



DAWPOOL C.E. (AIDED) PRIMARY SCHOOL

... Living the Fruit of the Spirit

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Welcome back to the new school year. We hope you had an enjoyable holiday. The pupils have settled into their new classes and have enjoyed being back with their friends and teachers.

A special welcome to all of the new pupils and parents who have joined us this week. Thank you to our Year 6 special friends who have helped the F2 children to settle in and feel at home.

We welcome Miss Zoe Marsden who is an associate teacher with School Direct and she will be working alongside Mr Greenop in Year 4 during the year. We also welcome Mrs Caroline Irving who has been appointed to the school kitchen to cover Miss McNulty's maternity leave..



To mark the start of the new school year, all Dawpool families are invited to attend the Education Sunday Service at St Chad's Church on **Sunday 9th September at 9:30am.**

Education Sunday is a national day of prayer and celebration for everyone involved in the world of education.

During the service we will be collecting education resources for children in poorer parts of the world. If you would like to make a donation of lined exercise books, pens, pencils etc., please bring them with you.

Some of our pupils will be helping to lead the service. It would be lovely to see lots of families there.

Thank you for supporting us with this important occasion and for making a special effort to attend.

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Next week

Monday 10th September

9:00: FoDS 'Teas and Tissues' Coffee
Morning for F1 and F2 parents

Tuesday 12th September

3:30pm-4:30pm Chess

Wednesday 13th September

3:30pm-4:30pm Y3/Y4 Netball
3:30pm-4:30pm Chess
3:30pm-4:30pm Bats and Balls Club

Thursday 14th September

3:30pm-4:30pm Dance Club

Friday 15th September

3:30pm-4:30pm Spanish Club
3:30pm-4:30pm Y5/Y6 Netball



Parents' Meetings

To start the new school year, we give you the opportunity to meet your child's new class teacher(s) and to learn a little about the year ahead. The dates and times of the meetings are:

Year 1: Tuesday 18th September at 5:00pm

Year 2: Tuesday 18th September at 5:30pm

Year 3: Wednesday 19th September at 5:00pm

Year 4: Wednesday 19th September at 5:30pm

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**Year 5: Wednesday 19th September
at 6:00pm**

**Year 6: Wednesday 19th September
at 6:30pm**

**F1 and F2: Tuesday 2nd October at
6:00pm**



We are committed to ensuring that your child has 30-minutes of physical activity each day. Please provide your child with a light-weight cagoule to ensure that outdoor activities can continue during rainy weather. Thank you.

UNIFORM

The children look so smart returning to school. Thank you!

We believe that there is a strong link between good behaviour and high standards of uniform and presentation. We encourage all pupils to take pride in their appearance and we ask that they wear the correct school uniform at all times. School shoes should be worn (not trainers). Hair accessories for girls should be discrete and match the uniform. Boys should not have designs shaved into their hair or dyed unnatural colours. I am sure you will appreciate the importance of emphasising these requirements. Thank you for helping us to enforce the high expectations we expect.



A reminder that pupils should be provided with a healthy snack for playtimes such as fresh or dried fruit. Alternatively, pupils can pay for a slice of

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toast. Pupils should not consume crisps or sugary snacks during playtimes. Pupils will be reminded regularly of this instruction.

Toast Payments

Toast payments are now due. The cost up to Christmas is £14.60 payable by cash or cheque payable to Dawpool Primary School.

Wraparound Care Payments

Payments for Breakfast and After School club sessions should be made payable to Wirral Borough Council

The invoices for this month's wraparound care sessions were sent out last term. If you have mislaid yours, please ask for a copy or the amount required as payment should be made within 10 days of the due date (5th September) as per the terms of your contract.

Arrivals and Departures



Arrivals

The school opens at **8:45am** each morning. The doors on the main playground will **close at 8:55am**. Children arriving after 8.55am must come into school via the front reception door and register with staff at the school office. Please note that pupils arriving in the classroom **after 8:55am** will receive a late mark.

Departures →

Our school policy is that no pupil in Foundation Stage, Years 1, 2, 3 and 4 should walk to or from school on their own or be left on their own on the school premises either before or after school. Pupils in these year groups must be collected at the end of the school day.

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Parents of pupils in Years 5 and 6 may decide that their child can walk home alone. Your child will be prevented from doing so if permission has not been given in writing. A separate letter has been sent home to Year 5 and 6 parents with further information.

Please contact Mr Burrows by **Friday 14th September** if you are interested.

During the AGM, everyone present will be issued with a ballot paper listing all of the people standing for each role and you will be able to submit your vote privately.

Please come along to the meeting to find out how you can help FoDS during this year. We look forward to seeing you.



FoDS News

FoDS AGM

We would like to invite you to FoDS' Annual General Meeting (AGM) which will take place at the school on **Tuesday 18th September at 7:00pm.**

We would particularly like to hear from you if you are able to stand for one of the following roles:

**Chairperson
Secretary
Treasurer**

Music Tuition

Many of our Key Stage 2 pupils will be starting music tuition next week. Miss Laird is in school on Monday afternoons to deliver brass tuition. Mr Thomas is in school on Fridays delivering flute, clarinet and saxophone lessons.

There are currently vacancies for KS2 pupils who wish to learn any of these instruments. Please contact the school office on Monday if interested as lessons start next week.

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Autumn Term Dates

The following dates can be found on the school website's calendar and will be updated regularly. The calendar also includes important dates in the Spring and Summer Terms. Please check them carefully.

SEPTEMBER

Sunday 9th September

09:30: Education Sunday Service at St Chad's Church. Everyone welcome.

Monday 10th September

09:00: 'Teas and Tissues' Coffee morning for F1 and F2 parents in the school hall

Monday 17th September

AM: 11+ Examination for Year 6 pupils

Tuesday 18th September

17:00: Year 1 Parents' Meeting
17:30: Year 2 Parents' Meeting
19:00: FoDS AGM in school

Wednesday 19th September

17:00: Year 3 Parents' Meeting
17:30: Year 4 Parents' Meeting
18:00: Year 5 Parents' Meeting
18:30: Year 6 Parents' Meeting

Wednesday 26th September

AM: Individual Photographs

OCTOBER

Tuesday 2nd October

18:00: F1 & F2 Parents Meeting

Thursday 3rd October

AM: Harvest Festival in school (in aid of the Wirral Food Bank)

Sunday 7th October

09:30: Harvest Festival at St Chad's Church

Friday 19th October

09:30: FoDS' 'Mad Hair' Day
15:30: School closes for Half Term

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Monday 29th October
08:45: School Opens

Saturday 10th November
14:00-16:00: 'Remember' Afternoon Tea
at St Bartholomew's Church



Tuesday 13th November
PM: Flu Immunisations for F2, Y1, Y2,
Y3, Y4, & Y5 Pupils

Friday 2nd November
14:45: EYFS, Y1 & Y2 Parents' Forum
Meeting



Sunday 4th November
09:30: Family Service at St Chad's
Church (Led by Year 4 pupils).

Saturday 1st December
13:00-16:00: Christmas Fair at St
Chad's Church

Wednesday 7th November
15:40: Parents' Evening

Monday 3rd December
14:00: Music Performance for Year 4
Parents

Thursday 8th November
15:40: Parents' Evening

Friday 7th December
Christmas Bazaar in School

Friday 9th November
14:45: Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6 Parents' Forum
Meeting
17:15-18:30: KS1 Disco
19:00-20:15: KS2 Disco

Tuesday 11th December
09:30: EYFS Nativity

Wednesday 12th December
09:30: EYFS Nativity

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Thursday 13th December

18:00: Christingle Service at St Bartholomew's Church for Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6 pupils and Y6 Parents

Friday 14th December

Christmas Jumper Day for 'Save the Children'
School 'Christmas Dinner'

Monday 17th December

14:00: Carol Service at St Chad's for Y3, Y4 & Y5 pupils and their families

Tuesday 18th December

14:00: Y1 & Y2 Nativity

Wednesday 19th December

09:30: Y1 & Y2 Nativity

Thursday 20th December

PM: Christmas Parties

Friday 21st December

15:30: Close for Christmas



Monday 7th January
School Opens

Class Assemblies

Parents are invited to watch their child take part in a class assembly during the year. The dates are as follows:

Foundation 1

Wednesday 27th March at 9:10am

Foundation 2

Wednesday 13th March at 9:10am

Year 1

Wednesday 13th February at 9:10am

Year 2

Wednesday 19th June at 9:10am

Year 3

Wednesday 6th February at 9:10am

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Year 4

Wednesday 30th January at 9:10am

Year 5

Wednesday 23rd January at 9:10am

Year 6

Wednesday 24th July at 9:10am

Inset Days

The remaining INSET Days for 2018-19 are as follows:

Thursday 2nd May 2019

Monday 3rd June 2019

Tuesday 4th June 2019

Statutory Tests

Please note that Year 2 and Year 6 pupils will sit their statutory National Curriculum Tests week commencing **Monday 13th May**. Year 1 pupils will

take the Phonics Screening Check week commencing **Monday 10th June**.



To ensure high rates of attendance, we have included below the term dates until **Summer 2020**. These dates are also on the website calendar.

Please be aware of the school term dates when booking your family holidays. It is unlikely that family holidays will be granted in term time as they don't meet 'exceptional circumstances' criteria. If our pupils are to achieve their potential, good attendance and punctuality is essential. Thank you for your co-operation.

The following dates can also be found on the Wirral Council website:

<https://www.wirral.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/school-holidays-and-term-dates>

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OCTOBER HALF TERM 2018

(Finish Fri 19.10.18)

First Day: Sat 20.10.18

Last Day: Sun 28.10.18

(Return Mon 29.10.18)

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY 2018

(Finish Fri 21.12.18)

First Day: Sat 22.12.18

Last Day: Sun 06.01.19

(Return Mon 07.01.19)

FEBRUARY HALF TERM 2019

(Finish Fri 15.02.19)

First Day: Sat 16.02.19

Last Day: Sun 24.02.19

(Return Mon 25.02.19)

EASTER HOLIDAY 2019

(Finish Fri 29.03.19)

First Day: Sat 30.03.19

Last Day: Sun 14.04.19

(Return Mon 15.04.19)

GOOD FRIDAY 2019

BANK HOLIDAY

Friday 19.04.19

EASTER MONDAY 2019

BANK HOLIDAY

Monday 22.04.19

MAY BANK HOLIDAY 2019

Monday 06.05.19

SUMMER HALF TERM 2019

(Finish Fri 24.05.19)

First Day: Sat 25.05.19

Last Day: Tue 04.06.19

(Return 05.06.19)

SUMMER HOLIDAY 2019

(Finish Wed 24.07.19)

First Day: Thurs 25.07.19

Last Day: Sun 01.09.19

(Return Mon 02.09.19)

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OCTOBER HALF TERM 2019

(Finish Fri 25.10.19)

First Day: Sat 26.10.19

Last Day: Sun 03.11.19

(Return Mon 04.11.19)

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY 2019

(Finish Fri 20.12.19)

First Day: Sat 21.12.19

Last Day: Sun 05.01.20

(Return Mon 06.01.20)

FEBRUARY HALF TERM 2020

(Finish Fri 14.02.20)

First Day: Sat 15.02.20

Last Day: Sun 23.02.20

(Return Mon 24.02.20)

EASTER HOLIDAY 2020

(Finish Fri 03.04.20)

First Day: Sat 04.04.20

Last Day: Sun 19.04.20

(Return Mon 20.04.20)

MAY BANK HOLIDAY 2020

Monday 04.05.20

SUMMER HALF TERM 2020

(Finish Fri 22.05.20)

First Day: Sat 23.05.20

Last Day: Sun 31.05.20

(Return Mon 01.06.20)

SUMMER HOLIDAY 2020

(Finish Mon 20.07.20)

First Day: Tues 21.07.20

Last Day: Sun 30.08.20

(Return Mon 31.08.20)



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Parish Church News

For Church information visit
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Sunday 9th September

9.30am EDUCATION SUNDAY - Family Worship

8.00am and 11.15am services at St Bartholomew's as usual.

We hope to see you at the Education Service on Sunday.

My very best wishes as always,

*David Burrows
Head Teacher*



VISION STATEMENT

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.

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