



## DALLAM C P SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

11<sup>th</sup> July 2025

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

School value: **ambition**

I've enjoyed getting caught in a couple of cooling showers of rain this week – and on Tuesday, the whole school evacuated the building in the middle of a lunch time shower when the fire alarm activated unexpectedly. It had gone off accidentally, but I was so impressed with the sensible way that all staff and children assembled at their fire evacuation points. We have regular fire drills in school and watching the process unfold when the children were least expecting it - enjoying their lunch break -demonstrated that all of our practices have truly prepared every child to be safe.

This week has been all about finishing off the curriculum for the current year and making sure that children know and remember what they need to in order to build on this in the future. After assembly on Monday, each class will go to their new classrooms with their new class team. Children in Nursery and designated provision classes will spend part of their time in their new classes.

As part of this transition week, our Year 6s become our new Year 7s. They will take part in lots of activities and experiences over the last week of their primary education to make sure that they make great memories whilst having the opportunity to practise some of the skills that they will need as they transfer to their new schools.

Their leavers activities actually started with their visit to Chill Factore last week where they thoroughly enjoyed taking part in a snowboarding lesson and a session in the snow park. The time in the super air-conditioned building was very well received as the rest of us sweltered in heat and their teachers came back full of praise for their excellent attitudes and willingness to have a go. These will stand them in good stead as they meet the many new experiences that are waiting for them in September. The stop off at McDonalds on their way back was also very well received!

However, it was Thursday afternoon and their Leavers' Assembly that really signalled their readiness to move on. It was absolutely tremendous! I started to feel the emotion of the occasion from the very beginning during the slide show which showed how every child has grown while they have been in school. Throughout the performance, I felt such a sense of pride and gratitude. Their experiences so far for their first 11 years have come together to enable every single one of them to truly shine. Once again, I want to thank all parents and carers for the role that you have played, working in partnership with school, to reach this point. We couldn't be more proud of the children, their attitude to learning and their many achievements.

Every year, I don't see how the children can top last year's performance, but once again they did it! The theme running through the performance was that everyone has the X factor – we are all outstanding in different ways. What better message to take on to high school along with the determination to treat every day as a new start – leave your troubles behind you and reach for the stars.

Watching our children on the stage, it was more than evident that they have the character, independence and confidence to get the very best out of their new schools. As always, it was an incredible privilege for Ashlea, one of the co-chairs of the governing body, and me to present the awards at the end (with the support of some of our younger children to help me to identify which one was which!). We celebrated resilience, perseverance, sporting excellence, environmental responsibility, care and compassion, achievement and high attainment but what really stood out for me was the children's sheer enjoyment and energy throughout the entire performance. I want to take this opportunity to recognise the commitment of every single member of staff as together we have nurtured and inspired our children to achieve their very best. Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Downey

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

Last week, a very impressive 7 classes topped 96% attendance – well done to Ash, Cedar, Hazel, Rowan, Maple, Oak and Cherry Classes with another special shout out to Cherry and Hazel Classes with yet another week at 100% - amazing!. Rowan Class and Cedar Class moved from 95% to 96% and Sycamore are just a whisker away on 95%! 6 classes improved their attendance from last week – Keep it up!

<b>Class</b>	<b>Attendance Last week</b>
<b>Seedlings</b>	<b>92</b>
<b>Acorns</b>	<b>78</b>
<b>Ash</b>	<b>96</b>
<b>Cedar</b>	<b>96</b>
<b>Holly</b>	<b>78</b>
<b>Hazel</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>Rowan</b>	<b>96</b>
<b>Maple</b>	<b>98</b>
<b>Sycamore</b>	<b>95</b>
<b>Willow</b>	<b>88</b>
<b>Olive</b>	<b>94</b>
<b>Oak</b>	<b>96</b>
<b>Cherry</b>	<b>100</b>

Next week is incredibly important for your child. They will be working with their new class team and getting to know the routines for September. It is really important that your child is in school, on time, every day so that they can start the new school year with confidence.

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

### School Uniform

We still have a limited amount of uniform in school which we currently subsidise. We are able to offer discounts, until the end of term. Once it's gone, it's gone!!!

- Jumpers and cardigans £10
- PE tops £5
- Bags £3
- Water bottles £1

Uniform will be available from the following suppliers:

- Touchline <https://www.touchline-embroidery.com/>
- S G School & Sports wear <https://www.sg-embroidery.co.uk/>
- Alpha school wear <https://alphaschoolwear.com/product-category/schools-a-z/infants-and-primary-schools/dallam-community-primary/>

### Nessy Reading and Spelling

This excellent online programme is offering 60% off over the summer with the code SUMMER60. It teaches reading and spelling in an interactive, fun way. If you wish your child to have a boost over the summer then take a look! [www.nessy.com](http://www.nessy.com)

This is a programme we use in school. Please ask in the school office for more information.



**Lead Learners this week:** a child who has been a good role model.

**Seedlings:** Poppy is always a good role model to her peers in class. She is kind, caring and follows the routines and boundaries every day!

**Acorns:** Lareen setting a good example and tidying up.

**Ash:** Lyla for being a good role model and sharing with her friends in class.

**Cedar:** Jack has consistently been, for the whole of Year 1, a fantastic role model for learning in our classroom.

**Rowan:** Teddy is always a good role model for his peers. He consistently shows good listening skills and kind and caring towards both his friends and staff.

**Maple:** Leo D always engaging really well in his lessons and working hard to achieve his targets.

**Sycamore:** Liv for consistency showing respect for school rules and being an inspiration to the younger children in school.

**Olive:** Elsa for being a fantastic role model at all times.

**Oak:** Nia for working hard and building herself confidence in order to perform so well on stage.

**Holly:** Christopher for trying hard to follow his new routines.

**Cherry:** Logan for always setting a shining example to his friends. He makes the right choices in his work and play, continuously encouraging others to do the same.

**Willow:** Adam for being a good role model in class, playing lovely with his friends, encouraging and praising them.

### **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
<b>Cedar</b>	Evie-Mae, David and Freddie.	Harper-Mae, Lavin, Rosie, Sofia, Szofia and Ivan.	100 PALS Sinead
<b>Rowan</b>	Luna, Lewis, Esmæ, Alan, Tayla, Hallie, Matilda, Khloe, Lauren	Mayia	
<b>Maple</b>	Cleo, Israel, Shana, Lewis, Lucas, Ronan, Noah, Skye, Amelia		
<b>Sycamore</b>	Zac, Darcy, Archie, Emily, Awaan, Sidar, Ousemba, Joe, Olivia, kai	Zack, Archie, Olivia, Awaan, Rosa, Aria, Kai, Izabella.	
<b>Olive</b>	Zsombor, Alex, Ola, Aliliah, Lottie, Theo, Sila, Ruby, Charlie		



**Dates for your diary**

Event	Date
End of Term <b>(2pm Finish)</b>	<b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2025</b>
School Re Opens	<b>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2025</b>