



DALLAM C P SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

25th April 2025

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

School value: **honesty**

I love seeing the children return after a holiday especially when the sun is shining as they run into school. It's so lovely to see their smiles as they catch up with their friends and talk about their holiday experiences.

As usual, the teachers have spent their time away from school planning exciting and inspirational lessons to introduce new units of work and recap what the children already know so that they can build their existing learning and commit their new knowledge to memory. In Ash Class, the children were exploring the many flowers that have appeared in their wild area over the holiday and using a whole range of fine and gross motor skills to collect them, splat them and use the mud kitchen to make playdough with them. Not only have they used fantastic vocabulary and social skills, they have done a great job of clearing the weeds!

As I've visited classrooms this week, once again I've been blown away by the calm, focused learning environments around school – it's obvious that the children are getting ready to move up at the end of this term as they use their developing confidence, independence and maturity to do their best work.

Next week, your child's teacher will be sending home their summer learning letters so that you can see what the curriculum holds for them this term. If you need any further information about what your child will be learning or how to support them further, speak to their teacher when you pick up at the end of the day or phone the school office and they will call you back. By working together, we will give your child the very best opportunities possible.

I want to give a special mention to Oak Class this week – this is an important time of the year for them and there is no doubt that they are taking their learning incredibly seriously as they prepare for their SATs in May and to showcase their very best independent writing in June before they go on to shine in Year 7 next year. We are so proud of them and their determination to succeed!

Have a lovely weekend – hopefully we'll see a bit more sunshine.
Mrs Downey

Attendance – In School – On Time – Every Day

In every class, children start their learning as soon as they arrive in the classroom at 8:40am and are still working right up to the very last minute before they go home. It is really important for them to be in school on time so that they don't fall behind and in school every day; they will be having lessons right up to the very end of term. Supporting your child's good attendance and punctuality makes such a difference to their confidence and self-esteem and develops good habits that will last a lifetime.

Next week I will be able to share the attendance figures from this week with you. The attendance league will be starting again very soon and every class has told me that they want to win it this time – the race is on!

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

Our New Social Media Accounts

Exciting News!

Following the feedback from our recent parent/carer survey, we are thrilled to announce the launch of our new Facebook page, linked to an Instagram account.

Starting next Monday, these platforms will celebrate the incredible learning happening at our school and showcase the amazing efforts of our dedicated team.

Stay tuned for updates, photos, and stories that highlight our vibrant school community!

To find us search @dallamprimary on Instagram and Dallam Community Primary School on pages on Facebook.

Online Safety

Earlier in the year, we invited Emma Mills, the Headteacher at Birchwood Community High School, to talk to parents about keeping our children safe online. There has been a great deal in the media recently about this issue and I know that the parents who attended the presentation found it very useful but also very worrying. I am incredibly pleased and relieved that Warrington has become one of very few places in the country to offer **every parent free access to the Smoothwall Online Safety Hub** — an incredible resource designed to help families monitor and manage online activity. Please read the attached letter which provides more information about this and an incredible opportunity to receive free access to an online safety app which will help you to support your child to develop safe online skills.

School Uniform

The children always look so smart and prepared for the summer temperatures in their summer uniforms this term. Please make sure that your child has a cardigan or sweatshirt for the cooler days and double check that they have their name in all their clothing. This is the time of year when most cardigans and sweatshirts are left on the playground and field and reuniting them with their owners can be extremely challenging!

As the year goes on, we always see more trainers being worn for school. Please remember that the **school uniform includes black school shoes**. Trainers are not permitted to be worn all day. If your child is not wearing school shoes or sandals, their teacher will speak to them and/or you about it.

If your child has school shoes, but is reluctant to wear them, talk to us about it – we may be able to help. Equally if there is any other reason why your child is not wearing school shoes – talk to your child's teacher or Mrs Wilson – again, we may be able to help. We have a selection of new school shoes in a variety of sizes which could be just what you need.

Finally, our PE kit is part of our school uniform – this is the time when children SHOULD wear trainers! The PE uniform polo is Dallam blue – not white. This helps us to make sure that children are changing correctly for physical exercise and developing those good habits moving forward. Please make sure that your child has a Dallam blue PE top as part of their PE kit.

The Warrington Guardian Education Awards.

Still time to make your nominations here:

These links will take you to our website:

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

<https://www.warringtonguardian.co.uk/news/25004556.will-nominate-warrington-guardian-education-awards-2025/>

<https://www.warringtonguardian.co.uk/news/25031194.know-top-teacher-pupil-deserves-education-award/>



This link will take you directly to the nomination form:

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

I have also attached a QR code to the email, as it takes people straight to the nomination form.

The closing date for entries is Sunday, May 18.



Lead Learners this week:

Acorns: Heidi, demonstrating our school value of honesty.

Ash: Samson for always displaying the school value of honesty.

Cedar: Matilda has on many occasions shown our value of honesty and is always ready to tell the truth.

Rowan: Esmee for her honesty in class.

Maple: Leo K for always showing our school value of honesty.

Olive: Ella, for always being honest. She is an excellent role model for not just the class but the whole school.

Oak: Fraya for always showing our school value of honesty.

Hazel: Archie for working hard sharing with his friends.

Holly: Christopher for being an honest and kind little boy, a credit to his class.

Cherry: Ayansh for always being honest and being a good friend.

Willow: Oliva for demonstrating the school value of honesty, since returning this term.

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, Princess, Esme, Mikolaj, Mia		20 PALS; Tommy
Cedar	Matilda, Amelia, Ayia, Daniel, Freddie, Harper-Mae, Evie-Mae, Jack and Tatiana.	Josie, Evie-Mae, Freddie, Borislav, Yusef, David, Daniel, Lavin, Sinaed, Ayia, Mirvan, Rosie, Jack, Harper, Sophia and Tatiana.	
Rowan	Louie, Matilda, Lewis, Luna, Lauren, Teddy, Darcie M, Alice, Wissam		
Maple	Cleo, Leo D, Harry, Lucas, David, Israel, Lewis, Max, Kye, Nour, Dominik, Ronan, Amelia, Lily R, Omari		
Oak	Frankie, Bella, Samuel, Julia, Gosia, Mason, Elijah, Liya, Conner, Finley, Sophia, Kornel Summer, Leo, Katie, Hollie M Idris, Holly C, Issy, Ike, Maja, Jace, Rory, Oscar, Theo, Nia, Pelin, Fraya.	Frankie, Bella, Samuel, Julia, Gosia, Mason, Elijah, Liya, Conner, Finley, Sophia, Kornel Summer, Leo, Katie, Hollie M Idris, Holly C, Issy, Ike, Maja, Jace, Rory, Oscar, Theo, Nia, Pelin, Fraya.	



Dates for your diary

Date	Event
Monday 12 th – Thursday 15 th May	KS2 SATs
Whole School photos	Tuesday 20 th May
TCAT Performance for the choir. Tickets will be on sale nearer the time.	Tuesday 24 th June