



DALLAM C P SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

17th October 2025

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

School value: **respect**

I can't believe that it's dark when I get up in the morning again! As the days are getting shorter and more and more leaves are falling off the trees, it's a good time to remember. Children in Year 1 will be learning about deciduous and evergreen shrubs and trees and Year 5 will be learning about the movement of the Earth in space and how this affects the length of daylight hours as the seasons change. I've spotted lots of children having a great time exploring the texture and appearance of pumpkins, conkers, autumn leaves and acorns in our youngest children's classrooms as they learn more about some of the features of the season.

In all classes across school, the children are really enjoying their learning. Cherry Class have had a great time baking biscuits as part of their design technology learning. They worked very hard to read and follow a recipe – being careful to measure accurately and follow the steps in the right order. Mrs Rich will agree that the best part of the lesson was the very end where the tasting took place. They were delicious! After half term, the children will have the opportunity to adjust the recipe to make it even better then bake more biscuits to compare with the ones they've made this week – definitely something to look forward to!

Rowan Class were creating maps of Dallam in art this week. They drew their journey to school and then used this to create a 3D map. They used materials such as cardboard, string, foil, newspaper, felt, tissue paper and card. The children used their observational skills to cut out shapes that matched their maps and used landmarks such as roundabouts and parks. They did an amazing job.

Holly class have been learning about seasons & the Harvest festival. They saw the apples on the tree outside school and decided to make Apple pies and share them with their families. They were delicious!!

Hazel class joined Acorns and Seedlings on Thursday on a trip to the KS2 playground to see a fire engine. The children got a tour round the fire engine, tried on some uniform, and even had a go of the fire hose. They were recapping their learning from last year about Frank Bailey the first Black firefighter as part of Black History Month.

Olive Class have been working on their measuring, marking and cutting skills in DT to design and make a bridge. They showed huge amounts of resilience because of the amount of wood they had to cut!

As part of their art lesson, Oak Class had to use photography to recreate famous paintings using everyday objects and themselves. They worked in teams and used their creative thinking skills and produced some amazing results.

Next week, all the classes will be completing work in their current units before they move on after half term. It's really important that the children are in school every day so that they can come back after the holiday ready to build on what they know and understand.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Downey

Attendance – In School – On Time – Every Day

Oh dear! Our attendance bubble burst last week as children and staff alike have been poorly with the first of the winter colds and coughs. 4 classes still managed to top 96% - A great big well done to Ash, Sycamore, Oak and Cherry classes! The 2 classes coloured green improved their attendance from last week – Keep it up! The class coloured blue maintained attendance from last week 😊

Cedar, Willow and Olive Classes- you were really close – let's see if you can get to 96% next week.

Class	Attendance Last week
Seedlings	78
Acorns	77
Ash	97
Cedar	95
Holly	79
Hazel	93
Rowan	92
Maple	93
Sycamore	97
Willow	94
Olive	94
Oak	97
Cherry	99

Remember, NHS advice is that if your child has a bit of a cough and a cold, you should send them to school, perhaps with some Calpol in the morning (just let us know). If your child becomes unwell in school, we will always ring you to let you know and come and pick them up if necessary. Often once a child is in school, they are fine and then don't miss out on important learning. It is really difficult for your child to catch up if they miss even one day.

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

Safeguarding Matters

As you know, safeguarding is our number one priority in school – every member of staff is committed to keeping our children safe and happy in school.

With this in mind, please don't be offended if I, or another member of staff, ask you to put your phone away whilst you are on the school site. Staff do not use their phones when the children are present and some parents and carers are uncomfortable about the potential to take photos which their children may be included in either intentionally or unintentionally.

Likewise, please remind your child to push their bike or scooter across the playground and carpark at drop off and pick up. There have been a couple of near misses involving children riding across the playground where much younger children are walking with their parents and carers.

The education team at the local authority have been made aware by the police of reports of individuals acting suspiciously in the Warrington area, speaking to children and attempting to entice them into their cars. The advice to schools and parents is to remind children and young people about the possible dangers of speaking to strangers and report any suspicious incidents to the police.

Can you please remind your children about being safe and stranger danger
www.betterliveshealthyfuturesbw.nhs.uk/learning_resource/stranger-danger

A general message for parents to remind their children about being safe if they are playing out – especially as it's getting darker in the evenings.

Thank you for your support to keep our whole school community safe.

Royal British legion poppy appeal.

Just a reminder that Poppies, wristbands and key fobs, will be available from in school, for a donation.

Medical and dental appointments during school time.

Attending a medical or dental appointment will be counted as authorised as long as the pupil's parent notifies the school in advance of the appointment and show evidence of it, this could be an appointment card, text or letter to be given the school office.

However, we encourage parents to make medical and dental appointments out of school hours where possible. Where this is not possible, the pupil should be out of school for the minimum amount of time necessary.

Olive Class Challenge Award Children's Raffle Results. All proceeds to The JUMP Children's Charity.

The raffle has just been drawn see below info for the newsletter etc not sure it will be published on today's Newsletter though. **We raised £135.10 - this is brilliant!!**

Olive Class would like to say a huge thank you for supporting this event.

Prize	Winning name
Sweet Hamper	Freddie - Rowan Class
Remote control car	Jaden - Willow Class
Unicorn game	Araoluwa - Oak Class
Nerf toy	Lavin - Rowan Class
Light up quadcopter	Darcie - Olive Class
Snug Headphones	Felicity - Ash Class
Unicorn purse	Rosa -Olive Class
Glitter putty	Christopher - Holly Class
Test tube Oozy Goozey	Mirvan - Rowan Class
Halloween Disco ticket and treat	Layla - Oak Class
Rappaman book	Aliliah - Oak Class
Bumble & Snug Book	Heidi - Ash Class
The Green Rebel Book	Charlie - Oak Class
Haribo starburst	Michael - Hazel Class
Pack squashies drumsticks	Isabella - Olive Class
Box Maltesers	Zack - Olive Class
Small bear	Zornitsa - Oak Class



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

Acorns & Seedlings: the whole of Nursery class have been very brave exploring unfamiliar areas of school this week!

Ash: Max for having good spacial awareness and for making an obstacle course.

Cedar: Lyla-Mae has been joining in well with our song that helps us to name the four countries of the UK.

Rowan: Ayia shone out in geography this week. We were conducting research on the seven different continents and she completed her research whilst also supporting her friends.

Maple: Mayia for super recall of the differences between settlement types.

Sycamore: David for his brilliant atlas skills and enthusiasm for learning the countries within Europe.

Olive: Kai for completing fantastic research on countries in North America.

Oak: Lottie for trying really hard in Geography to use an atlas to find out about major capital cities and their populations.

Holly: Charlie for great marks during our work in the forest.

Willow: River for being able to match and label the countries of the UK and the continents on colour coded maps.

Cherry: Isaac for showing amazing map work during our geography lesson

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 Points
Cedar	Mila O, Tianna, Wynter, Rupert, Lyla-Mae, Charlie, Alice and Livya.		
Maple	Luna, Darcie L, Tayla, Emilia, Al-Mubarak, Alice, Nevaeh, Darcie M, Wissam, Majka, Hallie, Kai, Esmee, Lewis		
Rowan	David, Daniel, Alexandra, Tatiana, Harper, Jack		
Olive	Darcy, Lennox, Hina, Ousemba, Paiveen, Izabella, Sofia	Darcy, Ousemba	Isabell 300 Summer 300
Oak	Ava, Demi, Layla, Jasmine, Oscar, Lottie, Theo, Lidia, Ara, Aaliyah, Zsombor, Ella, Jonah, Elsa, Ola, Charlie, Eric, Bella, Alex, Sila, Aliliah Jackson.	Ava, Demi, Layla, Jasmine, Oscar, Lottie, Theo, Lidia, Ara Aaliyah, Zsombor, Ella, Jonah Elsa, Ola, Charlie, Eric, Bella Alex, Sila, Aliliah, Jackson	Lidia 500 Ruby 600
Cherry	Layla		
Willow			200 Merd 400 Jaden

Dates for your diary

Thursday 23rd October – 4pm	EYFS Open evening (for new admissions September 2026)
Tuesday 4th November	Halloween disco 🎃 🍷 🧛
Thursday 6th November – 4pm	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 🎄 🧑