

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

School value: **resilience**

Our school value of resilience could not be more appropriate as we start 2025. The strong sense of community in Dallam once again is playing a vital role to help those affected by flooding to face the challenges of the past couple of weeks. If your family has been affected, please talk to us about any support that we may be able to give.

We started the first week back last year, in 2024, with an assembly about Luke Littler and the resilience that he had shown to come second in the World Darts Championship: we all agreed that in the future, he would be the World Champion. This week, we were able to begin 2025 by once again celebrating Luke Littler's success in achieving this goal just 12 months later. It was really powerful to use this as an example of what you can do when you keep going and don't give up. Then the children had some time to think about their own personal challenges and what they could do when they found things challenging.

As I've walked around school this week, I've been truly impressed by the way the children have returned to school after the break. Despite the snow and ice, there is a calm and focused atmosphere around school as the children have been starting their new units of work by remembering their learning from autumn term and previous years. It is really great to see just how much the children remember: this gives them the best chance of building their knowledge and understanding over the next term and beyond. It makes a big difference to your child if you ask them about what they are learning and to explain what they tell you. The more times they revisit what they know, the more likely it is that they will remember it for longer. Your child is busy from the minute they arrive at school in the morning until they leave at the end of the day so they will always have something to tell you about!

On the very first day back Maple Class started their Comic Club in their guided reading sessions. The Bookmark Reading Charity generously donated a wide range of comic books and the resources needed for all the sessions. The children have selected a book each and started to read it; taking on the role of detectives looking for the features of comics. Once they've analysed the structure, language and features of comics, they are going to use their findings to create their own comic, which the children are really excited about!

Rowan Class had a fantastic trip to Parr Hall on Thursday where they watched the pantomime – Cinderella. They had a brilliant time joining in with the actors (Oh yes they did!) and eating ice-cream. Their teachers were so proud of their behaviour and attitudes – what excellent ambassadors for Dallam School!

We are all looking forward to our first full week back next week.
Have a lovely weekend
Mrs Downey

Attendance – In School – On Time – Every Day

We finished last term with an assembly celebrating all the children who had attendance of 96% or above for the autumn term. It was fantastic! 142 children received a small prize and a certificate – 45 of these had 100% attendance so far this year!

Possibly the most impressive award went to Rosa who has the most improved attendance in the school – Well Done Rosa – what an achievement!

Spring term is a time when we see children make great progress. They are settled in their classes and really enjoying the challenge of new learning. It is more important than ever that they are in school, on time, every day so that they don't fall behind with their learning. As we know, developing the habits of good attendance and punctuality at a young age will impact positively on the children's future success.

If you need support with attendance, talk to us – we can work together to make small changes that have a positive impact.

Winter Weather

As you will have noticed, Lee, our site manager, has been working incredibly hard this week to keep our site safe so that school can remain open as usual. He's doing a great job but please be careful when dropping off and picking up, some areas remain a bit slippery and the very low temperatures are making them difficult to clear.

Thank you for your patience as we have altered beginning and end of day routines to enable the children to enter and leave school safely. Hopefully, next week we will be able to go back to normal.

Pre-loved Uniform and Coats

I'm really pleased to see that so many of our pre-loved coats and sweatshirts in the reception area have been given a new lease of life. As a result, our stocks have begun to run a bit low. If you have any warm coats, hats or gloves or uniform items in good condition that your child has grown out of, please consider donating them to school so that we can recycle them and support other families while helping the environment.

Music lessons available! PianoFunClub are offering lessons in piano, guitar, drums and more to children in Dallam. To find out more including pricing please see attached leaflet. (This is a separate company - not linked to Dallam school).



Lead Learners this week: a child that has made a great start to the new term.

Seedlings: Leon has been very brave coming back to school after a long holiday. He had the biggest smile and was beaming with confidence.

Acorns: Heidi, for coming back to nursery with a big smile on her face.

Ash: Lyla D for a very settled start to the new term, remembering the classroom routines and playing well with her friends.

Cedar: Amelia has made a super start to the new term with a fantastic attitude to all of her learning.

Rowan: Luna has made an excellent start to the term. She has come back to school settled and has shown an amazing attitude to learning.

Maple: Thomas for coming back to school with a great attitude and super engagement in his lessons.

Sycamore: Summer for settling well into the school routine.

Olive: Jackson for a great start to the Spring term. He has been focused in every lesson and completed his work to a high standard.

Oak: Ike for making an amazing start to the new term. She came back to school with a fantastic attitude towards her learning.

Hazel: Dylan, for settling well and always making the right choice.

Holly: Tristan & Ricky for settling well into the class routine.

Willow: Marcell, for returning to school with a positive attitude to learning.

Cherry: Harry - for settling in and working hard to complete all of his work activities. He has followed school routines amazingly after Christmas.

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
Ash	Borbala, Aaliyah, Wynter, Isabella, Princess, Esme.		
Cedar	Sophie, David, Daniel, Amelia X2 and Harper X2		
Rowan	Rajmond, Matilda, Emilia, Tayla, Khloe, Luna, Teddy, Drew, Lewis, Darcie M, Louie, Lauren, Dolcie, Nevaeh, Wissam, Hallie	Al-Mubarak and Khloe	100 PALS- Lewis
Maple	Alex, Shana (x2), Lewis, Lucas, Lily R, Dominik, Leo D, Kye, Max, Amelia, Skye, Cleo, Omari, Ronan, Thomas		
Olive	Well done to everyone	Jackson, Aaliyah, Ruby, Jasmine, Poppy.	Pals - Daniel 400
Oak	Well done to everyone	Well done to everyone	Pelin - 700 PALS
Willow	Layla		PALS - 300 - Layla
Cherry	Ayansh		



Dates for your diary

Date	Event
Monday 20 th January	Afterschool clubs re start (leaflets have been sent out today)
Thursday 13 th February	Valentines Disco