



School Vision: **Success at the Heart of the Community**
We: **Nurture.....Inspire.....Achieve**

School value: **resilience**

The weather has really kept on our toes as we've returned to start 2026. I want to start by thanking everyone for keeping to the cleared areas when it was frosty and snowy. Mr Davidson had to work extremely hard to make the site safe in the icy conditions – starting while most of us were still in bed! It is really frustrating for the children when we don't have playtimes outside, especially when it looks so fun. However, we don't want to start the year with injuries from slipping or illness from being wet through all day and the children were patient and understood the decision.

Rowan Class started the New Year with an amazing trip to the pantomime at Parr Hall. The children thoroughly enjoyed a great performance of Beauty and the Beast, they particularly loved the character Peewee. Gaston was also a firm favourite, with his '6-7' jokes proving very popular!

There was ice cream during the interval and great excitement when Ivan was invited up onto the stage, where he represented Dallam exceptionally well. He even got some chocolates from the cast! However, possibly the best moment for the children was when the teachers were squirted with water guns – I'm not sure that the teachers enjoyed it as much!

The class team were extremely proud of the children, who were polite and respectful throughout the trip. They were a credit to the school and their families.

This morning, Oak Class shared their learning from Autumn term with their friends and families. It was lovely to see so many of you in school to share it with them. The confidence and independence of our oldest children always fills me with immense pride. Our whole school focus on oracy was evident in the clarity of their presentations and evident enjoyment in their learning. From the poetry reading, which was very moving to the amazing long division, which was so expertly modelled, the quality of the work that the children are doing was clearly evident. The audience participation in the science quiz really made the adults think and Ava did a super job as quiz master. However, I think the part of the presentation which the children will remember for the longest time was their video clips from PGL – what an amazing time they had! Well done Oak Class – keep up the outstanding work!

In every class, the children have been starting their new units of work for spring term. This week and next week, class teachers will be sending out their learning letters for spring term. These will be posted on Seesaw or Tapestry. If you need a paper copy, please let your child's class team know. This weekend, please find some time to ask your child about what they've been learning. Talking about it will help them to commit new knowledge to their long-term memories so that they can build on it in the future.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Downey

Attendance – In School – On Time – Every Day

The week before we broke up for Christmas, 3 classes managed to top 96% attendance last week – Well Done to Willow, Hazel and Cherry Classes The 5 classes coloured green improved their attendance from last week Keep it up! The class coloured blue maintained their attendance from last week

Class	Attendance Last week
Seedlings	88
Acorns	93
Ash	90
Cedar	86
Holly	89
Hazel	100
Rowan	91
Maple	87
Sycamore	93
Willow	99
Olive	94
Oak	94
Cherry	96

As we start a New Year, it's a really good time to reset our attendance. If you're not sure about whether your child should come to school if they a feeling a bit unwell, phone us and we will share NHS guidance and advice. If your child becomes poorly in school, we will always contact you to let you know.

If you need support with attendance, talk to us and we will work together to improve outcomes for our children.

Community Matters

Please respect our neighbours when picking up your child or dropping off in the morning. If you need to use a car, take care not to block people's drives and do not use their driveways to park while you nip into school. Consider parking further away and walking into school – every bit of exercise during the day adds up! Thank you for your support with this.



Lead Learners this week: a child who has made a great start to the new year.

Acorns: Roman for helping his new friends.

Seedlings: our new 2-year-olds have started this week and are settling in beautifully! We are so proud!

Ash: Maxim for trying so hard to follow the school rules whilst sitting in his new carpet place.

Cedar: Mila P has made a super start to the new year. She has been impressing her teachers with her enthusiasm in phonics lessons.

Rowan: Josie has made an excellent start to the new year. She has been trying very hard in maths.

Maple: Rajmond for super engagement in all his lessons this week and being very helpful to his friends.

Sycamore: Max has come in very settled with a positive attitude to learning.

Olive: Archie for a great start to the term. He has been engaged and focused in every lesson.

Oak: Theo for making a great start to the new term. You can see he is he really trying with his handwriting.

Holly: Anthony for following class rules and making a great start to the new year.

Hazel: William has made a great start to the new year. He is using Makaton signs taught last term and joining in with daily routines. William is trying hard to persevere and demonstrates his learning with a growing confidence.

Willow: Merd for coming back to school with a positive attitude.

Cherry: Theo for making an excellent start to the half term.

THIS WEEK'S PALS POINTS, READING CHAMPIONS AND MAD ABOUT MATHS AWARDS

PALS POINTS – Positive Attitude to Learning points:

100 PALS = Dallam YELLOW

200 PALS = Dallam GREEN

300 PALS = Dallam RED

400 PALS = Deputy Head's SILVER

500 PALS = Head Teacher's GOLD

600 PALS = Governor's 3 STAR

Reading Champions and Mad about Maths - For every 10 occasions your child reads or does maths at home it will be celebrated in our Monday assembly.

This week's awards go to:

	READING CHAMPIONS	MAD ABOUT MATHS	PALS Points
Ash	Mia, Heidi M, Lareen.		
Cedar	Mia, Emre, Esme and Rupert		
Maple	Darcie L, Evelyn, Luna, Alice, Lauren, Mayia, Matilda, Esmee	Evelyn, Luna, Majka, Alice	
Rowan	David, Daniel, Alexandra, Josie, Lavin, Harper-Mae	Harper-Mae, Jack,	
Sycamore	Cleo, Israel, Kye, Lewis, Lucas, Omari, Ronan, Shana x 2, Skye Thomas		
Olive	Sophia, Paiveen, Sidar, Liv, Joe, Archie, Aria, Summer, Emily		
Oak	Sila, Layla, Ara, Elsa, Poppy, Lidia, Ola, Aaliyah, Ella, Ruby, Charlie, Theo, Jonah, Aliliah, Bella, Jackson Alex, Zsombor, Zornitsa, Demi, Oscar, Amelia L, Eric	Sila, Layla, Ara, Elsa, Poppy, Lidia, Ola, Aaliyah, Ella, Ruby, Charlie, Theo, Jonah, Aliliah, Bella, Jackson, Alex, Zsombor, Zornitsa, Demi, Oscar, Amelia, Eric	Ella-Boo 500 PALS badge
Cherry	Theo and Isaac		