



**DALLAM C P SCHOOL**  
**NEWSLETTER**  
**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

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

School value: **resilience**

The atmosphere in school last night was amazing as children from across the year groups enjoyed a highly anticipated Valentines Disco provided by the Friends of Dallam's Children. There were hotdogs, games, dancing and lots of excitement as the children enjoyed the event, dressed in their smart clothes and sparkles. Thank you to all the parents and carers who supported our disco. As usual, the proceeds will provide experiences and much needed resources for our children. I'd also like to give a big shout out to all the volunteers who made this happen!

Right up to the end of term, staff have been making sure that our children have exciting experiences that help them to bring their learning to life. Holly, Hazel and Willow classes went on visits to St Barnabas Church where they learned about the church and what happens there. Holly and Hazel's children explored the inside of the church to find out about the different parts of the building and identify things that they have been learning about in RE while Willow Class took part in a mock baptism ceremony. All the children really loved their trips – including the bus ride to and from the church as part of their life skills curriculum. The staff who went along with the children were incredibly proud of their fantastic behaviour and attitudes. Their excitement and curiosity really was infectious.

I popped into Holly Class on Thursday afternoon as they were preparing to welcome their parents and carers for afternoon tea for their parent drop in. They have been reading *The Tiger Who Came to Tea* in their English lessons so have been developing their design technology and life skills to prepare biscuits in a tin, buns on a plate and sandwiches on a plate – just like the tiger had! They loved sharing the story with their loved ones and it was great to see how many parents and carers came to share it with them. All classes should now have had their drop ins for parents and carers – the children really love showing you how they learn and what their classroom is like.

We return to school on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February after the half term holiday. We're just starting to see the first signs of spring around school and I'm really looking forward to some brighter days and warmer weather – it's just round the corner.

Have a lovely break.

Mrs Downey

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

Last week, an impressive 7 classes managed to top 96% attendance which is a real achievement – Well Done to Cedar, Hazel, Rowan, Maple, Sycamore, Olive and Oak Classes. Hazel class achieved yet another 100% attendance - outstanding – keep it up! The 5 classes coloured green improved their attendance from last week and the 2 classes coloured blue maintained their attendance from last week

Class	Attendance Last week
Seedlings	79
Acorns	83
Ash	87
Cedar	97
Holly	93
Hazel	100
Rowan	96
Maple	96
Sycamore	99
Willow	94
Olive	96
Oak	99
Cherry	90

I am so proud of the improvements in attendance this half term. Particularly for our over 5s. This achievement doesn't happen by accident – it is a combination of the children's positive attitudes, parent and carer's hard work and support and the focused work of our attendance team and staff. Thank you so much for your support. We all want the same for our children – for them to be the best that they can be. Good attendance and punctuality is at the heart of this and helps the children to build habits and attitudes that will help them to succeed in life.

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

### Olive Class podcast riddles:

If you know the answer to any of the riddles, take them into Olive Class on Monday, after half term.

1. What has a head, a tail but no body?
2. I have cities but no houses, I have mountains but no trees, I have water but no fish. What am I?
3. I am tall when I am young and I am short when I am old. What am I?

### St Rocco's elf/reindeer run

A huge thank you to everyone who took part and donated to the elf/reindeer run in December. As a school we raised a whopping £750.70.



**Lead Learners this week: a child who made some great contributions during Safer Internet Day.**

**Seedlings:** Coby has shown interest in our interactive board. He watches with pride as he creates marks on the drawing app

**Acorns:** Brody told us all about robots inside iPads and that we don't tell the robots where we live.

**Ash:** John for being so knowledgeable about safer internet use. He was clear to ask a grown up for using a smart helper

**Cedar:** Owen made some great suggestions during our talk about internet safety and was able to recognise safe and unsafe questions on a smart speaker.

**Rowan:** Coby made great contributions this week. Well done Coby!

**Maple:** Darcie M for thoughtful contributions during our safer internet day computing lessons.

**Sycamore:** Shana, Lily F, and Cleo made fantastic contributions during the BBC Live Lesson. Afterwards, they created beautifully presented posters that clearly explained the issues surrounding AI chatbots.

**Olive:** Hina for some great contributions to our discussion on safer internet day about reliability of AI.

**Oak:** Lidia for excellent group discussion and sharing her ideas clearly during our Internet Safety Day lessons on online bullying and AI.

**Holly:** Brody for being able to make the right choices when it comes to the internet.

**Willow:** Jacob for listening and responding well when we were learning about the safe use of smart speakers.

**Cherry:** Adam for trying hard to understand what artificial intelligence is and how we can use it whilst staying safe at the same time.

**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
<b>Ash</b>	Mia, Lareen, Muuatjomeva, Ayan, Oscar, Reggie		
<b>Cedar</b>	Esme, Isabella, Alice and Livya.		<b>Tayla 200, Nevaeh 200, Majka 200</b>
<b>Maple</b>	Darcie M, Louie C, Emilia, Al-Mubarak, Wissam, Teddy	Alice	<b>Rajmond 200 PALS</b>
<b>Rowan</b>	Daniel, Jack, Alexandra, Selin, Harper-Mae, Matilda, Josie, Sinead		
<b>Sycamore</b>	Cleo, David, Harley, Haron, Leo D, Lewis, Noah, Ronan	Amelia, Cleo, David, Haron, Leo D, Lewis, Lucas, Nicole, Noah, Nour, Shana, Thomas	
<b>Olive</b>	Charlie, Eric, Ara, Ruby, Layla, Bella Jasmine, Poppy, Ella, Oscar, Aaliyah, Ola, Lidia, Theo, Demi, Jackson, Zsombor, Jonah, Alex, Sila Aliliah, Elsa, Zornitsa	Charlie, Eric, Ara, Ruby, Layla Bella, Jasmine, Poppy, Ella, Oscar, Aaliyah, Ola, Lidia, Theo, Demi, Jackson, Zsombor Jonah, Alex, Sila, Aliliah, Elsa, Zornitsa	
<b>Oak</b>			<b>Ola 500 PALS Zsombor 600 PALS</b>
<b>Cherry</b>	Nathan, Layla		<b>Nathan 500PALS</b>

#### Dates for your diary

<b>Return to school</b>	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February
<b>Book fair</b>	Week commencing 2 <sup>nd</sup> March
<b>World book day</b>	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March - Details nearer the date
<b>Own clothes day for easter egg donation</b>	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March
<b>Easter Bingo</b> 🐣🐤🐰	Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March
<b>End of term for Easter</b>	Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> March – 2pm finish