



**DALLAM C P SCHOOL**  
**NEWSLETTER**  
**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

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

School value: **kindness**

Yesterday, Holly, Hazel, Willow and Cherry Classes enjoyed an amazing trip to Chester Zoo as part of their science learning and life skills curriculum. The children had an absolutely brilliant time and represented the school beautifully. They demonstrated fantastic behaviour on the journey and impressed everyone with how sensible and enthusiastic they were throughout the day. They loved exploring the zoo and were super excited to see so many different animals. Holly Class were especially taken with watching the penguins swimming gracefully through the water, Hazel Class were fascinated by the orangutans —particularly the baby clinging tightly to its parent's back, Cherry Class loved the red panda hiding in a tree and Willow Class were captivated by the otter enjoying his breakfast. It was a truly memorable day for all, filled with learning, excitement and smiles; the teachers are incredibly proud of how brilliantly every child took part and embraced the experience. I've seen a gorgeous picture of all the children together in the sunshine at the front of the zoo – I'm sure everyone will sleep well tonight after all that excitement!

While our designated provision classes were exploring the delights of the zoo, some of our Year 3 and Year 4 children were taking part in Warrington Wolves' tag rugby tournament in the sunshine. They worked together as a team and showed great sporting behaviour as they put the skills they'd learnt in school into practice in mini matches. It was lovely to see some of the older, more experienced players step up and take a leading role, coaching and supporting their less experienced teammates, thinking about tactics, as well as children who'd felt apprehensive on the walk down overcome their nerves and enjoy the event. Mrs Parfrey, Mr Williams and Mrs Brooks were so proud of all the children when they returned to school. They were outstanding ambassadors for our school. Mrs Parfrey said that they truly were credit to themselves, their families and the school!

Other highlights of this week include the Easter Bingo that was organised by the Friends of Dallam's Children. The hall was packed with families all playing for a share of the mountain of Easter eggs on the stage at the front. Thank you for supporting this event – all the proceeds go straight back into school – providing resources and experiences to support the children's learning.

The Primary Arts' Network exhibition is now up in Golden Square and it is fabulous. Almost all primary schools in Warrington have produced a display based on the theme "Once Spoken, Forever Remembered". Dallam's entry centres around "Hakuna Matata" or "no worries" promoting a stress-free approach to life and celebrating the intricate patterns and vibrant colours of African art. The whole exhibition is an amazing celebration of the creativity and talent of children from across Warrington and we are very proud to be part of it. Please try to find the time over the next few weeks to take your child to see our display and have a look at the other schools' exhibits.

Finally, don't forget that the clocks go forward this weekend – we'll see you at 8:40am on Monday morning!

Have a lovely weekend and Easter when it arrives.

Mrs Downey

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

Last week 2 classes topped 96% attendance – Well Done to Cherry and Hazel, Classes. The 2 classes coloured green improved their attendance from the week before and the 2 classes coloured blue maintained their attendance from the week before.

<b>Class</b>	<b>Attendance Last week</b>
<b>Seedlings</b>	<b>90</b>
<b>Acorns</b>	<b>94</b>
<b>Ash</b>	<b>93</b>
<b>Cedar</b>	<b>94</b>
<b>Holly</b>	<b>88</b>
<b>Hazel</b>	<b>98</b>
<b>Rowan</b>	<b>94</b>
<b>Maple</b>	<b>90</b>
<b>Sycamore</b>	<b>92</b>
<b>Willow</b>	<b>86</b>
<b>Olive</b>	<b>91</b>
<b>Oak</b>	<b>92</b>
<b>Cherry</b>	<b>100</b>

We've had a lot of upset tummies and coughs and colds over the past couple of weeks which has impacted on attendance. Hopefully, we are over the worst now and we can start to see it rising again.

This morning, we had our termly attendance assembly where we celebrated all the children who have good and outstanding attendance so far this year. The attendance ambassadors gave out prizes and certificates with Mrs Wood and made sure that the event ran smoothly. Perhaps my favourite part was seeing the children with the most improved attendance and their pride in their achievements.

**School closes on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March at 2pm for the Easter holiday. Summer term begins on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April at 8:40am for Reception – Y6 and 8:30am for morning Nursery. If you need support with attendance, talk to us and we will work together to improve outcomes for our children.**

## **Arbor - Parent Communication App – Phase 2 payments**

We are excited to announce that we are moving to phase 2 of Arbor app. As you are aware school now uses this as our main form of communication.

Phase 2 will allow all parents to pay for school lunches and toast. This will help school move to a cashless, more effective school. (After the Easter break you will be able to make payments through the app. If you are encountering any issues, please contact the office.

## **New school meal service.**

In preparation for our new school meal service, our kitchen will be refurbished over the Easter holidays. On Monday 30<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March we will not be able to provide a hot meal for the children. If your child is eligible for a free school meal, a packed lunch will be provided. All other children will need a packed lunch on each of these days, please.



## **Lead Learners this week: a child who has shone out for their history work.**

**Seedlings:** Brodie for always remembering significant memories and talking about them in detail to staff.

**Acorns:** Roman for being enthusiastic about the history of Easter.

**Ash:** Oscar for asking lots of questions when discussing the Easter story.

**Cedar:** Charlie really enjoyed our history lesson this week, and was very interested in learning about Brian Bevan, a rugby player from the past.

**Rowan:** Evie-Mae has shone out within history. She has been able to think like people from the past and use this to understand their actions.

**Maple:** Evelyn for great recollection of historical facts.

**Olive:** Paiveen for a fantastic explanation of the different theories about the Mayan civilisation's sudden decline.

**Oak:** Ava for remembering a lot about the Ancient Sumerians in her end of unit quiz.

**Holly:** Lia for excellent caring for her patients, just like Florence Nightingale.

**Hazel:** The whole of the class, for asking questions and engaging on the school trip.

**Willow:** Jaden was able to recall lots of facts that he had learnt about the Vikings as part of our end of unit assessment.

**Cherry:** Theo for working out dates on a timeline when learning about the big eruption of Mount Vesuvius in Pompeii.

## **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:

	<b>READING CHAMPIONS</b>	<b>MAD ABOUT MATHS</b>	<b>PALS Points</b>
<b>Ash</b>	Maxim, Heidi, Oscar		
<b>Maple</b>	Alice, Wissam, Teddy, Lira, Matilda, Evelyn, Majka, Lauren		<b>Matilda 200 PALS</b>
<b>Rowan</b>	Ayia, Daniel, David, Selin, Alexandra, Tatiana, Harper-Mae, Evie-Mae,		
<b>Olive</b>	Rosa, Darcy, Hina, Izabella, Ousemba, Paiveen, Isabelle. Darcy		
<b>Oak</b>	Charlie, Ara, Aliliah, Demi, Zornitsa, Poppy, Zsombor, Jonah, Sila, Ruby Jasmine, Theodor, Layla, Ola, Ella, Alex, Lidia, Jackson, Aaliyah, Elsa Amelia, Bella		<b>Zsombor 600 PALS</b> <b>Poppy 700 PALS</b> <b>Lottie 600 PALS</b>
<b>Cherry</b>	Nathan, Matthew		

### **Dates for your diary**

<b>End of term for Easter</b>	Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> March – 2pm finish
<b>Return after the Easter Break</b>	Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> April