

28th March 2025

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

School value: **kindness**

We have had some extra special, creepy-crawly, slithery-scaly visitors this week in our Early Years classes. The children met and learned about lots of exciting animals as part of their science work. I spotted a huge snail, a giant millipede, a snake and a very hairy tarantula! The children had a great time extending their knowledge and vocabulary with the help of an animal expert from the Wild Roadshow. I'm sure your child came home and told you all about it – try to encourage them to tell you about it again as the more times they revisit their learning, the better the chance of it becoming part of their long-term memory. This is important so that they can continue to build on what they learn next year and all the years after that.

Yesterday, Maple Class had a fabulous time in the sun when they visited Beeston Castle. They experienced life in a Bronze Age roundhouse; tried using a quern to make flour and thought about whether they would prefer to live in modern times or the Bronze Age. I have to admit that I didn't know what a quern was until they told me! They also handled prehistoric artefacts: using their amazing skills to work out whether they were from the Stone Age, Bronze Age or Iron Age. After the workshop, they all managed the climb to the top of the hill (which was a loooong way) - and over the bridge - to see the remains of the castle and enjoy the view across the Cheshire Plain. The guide who ran the workshop couldn't believe the children's excellent behaviour and positive attitudes to learning – their teachers are so proud!

This week, Olive and Cherry have completed their swimming course. They have all been superstars! The swimming teachers commented on their sensible, mature behaviour and their willingness to try new things and push themselves every week. As a result, they have all made fantastic progress and I know that they have really enjoyed their lessons. I hope that they manage to keep practising their skills over the next few months to consolidate their new learning.

I was really delighted yesterday afternoon when the members of the wellbeing club came to see me full of excitement and ideas. They want to raise money for a local charity which we support whenever we can, St Rocco's. They have thought through their plan and asked whether they can organise a cake and biscuit sale for children at playtime next Friday (4th April). I love their confidence and initiative and of course I said yes. If you would like your child to be able to buy a special treat to enjoy at playtime next Friday, the cakes and biscuits will be priced at 20p each. I'm so proud of wellbeing club – they are so eager to help others in our community and have the independence to make it happen.

Next week, we are looking forward to our annual Stay Safe Week. We have lots of exciting things planned for the children, including our Family Hub: Coffee, Cake and Community event on Thursday where all parents and carers are invited to join their children in school to take part in some lovely activities together. Please see the attached letter for more details.
Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Downey

Attendance – In School – On Time – Every Day

There are still 6 classes topping 96% and one class so close with 95%! Well Done Cedar, Holly, Ash, Rowan, Olive and Oak Classes – You are still smashing it!

It was really hard to improve on the week before's attendance because it was so great but 2 classes managed it last week – Well Done!

Class	Attendance Last week
Seedlings	80
Acorns	84
Ash	98
Cedar	97
Holly	97
Hazel	85
Rowan	97
Maple	95
Sycamore	87
Willow	83
Olive	98
Oak	96
Cherry	94

On the last day of this term, we will have our attendance assembly when we celebrate the excellent attendance of individuals and classes as well as most improved attendance. Next week is an important one for your child to keep up their average attendance for the year. Thank you for your support in helping our children to be in school, on time, every day.

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

PAN Exhibition

Across school, the children have been working with our artist, Mr Corcoran, to create an entry for the Primary Arts Network exhibition which will be on display in Golden Square from this Saturday, 29th March, until Tuesday 22nd April 2025. Almost 50 Warrington primary schools are taking part in this year's exhibition which celebrates the creative talents of children across the borough. I've had a sneaky peek at our display and I think it's the best one ever! Please try and find time to visit Golden Square with your child to look around all the fantastic entries. You will find Dallam School's work outside Monsoon and Footlocker. I've attached a map of the shopping centre which shows you where you can find all the schools taking part.

Easter Bingo

It was great to see so many children in own clothes today as we collected Easter eggs for our Easter Bingo. Our PTFA, Friends of Dallam's Children, organise this each year and it's always a great occasion which raises much needed funds to provide resources and experiences for the children. The Bingo Night is Tuesday 8th April from 3.45pm – Save the Date.

Do you love crafts, art or music?

We love our children to experience as many different opportunities as possible – do you love drawing? Or play an instrument? Do you have a creative skill you could share with others such as knitting or sketching? We would love to hear from parents (or grandparents!!) who have a creative, artistic or musical interest that they would be prepared to share with children at Dallam Primary, to a small group or class. We would ask for just an hour of your time, or a more regular arrangement if that suited you.

You don't have to be an expert! Just a little bit of experience and interest would be a wonderful thing to share with our children.

If that's you - please call in to the office for a chat and share your details.

Red nose day – Thank you to everyone who contributed, as a school we raised £73.70!

Important – Choir and concert update!

Choir continues until the end of term - including on Tuesday 8th April when the children will be performing a song at the Easter bingo (during normal choir time).

After Easter – choir is moving to during school time – **2.15-3.15pm** on a Tuesday. This means children can attend other after school clubs on a Tuesday if they wish.

This will be our preparation for a very special summer concert at the **Parr Hall on Tuesday 24th June.**

We expect all children currently in choir to continue attending as we are now in preparation for the concert, so we need all their wonderful voices!!

Still time to vote for our school.



These are the links to the website:

<https://www.warringtonguardian.co.uk/news/24997377.warrington-guardian-education-awards-2025---enter/>

and the nomination form:

<https://forms.office.com/e/iVfw6xmgEp>

or use the QR code:



Lead Learners this week: a child who has been a good role model to others by following our school rules.

Seedlings: Jaxon always follows the routines and boundaries in class! He is a fantastic role model for our new seedlings that have recently joined!

Acorns: Arya for always following rules and being a good role model to her friends.

Ash: Rosie for being kind to our new member of ash class and role modelling for what to do in PE.

Cedar: Harper-Mae is a wonderful example of how to follow our school rules and be the best that she can be in lessons.

Rowan: Khloe is always following the school rules. She is a real role model to her peers

Maple: Amelia always follows all our school rules, particularly working well with all her peers.

Olive: Eric sets an example by following the school rules and is a responsible member of Olive class

Oak: Samuel for always following the school rules first time and for being an excellent role model both in class and on the playground.

Hazel: William for always following school rules and helping his friends in class. Well done William you are a great role model.

Holly: Lia for always trying her best and being a great role model

Cherry: Isaac for following all of our school rules in the classroom and around school. Especially when playing football - well done.

Willow: Layla for good listening in class.

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	Wynter, Samson, Princess, Rupert, Miki, Mia		20 PALS point each for Anna & Isla
Cedar	Amelia, Zorianna, Evie-Mae, Tatiana, Alexandra, Daniel and Freddie		
Rowan	Darcie M, Alan, Rajmond, Wissam, Alice, Tayla, Evelyn, Teddy	Lauren	
Maple	Cleo, Nour, Lucas, Leo D, Thomas, Harry, Leo K		
Willow	Layla		



Dates for your diary

Date	Event
Warrington Rugby Festival	Wednesday 2 nd April
Easter bingo	Tuesday 8 th April at 3.45pm
End of Spring term – finish for Easter	Wednesday 9 th April at 2pm
Summer term – back to school	Wednesday 23 rd April
Monday 12 th – Thursday 15 th May	KS2 SATs
Whole School photos	Tuesday 20 th May