



DALLAM C P SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

19th September 2025

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

School value: **respect**

Staff and children had an amazing time at Boreatton Park last weekend. From canoeing up the river in torrential rain to jumping for a trapeze from the top of a pole in the forest to facing the challenge of the exhilarating but terrifying giant swing, our children were absolutely amazing! They have a go attitude, determination and support for each other were so lovely to see. The weekend was filled with fun, laughter and screams of excitement; their behaviour was exemplary and their confidence and independence shone through. Well done Year 6 – we are incredibly proud of you all.

Over the last week, I have been treated with some lovely snacks and drinks as children have been developing their food technology skills. On Friday, I enjoyed a delicious fairy cake with my morning coffee, made by children in Year 6 and on Thursday, two children from Acorns came to visit me in my office with the most refreshing homemade lemonade that I have ever tasted. As part of their work exploring the colour yellow, the children looked at, smelled, tasted and felt the textures of fresh lemons before squeezing them and preparing a sweet and tangy drink that was enjoyed by all. We definitely have some budding chefs in school – I can't wait to sample what they make next!

When I popped into Cedar Class earlier this week, our new Key Stage 1 children were having the best time exploring how to build a tower that didn't fall down. The children loved exploring how to make their structures more stable by building a wider base and really demonstrated our school value of resilience as they competed to create the tallest tower. They have also had fun developing their art skills as they practised varying the thickness of their lines and painting in the style of Paul Klee. They brought their skills right up to date by transferring their skills to the iPad: learning how to change the thickness of the lines they draw using digital media. Mrs Read is super proud of her class – they are truly rising to the challenge of KS1!

Our PCSO, Dean Bickerton, has been into school this week to invite children from Olive and Cherry Classes to apply for a place in our mini police initiative. I will be shortlisting and interviewing for the positions next week. I can't wait to read the application forms!

Finally, yet another group of children have taken on positions of responsibility this week. A huge congratulations to the children who have been selected to be Reading Buddies this year! From Olive: Sophia, Ousemba and Rosa; from Oak: Bella and Ruby. These children have committed the responsibility of supporting younger children with their reading skills and will be trained in how to do this successfully. This is a hugely important role in school. Reading development is a priority in school as once children have become fluent, accurate readers, they can learn anything they want through independent research. Our Reading Buddies play a vital role in this for some of our younger children.

Eric, Aaliyah and Lottie in year 6 will continue into a second year as our experienced Reading Buddies. Their dedication to this initiative is very much appreciated – thank you.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Downey

Attendance – In School – On Time – Every Day

So many classes have continued with great attendance in this school year. A whopping 9 classes topped 96% last week – well done Ash, Cedar, Holly, Hazel, Rowan, Maple, Sycamore, Cherry and Willow Classes. Three of these classes achieved an unbeatable 100% - an amazing achievement for Holly, Hazel and Cherry Classes. A further 3 classes were almost there with 95%. Come on Oak, Sycamore and Willow – let's get 96% or above next week! The 8 classes coloured green improved their attendance from last week – Keep it up!

Class	Attendance Last week
Seedlings	85
Acorns	89
Ash	96
Cedar	97
Holly	100
Hazel	100
Rowan	98
Maple	96
Sycamore	97
Willow	95
Olive	95
Oak	95
Cherry	100

Being in school, on time, every day is so important for your child's success in school. There is overwhelming evidence that shows the clear link between the habits of good attendance and punctuality and success at GCSE and on earnings in later life. It may feel as though these things are a long way in the future for your child, but good habits are formed from the very start of a child's education journey. We want to help you to support your child's success now and into their future.

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

Community Matters

I have spoken to a number of parents this week about parking on Boulting Avenue. Please be respectful of our neighbours if you need to bring your car to drop off or pick up your child. Take care not to block people's driveways even for the shortest time and if you have occasion to speak to anyone about this, remember our school value of respect. We are working together as one community for the benefit of our children.

On-line payments.

If you are transferring money into the school Lloyds bank account, please put in the reference your child's name and reason eg: toast, trip, club, nursery. We appreciate that the characters are limited but it just makes reconciling the payments easier for the office staff.



Lead Learners this week: a child who has shone out for their reading.

Cedar: Mia has been trying really hard in our phonics lessons and has been finding sound buttons very well.

Rowan: Lavin always demonstrates respect for her surroundings and her peers when she is in school. She always makes the right choices in class and uses excellent manners with staff around the school.

Maple: Carter for super reading and independently answering comprehension questions accurately.

Sycamore: Lewis is a superstar reader and understands how important this is.

Olive: Summer for trying hard to sound out new words and becoming more fluent in her reading.

Hazel: William has worked extremely hard in phonics this week. He is using good phonetical skills to segment and blend CVC words and was able to read his first Ditty book independently.

Cherry: Nathan for his commitment for reading as much as possible at home.

Willow: Marija for making great progress in her reading.

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	Tianna-Rose, Esme, Mia, Isabella, Rupert and Charlie.		
Rowan	Evie, Josie, Daniel, David, Sophie, Tatiana, Matilda, Jack and Harper-Mae		
Maple	Mayia, Wissam, Luna, Lewis, Bella, Drew, Nevaeh, Evelyn, Rajmond, Darcie M, Matilda		
Sycamore	Adam, Amelia, Cleo, David, Harry, Israel, Kye, Leo D, Lewis, Lily R, Lucas, Malakai, Max, Noah, Omari, Rhys, Ronan, Sharna, Skye and Thomas	Adam, Amelia, Cleo, David, Harry, Israel, Kye, Leo D, Lewis, Lily R, Lucas, Malakai, Max, Noah, Omari, Rhys, Ronan, Sharna, Skye and Thomas	
Olive	Archie, Zack, Ousemba, Sofia, Hina, Emily, Rosa, Sophia, Summer, Lennox, Paiveen, Isabella, and Izabella.		
Oak	Layla, Lottie, Poppy, Aaliyah, Daniel, Eric, Jackson, Demi, Lidia, Elsa, Alex, Ola, Bella, Charlie, Theo, Ara, Oscar, Ella Sila, Jasmine P, Ruby.	Layla, Lottie, Poppy, Aaliyah, Daniel, Jackson, Demi, Lidia Elsa, Alex, Ola, Bella, Charlie Theo, Ara, Oscar, Ella	Jasmine P has her 300 PALS badge Elsa 400 PALS badge
Cherry	Layla, Nathan		

Date for your diary

Thursday 9th October – School photographs.