



**DALLAM C P SCHOOL**  
**NEWSLETTER**  
**Friday 23<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

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

School value: **resilience**

This week started with what people sometimes call *Blue Monday* — the “saddest day of the year.” If that’s true, nobody told our children! School was full of smiles, chatter and that lovely buzz that always makes it feel so alive.

You’d never have guessed that it was meant to be a gloomy day. The children came in ready to learn, ready to see their friends, and ready to throw themselves into whatever the day brought. Their positive attitudes were so infectious, by the end of assembly all the staff felt lifted by it too.

What really stood out was how eager they were to get stuck into their lessons. Whether they were tackling tricky maths, writing with pride, or sharing ideas in class, they approached everything with a brilliant mindset. It’s one of the things that makes our school so special: the way our children engage with their learning every day, no matter what the weather or the calendar says. The only thing that was “blue” in Dallam Primary on Monday was the uniform!

The children reminded us that joy can be found in the little things: a warm welcome, a good friend, a challenge they’re excited to take on. Thank you for helping them come in each day with such positivity — it really does make all the difference.

I took some time this week to look through all the Seesaw posts from this year and again felt that sense of pride in the learning taking place in the classrooms across the school. Seesaw provides a perfect way for you to talk to your child about what they are learning about and encourage them to tell you more about it. The more they talk about their learning, the more likely it is to be committed to long term memory so that they can build on it in the future. If you are having trouble accessing Seesaw, talk to your child’s teacher who will help you to get on – it’s like opening a window into the classroom and teachers are posting more and more content every week.

This morning, Maple Class shared their learning with friends and family and did an absolutely fantastic job. They spoke with confidence about so many areas of the curriculum and their enjoyment was clearly evident. It’s hard to believe that they have only been in KS2 for a term. They used the microphones professionally and had clearly worked really hard to learn and remember parts. There were so many subjects covered that I can’t possibly mention them all. From a great maths demonstration, to new skills learned in art and design technology to the amazing Spanish speaking and a brilliant ballad from 1969 – it’s obvious that the children have something to look forward to every day. Thank you to all the friends and family who came to share this experience with our children – they love it when you come into school.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Downey

### **Attendance – In School – On Time – Every Day**

Last week, 6 classes managed to top 96% attendance which is a massive improvement on the week before – Well Done to Cedar, Holly, Rowan, Willow, Olive and Hazel Classes. 3 of these classes achieved 100% attendance which is outstanding – keep it up Holly, Willow and Rowan! The 8 classes coloured green improved their attendance from last week – this is truly impressive and shows how our attendance is improving week on week.

<b>Class</b>	<b>Attendance Last week</b>
<b>Seedlings</b>	<b>81</b>
<b>Acorns</b>	<b>79</b>
<b>Ash</b>	<b>94</b>
<b>Cedar</b>	<b>97</b>
<b>Holly</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>Hazel</b>	<b>96</b>
<b>Rowan</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>Maple</b>	<b>94</b>
<b>Sycamore</b>	<b>95</b>
<b>Willow</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>Olive</b>	<b>96</b>
<b>Oak</b>	<b>95</b>
<b>Cherry</b>	<b>95</b>

Oak, Cherry and Sycamore Classes are so close with 95% each. It would be great to top 96% next week.

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

### **Up to date information**

Please ensure you keep the office updated of any change in: mobile phone numbers, email addresses, change in dietary requirements or GP Surgery, new medical conditions or who can collect at the end of the school day.

### **No smoking/vaping**

Polite reminder, the school is a no smoking/vaping site.

### **Collection via the office.**

Your child should only be collected at the office at the end of the day, by prior agreement **or** if they are attending an appointment (evidence will be requested)



**Lead Learners this week: a child who has made great progress in their RE work.**

**Seedlings:** Matei for growing in confidence when accessing all the areas of the classroom.

**Ash:** Jacob for always listening well to stories from other cultures and beliefs.

**Cedar:** Princess listened very carefully in our RE lesson this week and was able to make super contributions to our discussion.

**Rowan:** David has been excellent in RE. He has shown lots of interest and loved showing off his amazing knowledge.

**Maple:** Al-Mubarak always makes thoughtful contributions to our RE lessons.

**Sycamore:** Nour has made some lovely contributions to our RE lessons.

**Olive:** Emily for excellent work in RE especially her representation of the Holy Trinity.

**Oak:** Amelia for her thoughtful contributions during RE lessons and her careful, detailed work.

**Holly:** Christopher for showing an interest in a church.

**Hazel:** Archie for accepting the needs of his friends and great listening.

**Willow:** Oscar for labelling the features of a baptism in this week's RE lesson.

**Cherry:** Matthew for exploring different parables in our Christianity topic and thinking hard about the messages from them.

**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:

	<b>READING CHAMPIONS</b>	<b>MAD ABOUT MATHS</b>	<b>PALS Points</b>
<b>Ash</b>	Mia, Felicity, Heidi, Muuatjomeva		
<b>Cedar</b>	Anna, Livya, Charlie, Esme, Lyla-Mae, Miki and Mia	Isabella, Stuart, Miki, Rosie, Wynter, Esme, Borbala, Livya, Owen, Charlie, Anna, Rupert and Willow.	
<b>Maple</b>	Alice, Matilda, Darcie M, Wissam, Evelyn, Louie, Tayla, Lewis, Alan, Lauren, Teddy, Al-Mubarak, Mayia	Alice, Matilda	<b>Luna 200 PALS</b>
<b>Rowan</b>	Daniel, David, Alexandra, Harper-Mae, Evie-Mae.		
<b>Sycamore</b>	Adam, Amelia x 2, Cleo, David x 2, Harry, Israel, Kye, Leo D, Lewis, Lily R Lucas x 2, Nicole, Noah x 2, Nour x2 Omari, Ronan, Shana, Skye, Thomas	The whole class	
<b>Olive</b>	Sidar, Summer, Emily, Joe, Aria, Darcy, Sophia, Hina, Archie	Sofia, Darcy	
<b>Oak</b>	Jasmine P, Ara, Poppy, Ruby, Ella, Oscar, Lidia, Demi, Ola, Layla, Aaliyah, Charlie, Theodor, Jonah Zsombor, Aliliah, Elsa, Jackson, Alex Bella, Sila, Lottie, Zornista, Amelia	Jasmine P, Ara, Poppy, Ruby, Ella, Oscar, Lidia, Demi, Ola Layla, Aaliyah, Charlie, Theodor, Jonah, Zsombor, Aliliah, Elsa, Jackson, Alex, Bella, Sila, Lottie, Zornista, Amelia	<b>Ara 100 PALS</b>
<b>Holly</b>			<b>Brodie 300 PALS</b>
<b>Cherry</b>	Theo		



**Dates for your diary**

<b>End of half term</b>	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February – normal time
<b>Return to school</b>	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February
<b>Book fair</b>	Week commencing 2 <sup>nd</sup> March
<b>World book day</b>	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March - Details nearer the date
<b>End of term for Easter</b>	Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> March – 2pm finish