

**28<sup>th</sup> February 2025**

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

School value: **kindness**

It's so lovely to come back to school after half term to some spring sunshine – it seems to lift everyone's mood as we look forward to warmer days ahead. It's still quite chilly though so children still need a warm coat to play outside and make the most of it.

This half term, our school value is kindness. This is possibly my favourite focus as our children are incredibly kind to each other and shining a spotlight on this helps us to really notice all the little things that we do for each other to brighten our days and make us feel that we really belong in the Dallam family. Already I've spotted children and adults holding doors open for each other, using lovely manners, helping each other with difficult tasks and making sure that friends have someone to play with at lunch time or in learning areas around school.

Around school there has been a flurry of activity as children begin their new learning for this half term:

Lots of children have been out and about in the outdoor areas this week. Cedar Class have been thinking about looking after our environment: making bird feeders and helping Mr Davidson to keep the pond area clean and tidy and Acorns have been learning all about minibeasts: exploring the EYFS garden area to find different types of minibeasts. As part of their geography, maths and science learning, Sycamore Class have undertaken a survey of the school grounds identifying positive and negative aspects on school life.

Holly class have been on a 'sh' hunt around school and were amazed by all the objects that had the initial and final sound of a sh! They found it particularly amazing when they discovered that it was mash for lunch and very excitedly told Susannah about their sh hunt! They also practiced letter formation in shaving foam, made shakers, and played SHARKS! on the ship! They are now fantastic at recognising and saying the 'sh' sound!

Cherry Class have started working with the artist today and have been revisiting their history learning from previous years to be creative around an Egyptian theme while Olive Class amazed and delighted Miss Crowe by planning and carrying out their own experiments to explore aspects of dissolving with real independence. Absolute Superstars!

Mrs Downey

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

5 classes topped 96% attendance in the week before half term– Well Done Cedar, Rowan, Oak, Sycamore and Cherry Classes – 1 PALS point each. And a special shout out to Cherry Class with 100%

**A very impressive 9 classes** improved their attendance from the previous week. FANTASTIC– keep it up!

<b>Class</b>	<b>Attendance Last week</b>
<b>Ash</b>	<b>95</b>
<b>Cedar</b>	<b>98</b>
<b>Holly</b>	<b>94</b>
<b>Hazel</b>	<b>94</b>
<b>Rowan</b>	<b>98</b>
<b>Maple</b>	<b>93</b>
<b>Sycamore</b>	<b>98</b>
<b>Willow</b>	<b>93</b>
<b>Olive</b>	<b>94</b>
<b>Oak</b>	<b>98</b>
<b>Cherry</b>	<b>100</b>

This week we have seen such an improvement in attendance compared to before the holiday. **Thank you for supporting this.** The children are quite competitive to be the class with the highest attendance. They post their class attendance on the classroom door and I've spotted "attendance spies" in Key Stage 2 who are checking the competition and reporting back to their class!

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

### **World Book Day**

Next Thursday is World Book Day and as usual, we'll be celebrating in style in school. We have the Scholastic Book Fair in school all week. You will have received an invitation to join your child and their class during the school day and it will be open at the end of each day until next Thursday.

The children will be taking part in a workshop based on a familiar book and of course, we encourage everyone to dress as their favourite book character on Thursday. I can't wait to see the costumes and creativity this year – it is always a fantastic day.

### **Dallam's Neighbours**

Please be mindful of our neighbours when dropping off and picking up your children. I know that it is difficult to park on Boulting Avenue without blocking driveways so consider parking a little further away and walking a short distance or make the entire journey on foot, bike or scooter if you don't live too far away.

## Parent's evening

All bookings via ParentMail app later this evening, for Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March.



**Lead Learners this week:** a child who has made an excellent start to the half term.

**Seedlings:** Allen has come back to school settled and ready to join in with all of the activities. Each day he enters the classroom with the biggest smile.

**Acorns:** Maxillian for a great start back to nursery after half term, with a positive attitude to learning.

**Ash:** Emre has made a good start to the new term. He has been working hard with his reading at home and using some good sentences when talking with his friends through play.

**Cedar:** Keira has made a super start to this half term and is really impressing us with her attitude to learning.

**Rowan:** Dolcie-Rae has made an excellent start to the half term. She is consistently making the right choices and is always striving to try her best.

**Maple:** Dominik has made an excellent start to the half term by being a supportive friend and giving thoughtful answers to questions.

**Sycamore:** Izabella has settled back into school really well and she is always trying her best.

**Olive:** Theodor for making a great start to the half term. He is putting a huge amount of effort into his learning.

**Oak:** (Put forward by Mrs Wigley) Jace for having a great attitude to his learning and always being positive.

**Cherry:** Ayansh for settling in amazingly and giving his all to every single lesson. What a superstar!

**Hazel:** William, taking part in activities and being a good role model.

**Holly:** Christopher for settling back into the routine well.

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

## **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</b>
<b>Ash</b>	Charlie x2, Esme, Rupert, Lyla D, Lyla-Mae, Emre, Rosie		
<b>Cedar</b>	Rosie, Keira, Harper-Mae, Daniel, David and Tatiana.		
<b>Rowan</b>	Al-Mubarack, Luna, Alan, Darcie M, Khloe, Louie, Wissam Alice, Theodore, Dolcie -Rae Lauren, Esmae.	Rajmond, Alice, Darcie L, Alan Al-Mubarack.	
<b>Maple</b>	Harley, Israel, Hannah, Amelia, Nour x 2, Lewis, Skye, Jayden, Lucas, Shana x 2, David, Dean, Max, Kye, Harry, Nicole x 2, Thomas, Leo K, Leo D		
<b>Sycamore</b>	Olivia, Sofia, Zack, Darcy, Archie, Sidar, Sophia, Paiveen, Emily, Izabella, Joe, Awaan	Olivia, Sofia, Zack, Darcy, Archie, Sidar, Sophia, Paiveen, Emily, Izabella, Joe, Awaan	
<b>Olive</b>	Eric, Ara, Amelia, Oscar, Ola, Ava, Elsa, Poppy, Jasmine, Poppy, Layla, Theodor, Sila, Zsombor, Charlie	Eric, Jasmine	
<b>Oak</b>	All the class achieved their targets this week	All the class achieved their targets this week	600 PALS badge – Theo
<b>Cherry</b>	Ayansh	Ayansh and Matthew	300 PALS points - Ayansh
<b>Willow</b>	Marcell, Layla, Nathan x2		



**Dates for your diary**

Date	Event
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	World book day
11 <sup>th</sup> & 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent's evening
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> – Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 SATs