



DALLAM C P SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

12th September 2025

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

School value: **respect**

It really feels as though autumn has arrived this week: despite the sometimes sunny days, there has been a definite nip in the air. We enjoy outdoor playtimes in all but the very worst weather, so please make sure that your child has a warm waterproof coat in school every day as autumn really begins to take hold. Don't forget that we have some great, pre-loved coats in the school reception area that you are welcome to take for your children. If you have any warm coats that your child has grown out of, please consider donating them to extend their usefulness. This not only is great for reducing landfill, but will also help our community in these challenging financial times.

We started the week with an assembly to explore our school values – particularly our focus for this half term: respect. The children suggested lots of ways that they can show respect to themselves, other people and environments in school, at home and in the community. If your child is making an extra effort to show respect out of school, please let us know – it's important to us that they demonstrate our core values of respect, resilience, kindness, ambition, inclusivity and honesty in all aspects of their lives. We will continue to return to this theme throughout the half term.

In school the children are enjoying their new units of work and it feels as though we've been back for weeks as I visit the classrooms. I can really see the benefit of getting to know the new staff team and routines before we break up for the summer. The children have returned with confidence and eager to learn. Ash Class have completed their first full week at school - I'm sure they will all sleep well tonight after a busy week learning and catching up with their friends! Our new Key Stage 1 children in Cedar, Holly and Hazel Classes have been making their teachers proud everyday as they have demonstrated fabulous listening skills and great co-operation with each other as they share their ideas in lessons and play together at playtime.

Our new Key Stage 2 children in Maple and Willow Classes are definitely ready to be juniors. When I've popped into their classrooms, I have been super impressed by the calm quiet learning environments and the focus of the children on their work. Finally our new Year 6 children in Oak and Cherry Classes have absolutely risen to the challenge of their final year at primary school. They are already demonstrating independence, enthusiasm and confidence as they begin to build the knowledge and skills they will need next year at high school. Equally as important, they are great role models for the younger children in school. The way that they manage themselves in all parts of the school environment has been exemplary.

Your child should have brought home their project letter this week which contains information about what they will be learning for the next term. Try to take a moment this weekend to talk to your child about what they have enjoyed learning this week and what they are looking forward to next week. Every moment of every day is filled with learning opportunities, so if they say they are looking forward to playtime – that's fine! This is where

we guide children to develop their social skills and self-regulation strategies whilst fitting in a bit of physical activity.

Next Wednesday at lunch time, children in Year 5 and 6 are invited to football trials, with Tom, for the school team. If your child wants to try out, they may want to get a bit of extra practice in over the weekend. We will also be electing our new school councillors and Happiness Heroes and selecting Y5 Play Leaders next week. These are positions of leadership and responsibility that many of our KS2 children aspire to. If your child wants to put themselves forward, it may help them if you talk to them about how they could represent their class by listening to their peers and sharing their thoughts and ideas or about the skills and attributes they demonstrate to be a good Play Leader such as: great listening, patience and fairness.

On Tuesday, Mrs Best reached an amazing milestone in her partnership with Dallam Primary. She has worked with and supported the children, families and staff at the school for 40 years! This truly is an achievement and I'm sure that you will join with me in saying a huge thank you for her dedication, sense of humour and care in her many different roles – all of which help us to provide the safe, purposeful and nurturing ethos that we are all so proud of.

I hope you have a restful weekend.
Mrs Downey

Attendance – In School – On Time – Every Day

Once again, one of our school priorities this year will be supporting the best possible attendance. We want to develop the habits of good attendance and punctuality as a skill for life. It is important for children to be in school, on time every day so that they can take full advantage of every lesson and reach their full potential.

Our school attendance last week was below national attendance for primary schools. I am very much hoping that it goes up this week when Mrs Wood looks at the figures after school today.

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

Bikes and Scooters

It is great that so many children are developing healthy habits by walking, cycling or scooting to school. Please make sure that your child leaves their bike or scooter in the racks on the KS2 playground where they are secure during the day. We no longer have a bike rack outside the main reception so please don't leave them here. If your child goes to breakfast club, they can take their bike or scooter into school through the hall doors and will be given time before lessons start to drop them off on the KS2 playground. Finally, for the safety of the whole school community, please ensure that your child does not ride their scooter or bike across the carpark or playgrounds.

Assemblies

Celebration assembly takes place on Monday morning at 9:05am. If your child is receiving a PALS award, (listed below on the weekly newsletter) you are welcome to come and support them as they receive their badge.

As the term progresses, classes will begin to prepare a sharing assembly which you will be invited to watch. These are always fabulous; seeing the pride and confidence of the children as they present is always a real treat. We look forward to seeing you there later in the term.

Swimming

Swimming at the Livewire Hub, will recommence week coming 15th September. **Year 5 children will have their lesson on a Tuesday morning.** Please ensure your child has their swimming kit with them and bring it home with them at the end of the day. We do not have spare towels or costumes in school.

Living Well Bus

The living well bus is coming to Dallam! No need to book just come along

Date: 19th September 2025

Time: 10:30am -4:00pm

Location: Boulting Avenue Family Hub, Dallam, WA5 0JG

VISIT THE LIVING WELL SERVICE FOR ALL
ROUTINE UK IMMUNISATIONS AND
HEALTH CHECKS

THE LIVING WELL BUS
Supporting our communities
live well through:

- Physical health checks
- Vaccination
- Links to local health resources

Hosted by:
Warrington and Warrington
Partnership
NHS Foundation Trust

Timetable: www.cwp.nhs.uk/livingwellservice

Coffee morning at the Family Hub. (see attached flyer)

Our Friday Coffee mornings are on 9-10.30 (drop in) term time only, at Boulting avenue family hub in Dallam (formally known as Little stars children centre)

Each week we have a professional come along to connect in some way with our families, in a relaxed environment with free refreshments.

It's an opportunity for parents to meet new people, build on confidence and social skills. We host a play and sing session alongside for those with younger children. Everyone is welcome!

Due to attend we have a range of fantastic services that support with SEND, EAL, mental health and much more.

(Families United , Warrpac, EAL team, Addvanced solutions, Torus housing, credit union, Warrington Carers hub, Warrington Speak up)



Lead Learners this week: a child who has made a great start to the term.

Seedlings: all of seedlings class have had a fantastic first week back in school. Our older children have been perfect role models to our new starters and all of our new little 2's have settled really well! I'm so proud!

Acorns: Daniel for settling well into his new class and routine.

Ash: Serin for a fabulous start to reception class and sitting well during carpet time.

Cedar: Isla has had a wonderful and enthusiastic start to our new term.

Rowan: Josie has made a great start to the term. She approaches every lesson with enthusiasm and is always demonstrating our school values.

Maple: Nevaeh for working well and trying very hard in all her lessons.

Sycamore: Omari for having a great attitude to work and being a great role model for his classmates.

Olive: Lennox for a fantastic start to the year. She has been here on time every day and put a huge amount of effort into all her learning.

Oak: Eric for making an amazing start to year 6. He has given 100% to all of his learning

Holly: Logan for making a great start to the new year, being in every day, on time and trying hard with all of his work.

Cherry: Matthew for settling in amazingly, trying his hardest with everything and being a fabulous role model to new members of Cherry class.

Willow: River for making a super start to the new school year. He has made new friends and settled really well into the new routines.

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			
Cedar			
Rowan	Harper, Daniel and David		
Maple			
Sycamore			
Olive			PALS - Isabelle 300
Oak	Ruby, Demi, Jasmine, Theo, Lidia, Jonah, Sila, Eric, Ara, Oscar, Elsa, Jackson, Ella, Aliliah, Ola, Poppy, Ara, Amelia, Oscar.		