

7th March 2025

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

School value: **kindness**

Wow – what a week! There was so much going on. I have to start with World Book Day – it was absolutely fabulous to see the children coming into school dressed as a character from a book. The excitement as they made their way to class on Thursday morning was infectious. There were Cats in Hats, lots of Spidermen, Umpa Lumpas, Gruffalos and loads of Elsas to name just a few. So many staff threw themselves into the spirit of the day as well – it was amazing. The children had a great time with West End Theatre Company who led dance workshops themed around Charlie and the Chocolate Factory and spent time enjoying favourite stories and books during the day. Reading is an absolute priority in school. Supporting the children to learn to read accurately and fluently unlocks their learning across the curriculum and a love of reading sets their imaginations alight.

Thank you for supporting your children with their costumes. The creativity and attention to detail was amazing and helped them to celebrate the day in whichever way they were comfortable to do so. It was also lovely to see so many children with parents and carers at the Book Fayre. Again, thank you for supporting this annual event.

Oak Class have been developing their cycling skills this week with BikeRight. They have learned how to ensure that their bike is roadworthy before setting off and practised their basic skills before venturing out onto the roads around school. They focused on awareness of other vehicles, safe road position and making safe turns under the expert tuition of the instructors. This is so important as they prepare for the transition to high school later this year and the greater degree of independence that this brings with it.

On Tuesday, I had the pleasure of sampling quite a few pancakes as some classes learned about Shrove Tuesday. School smelled delicious and I know that the children really enjoyed mixing, cooking, decorating and sampling these treats. I couldn't choose a favourite, but the delight on the faces of the 2 year olds as they delivered their gift was definitely the highlight of the day!

Our WOW Ambassadors are doing an amazing job supporting the Living Streets Walk to School initiative. I've spotted lots of children wearing the first badges and am delighted to announce that we are currently top of the league of Warrington schools. Keep up the good work!

This morning, Olive Class shared their learning with the school and their families in their sharing assembly. It was fantastic. They showcased their achievements from across the curriculum from fractions to Mayan civilisation to playing the Blues. The quality of the work was amazing – there are definitely some future authors, designers, tech wizards and artists among them. What struck me the most was their quiet confidence and their excellent presentation skills. Miss Crowe told me that they produced that polished, professional performance with just 2 practices in the hall! It was lovely to see parents and carers sharing the children's obvious pride and enjoyment pride in their work.

This is just a snapshot of the week – there has been lots of new learning taking place throughout school. This weekend, try to find time to ask your child about what they've learned this week. Talking about their work helps children to commit it to memory and then build on it in the future. You never know, you might learn something new yourself – for example, Maple Class have been history detectives, using their skills to make predictions about the Amesbury Archer. Mrs Parfrey was super impressed with their ideas – I had never heard of the Amesbury Archer but now I know that he was an early Bronze Age man – I'm sure that Maple Class could tell you much more about him.

Have a lovely weekend
Mrs Downey

Attendance – In School – On Time – Every Day

It was another great week for attendance with 7 classes topping 96% attendance last week – Well Done Cedar, Holly, Hazel, Maple, Oak, Olive and Cherry Classes – 1 PALS point each. And a special shout out to Oak Class with their first 100%

An impressive 7 classes improved their attendance from the previous week. FANTASTIC– keep it up!

Class	Attendance Last week
Seedlings	83
Acorns	91
Ash	87
Cedar	98
Holly	97
Hazel	98
Rowan	92
Maple	98
Sycamore	94
Willow	85
Olive	97
Oak	100
Cherry	97

Once again, we have seen an improvement in attendance compared to before the holiday. I've realised this week that it's not just the children who are feeling competitive. The staff are also keeping a close eye on the other classes and championing their children to achieve the highest attendance. The ambition to be the best that we can be aligns so well with our school values. Thank you for your support – we are building great habits for the future.

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

Red Nose Day

Friday 21st March, is Red Nose Day. Every year, we support this important event by accessorising our school uniform with something red. It could be a red nose, a red t-shirt, red tights or socks, a red bow, red trainers or red deely boppers – the possibilities are endless.

We will collect any donations that you would like to make and pass them on to Comic Relief who make such a difference to people's lives locally, nationally and globally.

Parents evening

Please ensure you book an allocated slot by Sunday 9th March.



Lead Learners this week: a child who has made great progress with their reading.

Seedlings: Archie has settled well into new routines and is enjoying our new topic story "The Very Hungry Caterpillar". He is already able to repeat familiar words and phrases from the book and can use the story sack puppets alongside.

Acorns: Aram for beginning to recognise his own name.

Ash: Charlie, loves reading at home and reads everyday with his family.

Cedar: Zoriana has made super progress with her reading and it is a pleasure to share a book with her.

Rowan: Carter has tried really hard with his reading this half-term. He has shown real improvement and demonstrates his phonic knowledge consistently. We are very proud of him!

Maple: Malakai has joined in really well with our discussions about a text in our guided reading lessons.

Sycamore: Kai as he was so excited about world book day, he read Charlie and the chocolate factory before the session and looked through the book. He has enjoyed reading dogman and creating his outfit.

Olive: Aaliyah for having the confidence to try harder texts during her reading sessions.

Oak: Ike for her love of books and reading. Ike is an inspiration! She loves to read and is constantly reading whenever she can, and because of this, not only has her reading improved, but so has her vocabulary and writing.

Cherry: Matthew for trying hard in reading lessons in class and always trying his best to read at home to constantly improve his skills.

Hazel: Destiny for working really hard in phonics lessons and can read set 1 green words.

Holly: Brodie for making great progress with blending his sounds to read words and Ricky for knowing all of his taught sounds and finding them in the environment.

Willow: Lucas for enjoying reading books in school and at home.

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	Anna, Esme, Dylan D, Stuart, Princess and Mia		
Cedar	Zoriana, Freddie and Tatiana.	Daniel, David, Josie, Coby, Ayia, Sinead, Matilda, Jack, Harper, Mirvan, Evie-Mae, Selin and Lavin.	
Rowan	Rajmond, Teddy, Matilda, Lewis, Wissam, Lauren, Drew		
Maple	Lucas, Noah, Nour, Ronan, Cleo, Lily R, Harry.		
Sycamore	Sidar, Awaan, Paiveen, Olivia, Sofia, Joe, Zack, Emily, Isabelle S, Darcy and Aria	Sidar, Awaan, Paiveen, Olivia, Sofia, Joe, Zack, Emily, Isabelle S, Darcy and Aria	
Olive	Elsa, Ruby, Zsombor, Aaliyah, Bella, Ola, Lidia, Oscar, Poppy, Aliliah, Ara, Jackson, Alex, Maria, Theo, Amelia, Minnie, Layla, Ava		
Oak	The whole class	The whole class	
Hazel	Archie, Felicity, William.		
Cherry			Kaleb - 300 badge



Dates for your diary

Date	Event
11 th & 12 th March	Parent's evening
Friday 21 st March	Red nose day
Monday 12 th – Thursday 15 th May	KS2 SATs