



## DALLAM C P SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

9<sup>th</sup> May 2025

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

School value: **honesty**

Yesterday saw the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE Day and across school, children and staff have been learning about what this means. Each Key Stage held a silence this morning to remember the bravery and hard work of all the men and women who fought in World War 2 and contributed to the war effort. As usual, the children were amazing, treating the occasion with the seriousness that it deserves. It is at times like this that we are especially proud of the character and respect that our children show.

The day was punctuated by lots of flag waving, bunting music and dancing as classes learned about the importance of the end of the war in Europe and what the return of peace meant to people across the country and beyond.

There was a mini street party in Cedar Class with crisps and biscuits alongside dancing to war time music while children in Nursery made jam sandwiches and decorated the union flag in different ways. Even our 2-year-olds used the kiddie cutter knives to spread the jam and cut the bread. Miss Bradley and Miss Kellett said they were delicious and the children agreed!

Holly Class looked fabulous in Union Jack crowns as they learned about how happy people were that the war had ended. Especially those people who had gone to live somewhere else to keep them safe because the end of the war meant that they could return to their hometowns. In Willow Class, the children had a great time using their clay skills to make victory medals in celebration of the end of the war.

Ash Class have used their gardening skills to plant geraniums and delphiniums into a remembrance planter in their outdoor learning area which will flower in the colours of the Union Jack: red, white and blue.

There was a dinner party at lunch time to celebrate this special day and lots of children made flags to take along and wave and cheer just like people did in 1945 at street parties and in villages, towns and cities across the country.

After watching PowerPoint presentations and videos, children across Rowan Class and Key Stage 2 extended their learning and understanding of VE Day in lots of ways. Some carried out their own research and recorded their findings in different ways like posters, quizzes and Google slides while others made Spitfires with messages of remembrance and thanks written under their wings. At the end of the day, they flew the planes shouting "We Will Remember" - which I'm sure they will.

Our oldest children in Oak Class enjoyed using their excellent problem-solving skills to complete an Enigma code challenge. Mrs Brabin said that they would have made a fantastic contribution to the war effort. Not only were they amazing at solving the puzzles, but they always work together so well that it makes the team even stronger!

This is just a snapshot of the wealth of learning that took place across the curriculum on Thursday. Please find a few minutes to ask your child what they did in school – it will help them to remember the importance of VE day: reminding us of the joy of peace and the importance of working together to make the world a better place.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Downey

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

Last week, 3 classes topped 96% attendance – what a great start to the summer term for Hazel, Maple and Sycamore Classes. A further 4 classes were close with 93% or above – well done! Very impressively 8 classes improved their attendance from the previous week – Keep it up!

Class	Attendance Last week
Seedlings	89
Acorns	81
Ash	94
Cedar	92
Holly	92
Hazel	99
Rowan	93
Maple	98
Sycamore	96
Willow	89
Olive	94
Oak	94
Cherry	95

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

### Year 6 SATs

Our Year 6 children are ready to smash their SATs next week – a couple more sleeps and they will be here. Remember, to support your child, you can do the following things:

- Reassuring them that they are ready for the tests
- Making sure that they get a good night's sleep every night
- Encouraging them to be active at some point every day
- Making sure that they have a quiet space to do their homework and prepare
- Making sure they enjoy time with family and friends
- Ensuring that they eat well

**Very importantly next week, make sure that your child has breakfast every day and arrives at school by 8:40am so that they can be calm, settled and focused before the tests begin.**

If you have any concerns or questions about the upcoming tests, speak to your child's teacher who will be happy to help.

## **Do you love crafts, art or music? Could you share your passion and interest with Dallam children?**

We love our children to experience as many different opportunities as possible – do you love drawing? Or play an instrument or sing? 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...aunties...uncles...) who have a creative, artistic or musical interest that they would be prepared to share with children at Dallam, 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 the children.

If that's you, please call in to the office and give them your details or if you'd like more info a member of staff will contact you.



**Lead Learners this week:** a child who has made great progress in PE.

**Seedlings:** Poppy has tried really hard to complete our outdoor obstacle course. Poppy has gained lots of confidence and can now do it independently.

**Ash:** Mila O for growing in confidence in every PE lesson.

**Cedar:** Willow has been trying very hard to improve her racquet skills in PE this week.

**Rowan:** Bella has achieved lots in PE so far this year. She is consistently working well as part of a team and always shows great listening skills. She has even managed to catch a tennis ball with one hand!

**Maple:** Shana has made fantastic progress in our swimming lessons and can now swim without armbands.

**Sycamore:** Joe for showing his resilience and trying his best during the session.

**Olive:** Bella for putting a huge amount of effort into our Dance lessons.

**Oak:** Maja for being an excellent play-leader. She has been on the training during her holidays and also helps Tom with his after school club on a Wednesday.

**Holly:** River for great racquet skills.

**Cherry:** Isaac for always following the rules in PE and football club. He is an excellent role model who listens to his adults and tries to make sure everyone in his group takes a turn.

**Willow:** Oscar - for trying hard to perfect his tennis skills.

## **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>	Esme, Mikolaj, Stuart, Charlie, Borbala, Tianna, Princess and Emre.		
<b>Cedar</b>	Zorianna, Daniel and Tatiana.		100 PALS for Jack, Rosie, Selin, Ivan-Paul and Josie
<b>Rowan</b>	Louie, Carter, Poppy, Evelyn, Luna, Matilda, Tayla, Alan and Lauren	Majka, Rajmond & Darcie L	
<b>Maple</b>	Lewis, Lucas, Kye, Alex and Thomas		
<b>Sycamore</b>	Sophia, Sofia, Hina, Zack, Kai, Paiveen, Darcy, Aria, Sidar, Awaan	Olivia, Joe Sophia, Sofia, Hina, Zack, Kai, Paiveen, Darcy, Aria, Sidar, Awaan	
<b>Olive</b>	Jasmine, Ola, Sila, Ruby, Theo, Jonah, Elsa, Aaliyah, Ara, Maria, Ella, Eric, Oscar, Demi, Aaliyah	Ruby, Lidia, Demi	Demi 300 PALS points
<b>Oak</b>	Maja, Nia, Fraya, Liya, Idris, Sophia, Pelin, Gosia, Jace, Bella, Finley, Theo, Issy, Samuel, Connor, Holly C, Leo, Rory, Katie, Kornel, Ike, Summer, Elijah, Julia, Mason.	Maja, Nia, Fraya, Liya, Idris, Sophia, Pelin, Gosia, Jace, Bella, Finley, Theo, Issy, Samuel, Connor, Holly C, Leo, Rory, Katie, Kornel, Ike, Summer, Elijah, Julia, Mason	
<b>Willow</b>	Adam		
<b>Cherry</b>	Theo, Harry, Isaac, Matthew, Ayansh		



**Dates for your diary**

Date	Event
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> – Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 SATs
Whole School photos	Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> May
<b>Sports day</b> KS2 will be in the morning and KS1 in the afternoon	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June
TCAT Performance for the choir. Tickets will be on sale nearer the time.	Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June

**COME ALONG TO OUR**  
**WEST FAMILY HUB LAUNCH DAY!**

**13<sup>th</sup> May 10:30am-4pm**

**Boulting Avenue WA5 0JG**



**Take home valuable advice and  
information from our partnership  
marketplace!**



**Drop in play session for  
0-5s from 10:30am**

**Teddy tombola**

**Ribbon cutting at 12:30pm**

**Special guest appearance!**

**Tea, coffee and cake stall**

**Fun activities for children**

**FAMILY**  
**HUB**

**Putting families  
at the centre**