



DALLAM C P SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

3rd October 2025

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

School value: **respect**

This Thursday was World Poetry Day so children across the school have been learning poems and rhymes around the theme of "Play". We had an assembly in the morning where the children shared their performances with the rest of the school: it was fantastic! From Ash Class who gave a fantastic rendition of 5 Little Monkeys which they have been learning, not only to support their oracy skills but also their early maths: to Maple Class who performed a poem about successful women in sport with great actions: to Sycamore Class who organised themselves to perform a very thought provoking poem highlighting that all children around the world have a right to play, the performances were polished and engaging. It was fabulous to see how each class had interpreted the theme. Olive Class performed a call and response poem which was based on "a play on words" which was humorous and very thought provoking while Oak Class gave an amazing choral performance which truly sparked the imagination and built pictures in the mind of children using items from around the house to build an imaginary boat and ride the waves. Cedar Class were really proud of their poem which they wrote themselves based on the games that they play on the playground and Rowan and Willow Classes used Makaton to communicate the messages in their poems integrated into their excellent performances.

The children really enjoyed performing for each other: the progression from Reception to Year 6 was clearly evident. Our children are developing independence, confidence and a love of performing as they move through school. The high expectations of staff in classrooms supports them to achieve their very best in line with our school vision: Nurture, Inspire, Achieve.

It has been lovely to see parents and carers in school for the first of our drop-ins of the year. The children really love it when their adults come into school to share their experiences with them. They are incredibly proud of their work and their classrooms and like people from home to see what they are like. We have lots more drop-ins next week – I really hope that you can make them.

Olive Class have been working with BikeRight this week to develop their cycling skills even further. They have learned how to safety check their bike before riding and about the importance of wearing the correct safety equipment to prevent injury. They have been supported to ride with control and confidence and to navigate the roads where appropriate. Our children really look forward to these sessions and have had great success this year.

I had a surprise visitor in my office after school on Thursday. Three children from gardening club were extremely excited to have found a newt while they have been preparing our beds for winter. They brought it to see me very carefully before returning it to its natural habitat. Our pond area has grown into a haven for wildlife – we are so pleased that we

have such diversity in our grounds. I think the thing that impressed me the most was that the children were able to tell me that a newt is an amphibian!

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Downey

Attendance – In School – On Time – Every Day

When I think that attendance can't possibly improve again next week – you prove me wrong! 8 classes topped 96% last week – well done Seedlings, Ash, Cedar, Holly, Hazel, Rowan, Sycamore, and Oak Classes. One class achieved an unbeatable 100% for a second week running - an amazing achievement for Holly Class and Well Done to Rowan Class for also achieving perfect attendance this week. A further 3 classes were almost there with 95%. Come on Olive, Cherry and Willow – let's get 96% or above next week! The 8 classes coloured green improved their attendance from last week – Keep it up! The classes coloured blue maintained their attendance from last week 😊

Class	Attendance Last week
Seedlings	96
Acorns	92
Ash	96
Cedar	97
Holly	100
Hazel	99
Rowan	100
Maple	94
Sycamore	98
Willow	95
Olive	95
Oak	98
Cherry	95

As I write the newsletter this week, whole school attendance is 95.8% and the attendance of our children who have reached statutory school age (over 5) is even higher at **98.2%**. This is fantastic! We are soooooo close to 96% for whole school attendance – Thank you to all of our parents, carers and families who are working so hard alongside us in school to give our children the very best start in life.

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

Safety in our Community

This morning, one of our children was involved in an accident requiring hospital treatment outside school. Some of our other children saw or heard this and were shaken and upset. Please take some time over the weekend to reassure your child if they witnessed this and, whether they did or not, revisit road safety. No one was at fault this morning and luckily the child involved doesn't seem to be badly injured. However, if we are all just that little bit more aware, we may prevent something like this happening in the future.

Mini Police

Congratulations to our mini police officers who have been interviewed and appointed today. They filled in application forms which showed that our children are concerned about the amount of litter in their environment and traffic and parking issues. One of their first tasks will be to look at road safety around the school.



Lead Learners this week: a child who has shone out for their art & DT.

Acorns: Ana for great artist skills when drawing members of her family.

Seedlings: Yusra has shown lots of confidence this week whilst taking part in our cutting and sticking activities.

Ash: Ella for cutting out household objects and carefully sticking them down in the correct places.

Cedar: Princess has shown super problem-solving skills when making a stable structure out of straws in DT this week.

Rowan: Freddie was excellent within DT this week. We were testing what shapes are stable in order to make a chair. Freddie made sound predictions and enjoyed testing stability by carefully balancing books. He was a superstar!

Maple: Matilda for a beautiful cushion design that included all her design criteria.

Olive: Charlie for being very creative during DT when researching bread recipes

Holly: Logan for great artwork and following instructions with whilst working with clay.

Cherry: Adam for using his amazing skills in DT.

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	Heidi E, Heidi M, Felicity, Ella, Aram		
Cedar	Miki, Anna and Wynter.		
Rowan	Daniel, Selin, David, Alexandra, Josie and Tatiana		
Maple	Emilia, Nevaeh, Alice, Majka, Darcie M, Alan		
Oak	Layla, Lottie, Poppy, Aaliyah, Jackson, Demi, Lidia, Elsa, Alex, Ola, Bella, Charlie, Theo Ara, Oscar, Ella, Sila, Jasmine P Ruby, Ava, Poppy, Jonah, Zsombor		
Cherry	Nathan and Layla		

Dates for your diary

Monday 6th October	Warrington Guardian new intake for Reception School photographs.
Thursday 9th October	School photographs.
Tuesday 4th November	Halloween disco
Thursday 6th November	EYFS Open evening (for new admissions September 2026)
Friday 21st November	Bring bric-a-brac for the Christmas fayre
Friday 28th November	Bring a bottle for the Christmas fayre
Thursday 4th December	Christmas fayre