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### **NEXT WEEK**

#### **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September**

11+ Examinations

#### **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September**

4.30-5pm Year 5 Welcome meeting

5-5.30pm Year 1 Welcome Meeting

5.30-6pm Year3 Welcome Meeting

#### **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September**

4.30-5pm Year 6 Welcome meeting

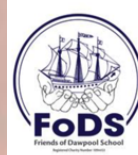
5-5.30pm Year 4 Welcome Meeting

5.30-6pm Year 2 Welcome Meeting

3.30-4.30pm Chess Club

#### **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September**

#### **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September**



### **FoDS News**

#### **FoDS AGM Meeting – Monday 23rd September**

Please come along to the FoDS AGM Meeting to share your suggestions and ideas for future events as well as having your say for how money raised at events by FoDS can be spent to benefit all children in school. You don't have to be a member of the committee to attend, and we would love to hear your thoughts.

The meeting will take place at school on **Monday 23rd September at 7:15pm.**

During the meeting we will also vote on the committee for this coming school year. We do have a vacancy as our secretaries are stepping down and we will need to fill this role. We have found that filling each role with 2 people has proven quite successful, so if you and a friend are interested in joining the committee as a pair, we'd love to have you involved

We couldn't arrange any events without the help from volunteers so any help you are able to give; big or small would be massively appreciated.

If you are unable to attend the meeting but would like to talk to FoDS about being more involved please speak to your class rep, a member of the FoDS Committee or email us on

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[friendsofdawpoolschool@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofdawpoolschool@gmail.com).

Thank you in advance for your support.



**SAVE THE DATE**

#### Autumn Disco – Friday 18th October

FoDS are holding a disco at school for children on Friday 18th October. More details will follow soon.



On **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September** we will be holding our annual harvest festival in school.

This year, we are collecting harvest items for the **Wirral Foodbank**. Please send your donations for our harvest table into school from **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September**. More information about the Wirral Foodbank can be found on their website [here](https://www.wirralfoodbank.org.uk). Thank you for supporting this important cause.

### Changes in Weather

We are committed to ensuring that your child has 30-minutes of physical activity each day. Please therefore provide your child with a coat to ensure that outdoor activities can continue during rainy weather. They should have a light raincoat with them every day, no matter how the day looks in the morning. Additionally, as the weather gets colder, please ensure your child has a school jumper/cardigan. Thank you.



#### Wellbeing Lunchtime Walk

Starting **Friday the 20<sup>th</sup> September**, 10 children from year 5 and year 2 will be chosen for a wellbeing walk at lunchtime. This is a lovely opportunity to make the most of having a school near the woods and for our children to spend time with each other in a positive way during their lunch hour. Your permission has already been given for local walks.

### CROSS COUNTRY

#### Cross Country

It's that time of year again when the option for

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children in Years 4 5 and 6 to enter some cross-country races is offered.

The dates of this season's races are:

**16/09/24** – Arrowe Park (field behind hospital)

**30/09/24** – Birkenhead Park (Upper Park)

**14/10/24** – Arrowe Park (field behind hospital)

A letter with full details has been sent home with pupils in these year groups.

#### 11+ Information

The 11+ test will take place on **Monday 16th September**. Just a reminder that your child must take the Test Day Identity Form with them to the test centre on the day.

#### School Photographs Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October

Our school photographer will be visiting school on the morning of **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October** to take individual photographs. We request that all children **wear their winter uniform** for their photograph with shirts and ties.

#### Flu Immunisation

As you may be aware, the NHS offers the free flu vaccine to all primary school pupils in years F2 to Y 6. The flu vaccine is the best protection we have against this virus and has an excellent safety record.

This vaccination will help to protect young people, their families and friends from flu at a time when

COVID-19 is also likely to be circulating.

The vaccine will be given in school on **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November**.

Please note that the flu vaccination will not be administered to your child unless the consent has been completed. Further details about how to provide consent will be shared with parents shortly.

You can find more information about the flu vaccine for primary school children at:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/child-flu-vaccine/>

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the School Age Immunisation Team on 0151 514 2510.



To support excellent attendance of pupils, all of the Term Dates until **Summer 2026** can be found on the council website [here](#).

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

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### Inset Days

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

- **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025**
- **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2025**
- **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2025**
- **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2025**

### School Admissions

#### **Applications for Foundation 2 and Year 7 school places in September 2025**

If your child is due to move up to Foundation 2 in primary school or Year 7 in secondary school in September 2025, and you are a Wirral resident, the online application process opened on **1 September 2024**.

For Year 7 in September 2025 the deadline for applying is **31 October 2024**, and for Foundation 2 the deadline is **15 January 2025**.

For more information about the application process go to: <http://www.wirral.gov.uk/schooladmissions> or phone 0151 666 4600.

Please contact schools directly for information about open events and admissions arrangements.

## CHURCH NEWS

### Message from Rev Jane

St Bartholomew's and St Chad's could win £1000

Benefact Group has an annual giving programme called 'Movement for Good'. Charities, including churches, can receive a donation through this scheme. Please take a few minutes of your time to nominate St Bartholomew's and St Chad's. The charity number needed is 1132086.

<https://benefactgroup.com/movement-for-good/>

Please share this email with as many of your friends and family as you think would also be willing to nominate the church. Details are on St Bartholomew's and St Chad's Facebook page, so you could share from there to your feed.

Many thanks for your support.

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

#### **Website:**

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

#### **Email:**

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

#### **Facebook:**

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

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**Twitter:**

<https://twitter.com/StBartsStChads>

#### 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**

Sun 15th September 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's  
10.30am Morning Worship at St Bartholomew's

Sun 22nd September 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's  
10.30am Communion with Junior Church at St Chad's

Sun 29th September 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's  
**HARVEST** 10.30am Holy Communion at St Bartholomew's



#### Sunday 29th September

9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's

10.30am Communion at St Bartholomew's

Have a lovely weekend,

David Burrows  
Head Teacher

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