

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

School value: **kindness**

As I'm writing this, the wind is howling outside school and the sky is threatening a downpour. What a difference to yesterday when the sun was streaming through the windows in the afternoon!

The weather hasn't stopped the children having a great time though – there has been lots of creative play outside as our youngest children have delighted in the change in the weather – spreading their arms out and feeling like they were flying – and there's been lots of excitement on the corridors as children have moved about school – windy days are always the giddiest in school!

We have welcomed some special visitors from Climate Ed today who taught our juniors all about the greenhouse effect and climate change. The children really enjoyed learning about how their everyday choices can impact the environment. During the workshop, pupils explored different modes of transport and discussed which options produce the least CO₂, including aeroplanes, trains, buses, cars, bikes and walking. They particularly enjoyed a fun role-play activity where the children became "CO₂ Busters" as they worked together to persuade others to choose more environmentally friendly ways to travel and reduce carbon emissions.

It was a fantastic and interactive learning experience that helped the children think about how they can help protect our planet.

Our visitors were blown away by the children's excellent manners and enthusiasm and even went so far as to say that they were the best behaved children that they had ever taught! This is such a compliment – all staff and children work really hard to maintain our very high expectations in school and it is lovely for everyone when this is recognised by visitors.

Willow Class have also been thinking about ways to care for the environment and have done an excellent job on their litter pick to improve our school environment for all of our school community – including the wildlife that calls our site home. We are spotting lots of birds at the moment and have seen frogs in the pond – hopefully we'll see frogspawn soon.

Maple Class were supposed to be on their trip to Beaston Castle on Thursday but this had to be postponed due to the ever-changing climate and the strong winds – it definitely wasn't a day for a picnic on top of a hill! However, this didn't stop them having a great time in school. They have been inspired by ancient Egyptian crafts people to make their own paper. They have explored how papyrus was traditionally made and used strips of paper and thin glue to have a go themselves. They had great fun and I think they particularly liked that it was a little messy! When their paper is dry, they are going to use

it to make an Egyptian inspired scroll. Their trip has been rebooked and will now take place on Friday 27th March.

Next week is parents' evening – this is a great opportunity for you to get an update from your child's teacher about their achievement and have a look at their books.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Downey

Attendance – In School – On Time – Every Day

Last week 8 classes topped 96% attendance again – Well Done to Seedlings, Cherry, Hazel, Sycamore, Rowan, Maple, Olive and Oak Classes. **With a special shout out to Seedlings, Maple and Cherry with 100%** The 7 classes coloured green improved their attendance from last week and the class coloured blue maintained its attendance from the previous week

Class	Attendance Last week
Seedlings	100
Acorns	90
Ash	95
Cedar	95
Holly	93
Hazel	99
Rowan	96
Maple	100
Sycamore	98
Willow	88
Olive	97
Oak	98
Cherry	100

Another impressive week last week – well done to all the children who were in school, on time, every day. I check our attendance figures every afternoon and find myself really looking forward to it as we are continuing to move in the right direction. As I write this we are less than 1% below the national average for attendance and each week, we close the gap a little bit more. It is so important for our children to learn these good habits so that when they move on to high school, they share the same opportunities as their peers from across Warrington.

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

Red Nose Day

Next Friday, 20th March, is Red Nose Day. Every year, we support this important event by accessorising our school uniform with something red. It could be a red nose, a red t-shirt, red tights or socks, a red bow, red trainers or red deely boppers – the possibilities are endless.

We will collect any donations that you would like to make and pass them on to Comic Relief who make such a difference to people's lives locally, nationally and globally.

Parents evenings

Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th March – **all classes including nursery**

Thursday 19th March - **Maple class**

Sessions are live on the Arbor app and are booking up fast. The bookings are live until tonight at midnight.

Any issues please speak to your class teacher or a member of the office team.

Own clothes day

Please note own clothes day has been changed to Thursday next week. Please bring an Easter Egg for the bingo.

Children in need day is next Friday. Children can wear yellow accessories along with their uniform.

Easter bingo

Easter bingo will take place on Wednesday 25th March from 3.30pm. Afterschool clubs on this date will be cancelled.

Olive Class request:

Olive Class are taking part in the TCAT Challenge award and their project this term is to promote wildlife around the school grounds. They are asking for clean, 2 litre plastic bottles to build a recycled greenhouse. There is a cage by the school gates for drop off. Thank you.

Warrington Foodbank Donations

We have been collecting for Warrington Foodbank for the last fortnight. Thank you so much to everyone who has sent in donations so far. Cherry class will be delivering the items on Friday 20th March so there is still time to get a donation in if you are able to. All items make a massive difference and this is something that the children have chosen to do independently.

Breakfast club

From April 2026 the UK government is rolling out free, breakfast clubs to all state primary schools in England, As you aware we already have breakfast club up and running.

If you are interested in a free place, please contact to the school office. 01925 633 927

School lunches

We are delighted to announce that from April, Dallam school will have a new catering provider.

We have teamed up with Harrisons, a well-established, family company that already provides school meals for some of the other schools within TCAT .

The new service will provide nutritious food at a reasonable price and the cost of school lunch will fall by 40p to £2.80 per meal when we come back after Easter.

Harrisons were in school this week chatting with our school council and the children were delighted with the new menus.

The children were really excited to meet Mike on Tuesday. He brought along some food to taste which the children really enjoyed, especially the new Dallam Brownie.

The children spoke enthusiastically about the new menu and can't wait for it to start on the first day back of the new term. Mike took their feedback about theme days being a possibility and said that he would like to meet with the children once a half term/term.

More details coming soon including an opportunity to sample the food



Lead Learners this week: a child who has demonstrated our school value of kindness.

Acorns: Robert for sharing his toys and including his friends in games

Seedlings: Evelyn is kind and caring to all her peers and plays well alongside them.

Ash: Aram for being kind to his friends

Cedar: Emre has been showing kindness towards this week by sharing his equipment and helping his friends to tidy up.

Rowan: Matilda P is always kind and considerate.

Maple: Tayla is always kind and supportive towards her peers.

Sycamore: Thomas is always such a kind and helpful member of our class.

Olive: Izabella for showing our school value of kindness in class and as her role as a play leader.

Oak: Charlie for always treating his peers with kindness.

Holly: Brodie and Logan for working together to practice their actions to a song. Well done!

Hazel: Destiny for continuously being a good friend

Willow: Marija for being kind to the new child in class, helping her and being a good friend.

Cherry: Nathan for helping members of our class when they are in need. Nathan is always kind to his friends in lesson and on the playground.

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	Heidi E, Felicity, Elsie and Oscar.		
Cedar	Alice, Esme, Wynter, Mia, Lyla-Mae, Livya and Miki.		
Maple	Lira, Lauren, Louie, Darcie M, Alice, Lewis, Majka, Mayia		
Rowan	Daniel, David, Selin, Evie-Mae, Sinead, Tatiana	Alexandra	
Sycamore	Adam, Cleo, David, Israel, Lewis, Lucas, Nicole, Nour, Rhys, Ronan, Shana, Thomas	Whole class	
Olive	Izabella, Summer, Zack, Sidar, Archie, Aria, Sofia, Emily, Liv		
Oak	Lidia, Zornitsa, Jasmine, Layla, Ella, Ara, Aaliyah, Demi, Oscar, Jackson Aliliah, Bella, Jonah, Eric, Alex, Ola Ella, Charlie, Elsa, Sila, Zsombor, Lottie	Lidia, Zornitsa, Jasmine, Layla Ella, Ara, Aaliyah, Demi, Oscar Jackson, Aliliah, Bella, Jonah, Eric, Alex, Ola, Ella, Charlie, Elsa, Sila, Zsombor, Lottie	Bella 400 PALS Theo 600 pals
Hazel			
Willow			Marija 100 PALS Jacob 100 PALS

Dates for your diary

Own clothes day for easter egg donation 	Thursday 19 th March (date changed)
Children in need day, accessories with uniform	Friday 20 th March
Easter Bingo 	Wednesday 25 th March @ 3.30pm
End of term for Easter	Tuesday 31 st March – 2pm finish
Return after the Easter Break	Wednesday 15 th April