

**14th November 2025**

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

School value: **inclusivity**

This week started with Odd Socks Day, to mark the beginning of Anti-Bullying week. The theme this year is "Power for Good" and the children have been building on what they already know about bullying and what they can do if they encounter it. As part of this work, they identify who they can talk to if they are worried about something. They identify trusted adults in their lives, both at home and in school. It may be a good time for you to remind your child about who they can talk to within your family and friends and how sharing concerns is a great first step to solving them.

We had a visit from the headteachers and science leads from all the other primary schools in TCAT on Tuesday afternoon. They came to see what teaching and learning looks like in our science curriculum and the excellent work that our children do. They were so impressed by the way that our children investigate and talk and write like scientists that the Trust is going to use our curriculum as a model for all the children in TCAT primary schools. We really are leading the way at Dallam – it is also really lovely to see the hard work and skill of our teachers and teaching assistants recognised across TCAT.

On Wednesday morning, our school councillors attended a ceremony at St. Mary's Cemetery in Penketh where they laid a tribute in remembrance of all those who have fought in wars. They were amazing ambassadors for our school – chatting to the veterans with incredible respect. We are so proud of them! While they were in Penketh, every class back in school marked Armistice Day with a period of silence. The children really did show respect as they thought about the many people who have fought for the freedoms that we have today.

It was great to see so many parents in school on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons at parents' evening. This has been a great opportunity to speak to your child's teacher, discuss how they have settled in to the new school year and targets for the rest of the term to support them to reach their full potential. I really love to see how much the children enjoy taking you through school and sharing their classrooms and work books with you.

Thank you to all the families who have supported Children in Need today by helping our children to accessorise their uniform with something spotty or something yellow. It's great to see how excited they are when they wear something different to school. Over the next few weeks, there will be more own clothes days with a forfeit of items for the Christmas fayre. I'm seeing and hearing clues that the festive season is well on its way as I pop into classrooms: cards appearing on strings, songs being practised in preparation for performances and the trees lit up on the stage. It's my favourite time of the year in school! I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Downey

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

5 classes managed to top 96% attendance last week - A great big well done to Seedlings, Rowan, Ash, Acorns and Willow classes with a special shout out to Rowan Class with 100%! A further 4 classes are only 1% away – let's see if Cedar, Maple, Sycamore and Olive Classes can make it next week. The 8 classes coloured green improved their attendance from last week - our dip from before the holiday is still continuing to improve – Keep it up! The classes coloured blue maintained attendance from last week 😊

Class	Attendance Last week
Seedlings	96
Acorns	96
Ash	96
Cedar	95
Holly	81
Hazel	84
Rowan	100
Maple	95
Sycamore	95
Willow	97
Olive	95
Oak	90
Cherry	92

If you need support with attendance, talk to us and we will work together to improve outcomes for our children.

### School office

The school office is open 8.30am – 4pm each day. You can leave a message to report your child's absence by pressing option 1, at any time. Access to the car park by the barrier is activated by the office staff, so access can not be gained until 8.30 am.

### Sent on behalf of

Poverty Action and Community Collaboration Lead/ Warrington Voluntary Action



Please see attached an updated version of the Warrington Affordable Food Spaces leaflet.

The Food Provision map has also been updated here: [Community Food | Warrington Voluntary Action](#)

Please note – the recent updates include;

- TBBT text phone number has been updated to a new number
- Westy TBBT is relocating to Westy Children's Centre from this Friday (collection of bags is at the same time; 1:30-2pm)
- A new Little Shop at Unit 2 Tanning Court has launched. This is open on Mondays between 11am – 1pm.
- Changes to Community Grocery offer, now including an XL shop option



**Lead Learners this week: a child to the office who has shone out for the learning in science.**

**Acorns:** Willow for doing well investigating ice!

**Seedlings:** Orla for always joining in with the morning weather song

**Ash:** Lareen for fabulous understanding of floating and sinking

**Cedar:** Wynter was able to demonstrate super science skills this week when investigating which materials are waterproof and she used excellent scientific vocabulary

**Rowan:** Coby is doing brilliant in science at the moment. He remembers important facts and is able to conduct experiments independently in class, showcasing his amazing scientific skills

**Maple:** Kai good independent use of scientific vocabulary

**Sycamore:** Kye engages enthusiastically in science lessons and consistently comes up with fantastic answers and knowledge.

**Olive:** Ousemba for showing an excellent understanding of friction

**Oak:** Jackson for writing a very accurate scientific explanation about fossils and evolution.

**Holly:** Christopher has been amazing in our science lessons so far this half term! He can confidently use scientific vocabulary to categorise bird, fish and mammals! Well Done Christopher!

**Hazel:** Arin for following life cycle of a duck and being able to repeat the cycle independently! Well done Arin

**Willow:** Marija for drawing the meniscus on her scientific diagram.

**Cherry:** Adam for his amazing scientific vocabulary this week, especially his explanation of what evolution is.

## **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 Points</b>
<b>Cedar</b>	Lyla-Mae, Wynter, Livya, Emre and Stuart		
<b>Rowan</b>	Evie, Alexandra, Josie, Freddie, Tatiana, Harper		
<b>Maple</b>	Nevaeh, Majka, Carter, Lewis, Alice, Darcie M, Esmae, Alan, Evelyn, Matilda	Majka, Alice, Lauren, Evelyn	
<b>Sycamore</b>	Amelia, Cleo, David, Haron, Israel Lewis, Max, Nicole, Nour, Shana Noah, Skye		
<b>Olive</b>	Izabella, Ousemba, Paiveen, Archie, Lennox, Darcy, Aria, Sophia M, Zack, Isabelle, Summer	Darcy	
<b>Oak</b>	Oscar, Layla, Jackson, Ella, , Zsombor, Charlie, Ara, Alex, Bella, Elsa, Jonah, Alilah, Lidia, Demi, Lottie, Theo, Ruby, Jasmine, Eric, Ola, Sila, Poppy,		
<b>Cherry</b>	Matthew		

### **Dates for your diary**

<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November</b>	Bring bric-a-brac for the Christmas fayre
<b>Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November 4-5.30pm</b>	EYFS Open evening for those children starting reception September 2026
<b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Bring a bottle for the Christmas fayre 🍷🍷
<b>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Christmas fayre 🎄👤

### **🎄 Christmas performances 🎄**

#### **Early years (Nursery & Ash class)**

Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	2pm
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	9.30am

#### **KS1 (Holly, Hazel, Cedar & Rowan)**

Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	2pm
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	9.30am

#### **KS2 (Willow, Cherry, Maple, Sycamore, Oak & Olive)**

Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	9.30am
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	1.30pm

**Tickets will go on sale w/c 24<sup>th</sup> November, limited to 2 per family.** No charge. There will be a reserve list for additional tickets, these will be released the week before the performances.