

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

School value: **resilience**

I'm glad to see that all the snow and ice has melted and I think the children are too as the playgrounds are safe for outdoor play again. The sunny days that we enjoyed in the middle of the week came just at the right time to lift everyone's mood and help us to remember that every day there is a bit more daylight as we head towards Spring.

We started the week with a special assembly where we celebrated achieving the My Happy Mind Bronze Award. This recognises the great work that takes place in school to help children to understand their feelings and recognise ways to enjoy good mental health. By learning about what is happening in the brain when we feel a range of emotions, it helps us to understand our reactions and use strategies to manage big emotions. Willow Class entered a My Happy Mind competition and we were delighted to find out that of all the many schools in the country that teach the programme, they came first! They won emotion character cloaks to wear in class which I'm sure they will share with other classes if they need them. We are so proud of them!

Mrs Wood is now looking for Happiness Heroes in school who will help to make sure that children are happy at play times; attend meetings to organise My Happy Mind events; promote positive mental health and identify others who demonstrate character strengths. Anyone who is interested in this role can take a form from the trophy shelves outside my office, fill it in and post it in the box. Mrs Wood will collect them up and choose her heroes at the end of next week. I know that quite a few children are already interested and some have even completed an application already.

Sycamore and Olive Classes started their swimming lessons this week and they had a great time, revisiting skills that they have learned in previous years and are already starting to build on them. The children that I've spoken to on their return to school have all told me that they really enjoyed it – it was fun but tiring! A trip to the baths is a really good way to increase our levels of physical activity which again impacts positively on our mental health.

This morning, Sycamore Class shared their learning with us in their sharing assembly. It was fabulous! They presented with confidence and clarity and it was obvious that they have enjoyed their work so far this year. I was really impressed by the breadth of their curriculum – from Anglo Saxons to investigating science to Samba drumming there is something to capture every child's interest and fire their imaginations. It was also great to see how many specialists have supported the children's learning; Warrington Wolves, our professional artist Mr Corcoran, the amazing teachers at Beamont Collegiate Academy's FabLab and Miss Molyneux, our languages specialist from TCAT, to name a few. It is always lovely to see so many parents and carers coming in to school to share these assemblies with the children. They really love it when you are able to see what they do in school.

Have a lovely weekend. Try to find time to wrap up warm, enjoy some time outside and look for signs of the new season.

Mrs Downey

Attendance – In School – On Time – Every Day

There were 2 classes that topped 96% attendance last week – Oak and Hazel Classes – well done – 1 PALS point each! 4 other classes have come close with 93% or higher. Hopefully, we will see more classes achieving 96% or higher next week.

Class	Attendance Last week
Seedlings	87
Acorns	79
Ash	95
Cedar	93
Holly	86
Hazel	100
Rowan	94
Maple	86
Sycamore	93
Willow	77
Olive	91
Oak	98
Cherry	85

As usual for this time of the year, there are a few winter coughs and colds circulating and the odd tummy bug. If you're not sure whether you should send your child into school, ring us in the morning and we'll advise you on what the NHS guidelines suggest. If your child becomes unwell in school and needs to be at home, we will always phone you to come and collect them.

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

School Uniform

A reminder that our school uniform includes black school shoes. I have seen a few pairs of trainers creeping in. If you're having trouble getting hold of any item of uniform for your child, please come and speak to us. There will almost certainly be something we can do to help. If your child has school shoes and is reluctant to wear them - again – speak to your child's teacher or a member of staff on the gate. We can support you to help your child to understand the importance of wearing the appropriate clothing and develop good habits that they will take with them to high school and beyond.

Holidays in term time

Now that Christmas is out of the way, the days are getting longer and the weather is brightening, I know that lots of people are starting to think about their holidays later in the year. New Government statutory guidelines mean that holidays in term time cannot be authorised. We have 2 weeks holiday at Whit and Easter to enable families to take advantage of holiday times outside of the Summer holidays.

Please be aware of the **statutory assessment times** this year and make sure that your child is able to attend school during these times.

Year 1 and 2	Phonics Screening Check	Week beginning 9 th June 2025
Year 4	Multiplication Tables check	Week beginning 9 th June 2025
Year 6	KS2 SATs	Week beginning 12 th May 2025

If your child is not in school during these assessment weeks, they are not allowed to do them. This could impact negatively on their next stage of learning.

Please visit our school website to check when the school holidays are so that you can ensure that your child does not miss any school days due to holidays in term time this year.

Afterschool clubs

Thank you to everyone who has returned their booking forms. Confirmation letters have been sent home today. **We still have places for the following:**

Yoga on a Tuesday for reception.

Multi-skills on a Wednesday with Tom, KS1



Lead Learners this week: a child who demonstrated the school value of resilience.

Seedlings: Grayson has been extremely resilient coming back to school after the holidays and he has adapted well to his new routines. He has also been very welcoming to our new starters. I am so proud!

Acorns: Oscar for great resilience when practicing his name.

Ash: Tommy for showing resilience with his phonics. He can now blend and write some CVC words.

Cedar: Rosie has shown super resilience in maths this week.

Rowan: Merd has shown amazing resilience during PE. When balancing on a beam he kept on trying, even when he had fallen off, to get to the end. We were very proud to see him show lots of resilience.

Maple: Skye for having a good go at all her test papers this week and not giving up when the questions got hard.

Sycamore: Lead learner- Zack for persevering during our assembly practice. He has been nervous but has tried his best and perfected his PowerPoint skills and speaking skills. Well done Zack.

Missed from last week: Leader- Sophia has settled back into school really well and has been a really good role model for the rest of the class. She has got straight back into her routine. Well done!

Olive: Eric for showing a huge amount of resilience to secure a written method for multiplying larger numbers.

Oak: Nia for always showing resilience-no matter what the subject-she never gives up, and Holly C for always showing resilience and never giving up even when she finds things tricky.

Hazel: Micheal for his determination in speech and language.

Holly: Logan, for being resilient to lots of changes in class.

Willow: Oscar for trying so hard with his Maths work on arrays and times tables.

Cherry: Logan - for coming back to school and trying his hardest with all his lessons - especially joining Olive class for maths.

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	Frankie, Mikolaj, Lyla-Mae, Esme		
Rowan	Matilda, Tayla, Alice, Wissam, Al-Mubarak, Khloe, Bella, Darcie L, Alan, Teddy, Darcie M, Majka, Luna, Mayia, Evelyn	Khloe and Alice	
Maple	Jayden, Lucas, Hannah (x2), Harry, Nour (x2), Thomas, Amelia, Leo K, Dominik, Omari, Lily R, Haron, Israel	Leo D (x2), Omari, Cleo	
Sycamore	Liv, Zack, Sofia C, Sophia M, Sidar, Rosa, Isabelle S, Darcy, Emily P, Archie, Hina, Ousemba, Awaan	Liv, Zack, Sofia C, Sophia M, Sidar, Rosa, Isabelle S, Darcy, Emily P, Archie, Hina, Ousemba, Awaan	
Olive	Lidia, Ola, Amelia, Theo, Sila, Oscar, Daniel, Eric, Alex, Ava, Minnie, Maria	Zsombor, Jackson, Eric, Jasmine, Ola	Jonah 300 PALS
Oak	The whole class	The whole class	Franky 500 PALS Sam 400 PALS



Dates for your diary

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