



DALLAM C P SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

7th November 2025

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

School value: **inclusivity**

Even though it fell in the holidays, there has been an excited buzz around Hallowe'en - with the highlight of the week being the disco on Tuesday. 🎃 👻 🕸 The hall was filled with witches, skeletons, vampires, several Wednesday Addams and favourite characters from TV and film like Malificent and Spiderman. The costumes were amazing – thank you to all the parents and carers who made this such a well-dressed event! It was great to see the children enjoying themselves playing party games, dancing and socialising with their friends.

Again this year, the staff have asked me to thank parents at pick up time. Making sure that the right children go with the right adults is our biggest challenge of the evening. Your patience and the orderly way that you waited meant that we could follow our safeguarding procedures and get the children out quickly and safely. Thank you! It is also lovely for all the staff to hear your thanks on picking your children up – they volunteer their own time for these events and your kind words are very much appreciated.

All of the proceeds from this disco go towards providing fun activities for the children at Christmas. Thank you for your generous support. Now that November has begun, the children will start preparing for our Christmas events – slowly at first and gathering pace as we get closer to our Christmas performances.

The second source of much excitement this week has been Bonfire Night with children right across the school learning about Guy Fawkes, making firework patterns and pictures and learning about safety around fireworks. Cherry Class even lit sparklers as part of their life skills curriculum and practised how to be super safe with them. There was a lot of planning that went into enabling the children to do this – it was so worth it to see the children's delight!

All across the school, children have been starting their new units of work – it has been great to pop into classes and see their enthusiasm and engagement. In Maple Class children were showing our school values as they worked hard sewing their cushions and decorating them with cross stitch in DT lessons. The respect, kindness and inclusivity they demonstrated as they shared resources with each other was lovely to see while their ambition and resilience to master a new skill and keep going when the needle needed re-threading – again – were a credit to them. The class team are really proud of all the children and their cushions look amazing!

Next week, we have our parents' evening appointments which is your opportunity to find out about your child's time during the school day and what they are learning. You will have received a letter from your child's teacher asking you to sign up to SeeSaw if they are in Year 1 to 6.

For those of you who have had a child in Nursery or Reception, this is a similar app to Tapestry and provides a window into your child's experiences while they are at school and is only visible to families within your child's class. It is also a way for class teams to contact you with any information that you may need about upcoming events and important messages for the class. Please sign up for the app before parents' evening and complete the consent form for permission to add your child's image to SeeSaw –you can ask your child's teacher any questions you may have. Once we have all permissions and parents signed up, you will start to see posts that share your child's learning with you. Miss Crowe has been working really hard to set up ways for you to find out about what's happening in school. As well as SeeSaw, she has set up Facebook and Instagram pages to improve communication about events and experiences in school. Please follow us at **@dallamprimary** (Instagram) or **Dallam Community Primary School** (Facebook)

Over the past few weeks, we have held a couple of open evenings for Parents and carers of children who may join us in Reception next September. They were really successful and it was lovely to meet potential new Dallam families. We have decided to hold one more on Tuesday 25th November. If you know anyone who is looking for a school for their child from September 2026, let them know to pop in at any time between 4 – 5:30pm and see what we have to offer.

We've had a lovely first week back. I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Downey

Attendance – In School – On Time – Every Day

Once again 4 classes managed to top 96% attendance last week - A great big well done to Rowan, Willow, Olive and Cherry classes! The 4 classes coloured green improved their attendance from last week so our dip from before the holiday is continuing to improve – Keep it up! The classes coloured blue maintained attendance from last week 😊 Holly Class - you were really close – let's see if you can get to 96% next week.

Class	Attendance Last week
Seedlings	87
Acorns	91
Ash	91
Cedar	93
Holly	95
Hazel	79
Rowan	97
Maple	91
Sycamore	86
Willow	97
Olive	97
Oak	92
Cherry	97

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

Anti-Bullying Week

Every year, we take part in anti-bullying week activities as part of our commitment to making our school a safe place for our children and helping them to develop the skills to navigate through life. On Monday 10th November we are inviting everyone to wear odd socks (the brighter and more colourful the better) along with very many schools across the country. Odd Socks Day is held to celebrate what makes people unique, to raise awareness of bullying and to show that it's okay to be different. If parents would like further information or help around this topic, leaflets are available from the school foyer.



Children in Need



Friday 14th November is BBC Children in Need Day. Our school always supports this national event. If your child would like to take part, please wear something spotty or yellow with your school uniform. Maybe a yellow jumper, a spotty bow or socks or Pudsey ears..... the possibilities are endless! We will collect any donations you may wish to make and send them in to the charity.

Royal British legion poppy appeal.

Just a reminder that Poppies, wristbands and key fobs, are available in school, they are being taken around the classes by the school council.

Polite reminder

Please be mindful to keep the pavements clear, to ensure children do not have to walk in the road avoiding groups congregating by the school gates.

Warrington Borough Council information.

As part of Warrington Borough Council's ongoing commitment to promoting sustainable travel and healthier lifestyles, we've developed a series of PINDAR maps tailored for all schools across the borough. These maps highlight safe walking routes, key crossings, and sustainable travel options to encourage pupils and parents to leave the car at home and choose active travel where possible.

Our school's map is attached for your reference.

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.

Parent's evenings

Dates for this year's parents' evenings will be Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th November. Bookings via the Arbor app, **this will close at midnight on Sunday 9th November.** Please contact to the office if you have any issues booking.

Collection at the end of the day.

If for any reason you are unable to collect your child at the end of the day. Please phone the office to let us know the alternative arrangements. If the person who is collecting is not on the recognised "Pick up list" you may be asked for a password. These are measures to keep your child safe.



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

Acorns: Patrick for settling quickly when coming into nursery.

Seedlings: Oliver has come back to school full of smiles this week and enthusiasm to join in! Well done!

Ash: Morgan for making a great start to the new half term.

Cedar: Olivia has had a super start to the half term and has been trying her very best in every lesson.

Rowan: Selin has made an amazing start to the half term. She is working hard and has showcased some amazing handwriting within her work. Well done Selin!

Maple: Luna for returning to school focused and calm and trying very hard to make good choices.

Sycamore: Omari who came back with a positive attitude and made a great start to the new term.

Olive: Zack for excellent effort in all his subjects.

Oak: Theo for making a great start to the new term particularly with his listening skills.

Holly: Lia and Logan for great independence skills that they have practiced in school and continued at home.

Hazel: Arin for a positive attitude coming back to school, helping in class and following class rules.

Willow: Olivia for returning to school after the half term with a positive attitude to learning.

Cherry: Kristian for making an outstanding start to the new half term and trying hard with all of his lessons.

Mrs Wigley's learner of the week: Sophia in Olive class. Great start to the half term with a consistently good effort with her reading and spelling work which means she is making excellent progress especially in her reading - well done Sophia!

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	Jacob, Heidi Mort, Seryn, Elsie, Isaiah		
Cedar	Mikolaj, Mila O, Isaac, Esme, Aaliyah, Wynter, Rupert, Tianna, Isla, Lyla-Mae and Isabella.		
Maple	Lira, Al-Mubarak, Darcie M, Wissam, Tayla, Rajmond, Lauren, Mayia		
Rowan	Evie, Harper, Alexandra, Sinead, Tatiana, Jack		
Sycamore			
Olive	Izabella, Sophia, Darcy, Joe, Summer, Emily, Olivia, Sidar		
Oak	Ara, Oscar, Zornitsa, Bella, Jasmine, Lidia, Theodor, Ruby, Lottie, Ella, Aaliyah, Charlie, Layla, Demi, Jonah, Sila, Jackson, Elsa, Alex, Zsombor, Poppy, Ava, Eric	Ara, Oscar, Zornitsa, Bella, Jasmine, Lidia, Theodor, Ruby, Lottie, Ella, Aaliyah, Charlie, Layla, Demi, Jonah, Sila, Jackson, Elsa, Alex, Zsombor, Poppy, Ava, Eric	Jonah 400 PALS Oscar 500 PALS
Holly			Lia and Ricky 100 PALS each
Cherry	Nathan, Layla		

Dates for your diary

Monday 10th November	Photo orders due in by 09:00am
Monday 10th November	Anti bullying week, wear odd socks
Friday 14th November	BBC Children in Need Day – wear something yellow
Friday 21st November	Bring bric-a-brac for the Christmas fayre
Tuesday 25th November 4-5.30pm	EYFS Open evening for those children starting reception September 2026
Friday 28th November	Bring a bottle for the Christmas fayre 🍷🍷
Thursday 4th December	Christmas fayre 🎄🎅

🎄 Christmas performances 🎄

Early years (Nursery & Ash class)

Monday 8 th December	2pm
Wednesday 10 th December	9.30am

KS1 (Holly, Hazel, Cedar & Rowan)

Wednesday 10 th December	2pm
Thursday 11 th December	9.30am

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

Tuesday 9 th December	9.30am
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Tickets will go on sale w/c 24th November, limited to 2 per family. No charge. There will be a reserve list for additional tickets, these will be released the week before the performances.