wonderful to see how confidently they encouraged one another and celebrated each group's achievements. Their teamwork was outstanding, and they showed great determination from start to finish.

As winter rolls in, this is often the time of year when illness can affect attendance. I would also like to take this opportunity to remind families of the vital role that good attendance plays in your child's learning and wellbeing. Every day in school really does make a

difference.

Children who attend regularly:

- develop stronger friendships and social confidence
- feel more secure with routines and expectations
- make faster progress in reading, writing, and maths
- are better prepared for the next stage of their education

We know how challenging it can be to get up and out of the door when the mornings are dark, cold, and sometimes a bit gloomy. Many families find this time of year particularly tough, and we completely understand.

However, arriving promptly is incredibly important:

- The start of the day sets the tone for learning
- Children take part in morning routines that support calm, settled behaviour
- Key instructions and first teaching of the day often happen straightaway
- Arriving on time boosts children's confidence and reduces anxiety

Even being a few minutes late can mean a child starts the day feeling rushed or unsure of what they've missed.

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Thank you for the effort you make each morning — especially at this time of year. Your commitment really does make a difference to the children's wellbeing and learning.

If your child is ever struggling with attendance for any reason, please speak to us. We are here to help, and together we can ensure every child has the best possible chance to succeed.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We are very proud of the children and all they achieve each week. If you have any questions or would like more information about upcoming events, please do get in touch.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Warm regards,

Mrs Helen Griffiths

NEXT WEEK

Monday 24th November

Y4 Visit to Chester ,Romans Trip

Forest School for Year 5

Tuesday 25th November

Wednesday 26th November

Forest School for Year 3

3.30-4.30 pm Chess Club

Thursday 27th November

Friday 28th November

Lunchtime Violin Club



Our school kitchen will be serving Christmas dinner on Thursday 4th December for all pupils. Children may bring a festive hat for wearing during lunchtime. We ask that ALL children return the form sent home indicating whether they wish to have the Christmas dinner. There will be no other dinner options that day so children will need to bring their own packed lunch if they do not wish to opt for this. Thank you.



We have certainly seen colder weather this week!

In the event of severe snow or ice first thing in the morning, please check to see if the school is open before travelling:

- A message will be posted on the homepage of the school's website from 7:30am.

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If extreme weather develops during the school day, we will aim to remain open until the end of the normal school day. However, this may not always be possible. Parents should check to see if the school will remain open:

- A message will be posted on the homepage of the school's website.
- An email will be sent to the primary contact.



Year 4 had a fantastic afternoon in the forest making dens and warming up around the fire.

"I enjoyed making dens and using the tarpaulins to cover them. It is helping me to survive in the world." Ethan

"I love it when it is our turn for forest school. It's a lot of fun." Freya

Next week two classes will be having Forest School Year 5 will be on Monday and Year 3 will be on Wednesday.



Monday-Lunchtime Chess club
Wednesday - KS2 Chess club
Thursday-KS2 Choir Club.
Friday-Cross-country lunchtime club Y4 5 & 6.
Friday-Violin Club Y3-6



FoDS News

The FoDS constitution has now been updated and is available to look over on the school website. The changes will be voted on at the next FoDS meeting. If you have any thoughts, please come along and let us know in the New Year.

Last week members of the FoDS committee had the pleasure of meeting the new Junior FoDS team. The children shared their wonderful ideas and plans for future fundraising activities, and we're very excited to see how these develop over the coming months. Watch this space!

Preloved Christmas Clothing Sale

Thank you to everyone who supported our first 'preloved Christmas clothing sale', whether you donated items or popped by the stall on the day – despite the awful weather! In total we raised £55 which has been donated to the Irby Lights switch-on. All leftover items were kindly collected by Prenton Tenants and Residents Association, who use profits from donations to help stock their local food bank.

Wreath making

There are still spaces for our Wreath Making evening

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on Thursday 27th November. For more information on this festive fundraiser and to book a place online, please use the link below:

<https://friends-of-dawpool-school.sumupstore.com/product/christmas-wreath-workshop>

Friday 5th December –

The **Christmas Bazaar** will take place during the school day on Friday 5th December. There are still plenty of volunteer slots left to fill, and we'll also need donations of cakes, teddies, lucky dip toys, chocolate and sweets. If you can help in any way, please use the sign-up link below:

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

To buy tokens for your children to use at the Bazaar, please use the following link:

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

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 23rd Nov	9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's 10.30am 10.30 am Communion with Junior church at St Chad's
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

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

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

Email:

office@thurstaston.org.uk

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CHURCH NEWS

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