



## DALLAM C P SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

**24<sup>th</sup> October 2025**

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

School value: **respect**

It feels as though we have saved the best until last for this half term – it has been an amazing week for the children. From a Mesopotamian baking competition in Oak Class to a wonderful Hallowe'en party in Acorns and Seedlings with lots of games and dancing to glittery micro-organism investigations and archaeological digs in Cherry Class to daily riddles in Rowan Class before the children wrote their own and challenged their friends with them, the children are continuing with their learning until the very last minute with fun right across the curriculum.

As always, our teachers have planned visits to compliment the children's learning and this week was no different marking an exciting milestone for the children in Holly and Hazel classes. They set off on their very first school trip and what a wonderful day it was! In class the children have been learning about Wilston Jackson, the first Black train driver in the UK as part of our whole school focus on Black History Month so the day started with a very special ride on Griffin the train at the Hayloft. Rumour has it that Griffin is a very good friend of Thomas the Tank Engine! The excitement was contagious and extended into the outdoor play area where children developed their social and physical skills in a fun and natural environment.

The feedback from parents and carers was lovely – thank you for sharing your thoughts on the day with us. We are so proud of our children as I know you are too. Thank you for supporting us to bring the children's learning to life.

Holly and Hazel Classes weren't the only ones to enjoy a train ride this week. On Thursday, Olive Class went all the way to London to experience an opera! We joined together with Broomfields Junior School, another TCAT academy, and travelled to the capital to see The Magic Flute at the Royal Opera House. What an amazing opportunity! It was an early start and late finish to the day for staff and children alike – but soooooo worth it: not even Storm Benjamin could dampen their spirits. On their return, the children were absolutely buzzing about the sights and sounds of the opera and their walk around London – they even treated me to a bit of opera singing of their own!

As we break up for half term, we also say goodbye to a much loved member of staff. Mrs Leffler is going to pursue her dreams at Warrington & Vale Royal College where she is going to share her extensive knowledge of Early Years Education with the next generation of teaching assistants. We will really miss her after 8 years of dedicated service to the children and families of Dallam, but wish her well in her next adventure. When we return after the holiday, we are welcoming Miss Sherwood into our Dallam family as Nursery teacher.

Have a lovely half term – we will see you all bright eyed and bushy tailed on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> of November for our Christmas half term.

Mrs Downey

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

4 classes managed to top 96% attendance last week - A great big well done to Seedlings, Willow, Ollive and Cherry classes! The 6 classes coloured green improved their attendance from last week so our dip from the week before has started to improve – 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<br>Last week |
|-----------|-------------------------|
| Seedlings | 96                      |
| Acorns    | 84                      |
| Ash       | 94                      |
| Cedar     | 93                      |
| Holly     | 88                      |
| Hazel     | 89                      |
| Rowan     | 92                      |
| Maple     | 95                      |
| Sycamore  | 93                      |
| Willow    | 98                      |
| Olive     | 97                      |
| Oak       | 90                      |
| Cherry    | 98                      |

We return to school on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November for the start of the next half term – it will be a busy one so it is vitally important that our children are in school, on time every day so they don't fall behind their friends in class.

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

### Safeguarding Matters

Can you please remind your children about being safe and stranger danger during the holidays [www.betterliveshealthyfuturesbw.nhs.uk/learning\\_resource/stranger-danger](http://www.betterliveshealthyfuturesbw.nhs.uk/learning_resource/stranger-danger)

### Royal British legion poppy appeal.

Just a reminder that Poppies, wristbands and key fobs, will be available 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.

### **School photos**

The order deadline is Monday 10 November 2025. Please could all orders be handed in to the school before 9:00am on this date.

### **Parent's evenings**

Dates for this year's parents' evenings will be Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November. Booking will be live on Arbor from Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November from 08:30 and will close at midnight on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November.



**Lead Learners this week: a child who has been a great role model to their peers this half term.**

**Acorns:** River Deakin for being an excellent role model for her peers.

**Seedlings:** Seedlings for Szonja has been the perfect role model to her peers this half term and has shown kindness and patience to our new starters. Well done!

**Ash:** Haval for being a great role model and settling well in to new class routines.

**Cedar:** Rupert has been a fabulous role model this term in both his attitude to learning and by being a great friend to everyone in Cedar Class.

**Rowan:** Harper-Mae is always a great role model to her peers. She is always making the right choice and consistently demonstrates good listening skills.

**Maple:** Alan for always being focused, ready to learn and makes good choices.

**Sycamore:** Jayden for showing kindness to others, being considerate and showing respect in the classroom.

**Olive:** Paiveen for being a fantastic role model at all times and always following the school rules.

**Oak:** Ola for always following the school rules first time and being a fabulous role model throughout the first half term

**Holly:** The whole of Holly class for their brilliant behaviour on our school trip! What fantastic role models they are!

**Willow:** Oscar for following the new routines and being a great role model.

**Cherry:** Logan for constantly and consistently being a good role model to his peers by promoting good behaviour choices and setting good examples in daily school life.

**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         |
|----------|--|---|---------------------|
| Ash      | Elsie, Amelia & Jacob  |   |                     |
| Cedar    | Emre, Mia, Esme, Anna, Isabella and Isaac,   | Owen, Livya, Anna, Borbala, Isaac, Charlie, Aaliyah, Princess, Mia, Tianna, Miki, Isla, Rupert, Wynter, Lyla D, Alice, Lyla-Mae and Esme,                   |                     |
| Maple    | Lewis, Matilda, Alan, Bella, Khloe, Evelyn, Mayia, Majka   | Rajmond   |                     |
| Rowan    | David, Daniel, Josie and Matilda   |   |                     |
| Sycamore | Dean, Noah, Shana, Israel, Nour, Harry, Skye, Alex, Omari, Lewis Curzon and Ronan  | Dean, Noah, Shana, Israel, Nour, Harry, Skye, Alex, Omari, Lewis Curzon and Ronan   |                     |
| Olive    | The whole class  | Darcy, Zack   | PALS - Isabelle 300 |
| Oak      | Layla, Lottie, Jasmine, Ara, Oscar, Poppy, Ella, Eric, Theo, Ola, Isabella, Lidia, Jonah, Aliliah, Sila, Charlie, Jackson, Elsa, Alex, Zsombor, Ava Amelia | Layla, Lottie, Jasmine, Ara, Oscar, Poppy, Ella, Eric, Theo, Ola, Isabella, Lidia, Jonah, Aliliah, Sila, Charlie, Jackson, Elsa, Alex, Zsombor, Ava, Amelia | Aliliah 600 PALS    |
| Cherry   | Nathan   |   |                     |

## Dates for your diary

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| <b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November</b>        | Halloween disco 🎃 🍷 🧛                                 |
| <b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November – 4pm</b> | EYFS Open evening (for new admissions September 2026) |
| <b>Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November</b>        | Photo orders due in                                   |
| <b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November</b>        | Bring bric-a-brac for the Christmas fayre             |
| <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)

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

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

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

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

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| Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> December | 9.30am |
| Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> December | 1.30pm |