



DALLAM C P SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER
Friday 24th April 2026

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

School value: **ambition**

Everyone has enjoyed the sunshine and warm weather this week and it was perfect on Monday for Cedar, Holly, Rowan and Maple Classes who took part in Scootability training, this is part of the Living Streets Walk to School partnership. Olly, the trainer, encouraged the children to challenge themselves while offering brilliant support for less confident scooters. The children were really delighted to develop their skills and learn new techniques. There was a strong safety element to the sessions - including how to check your scooter before you ride it, what safety equipment to wear, how to brake safely and how to be safe around cars and other road/pavement users. The children had great fun playing games as they developed their confidence, balance and control. As they were so engaged and demonstrated outstanding behaviour, there was time at the end to learn some tricks. I think learning to do a bunny hop on a scooter was a firm favourite!

On Tuesday, we were delighted to welcome Curtis Jobling back to school for a series of engaging and motivational workshops. Curtis, an illustrator, animator, and writer, created Bob the Builder, Frankenstein's Cat and Raa Raa the Noisy Lion. He is also the author of the Wyrdwood and Wereworld novels which have been adapted into Netflix's Wolf King series. He inspired the children to follow their dreams and turn their passion into their job just like he did. Curtis read from his books, showed clips of the programmes that he illustrates and showed the children how he draws different characters. Our younger classes really enjoyed being illustrators as they learned how to draw some of the characters and the older children were captivated by Curtis reading extracts from his books - especially the gruesome parts! Lots of our juniors are really keen to read more. Curtis has partnered with a small bookshop to offer our families a reduced price deal on his books – he's even promised to sign every one of them. [Curtis Jobling School Visits – BForButterflyBooks](#) to order.

We also have some signed copies in school for the children to read.

Yesterday, I had the pleasure of accompanying Sycamore and Willow Classes on their first swimming session this year. I was blown away by the effort that every single child put into their lesson – I was exhausted just watching them! It was also lovely to see how much fun Willow Class had with school staff supporting them in the water and encouraging them to develop their confidence and skills.

This morning, Rowan Class shared their learning with parents and carers – It was absolutely amazing! They performed part of an opera that they choreographed and directed themselves based on 'The Magic Flute' by Mozart. They even decided on who would take each part and designed the costumes themselves as they explored some of the different roles needed to produce an opera performance. As if this wasn't impressive enough, they also showcased their fantastic computing skills as they shared stop motion animation movies that they created featuring aliens and rockets.

Other highlights include their great knowledge of the rainforest and the animals that might be found there, questions to Florence Nightingale and some amazing diary writing. It was lovely to see so many friends and family members who came to share the experience – we are all so proud of the children!

This week you should have received a letter from your child's class team outlining key learning for the summer term. This information can also be found on your child's class page on our website at www.dallamprimary.com . If this hasn't yet been shared, talk to your child's class teacher about where to find it.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Downey

Attendance – In School – On Time – Every Day

Last week 4 classes topped 96% attendance – Well Done to Oak, Rowan, Cedar and Hazel Classes. The 3 classes coloured green improved their attendance from the week before the holiday and the 2 classes coloured blue maintained their attendance from the week before the holiday.

Class	Attendance Last week
Seedlings	80
Acorns	84
Ash	93
Cedar	96
Holly	85
Hazel	98
Rowan	98
Maple	92
Sycamore	88
Willow	85
Olive	89
Oak	96
Cherry	77

Attendance last week shows an improvement from before the holidays and has been much better this week. I'm looking forward to see how many classes have a green box next week and how many have topped 96%!

Don't forget the dates of statutory assessments for Year 1,4 and 6 children – it is really important that the children in these classes are in school every day so that they are ready to tackle these challenges with confidence.

Year 6 - the week beginning 11th May 2026

Y1 and Year 4 - week beginning 8th June.

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

Sun Safety

As the weather becomes sunnier and warmer, remember to apply sunscreen to your child before school in the morning and make sure they have a cap or hat to protect them from the midday sun when they are playing out at lunch time. If your child is in Nursery or Reception, their class team will let you know about the arrangements for keeping them protected in the sun.

It's also particularly important to stay hydrated in warmer weather. Please check that your child has a water bottle in school.

Feline Friend

We've had a four-legged visitor around school this week that has brought a smile to lots of faces. He is a young ginger and white cat – probably around 6 months old or so. He is very friendly and very good at slipping un-noticed into the building! We are concerned that he is someone's pet that has wandered away from home. If you know who he belongs to, please pop in and let us know or give school a quick call. He is very welcome around school – as are the other cats who visit our site, we just want to be sure that he has a home.

Free lunch for everyone 🍱

Next Thursday every child and adult in school is welcome to have a lunchtime meal, free of charge. Our new catering service is proud to serve delicious home cooked meals made from scratch, try one and see what you are missing 😊



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

Seedlings: Evelyn has come back to school with confidence and ready to learn new things.

Acorns: Maurice for being brave every morning when coming into nursery and completing his first full day!

Ash: Darcie for a super start to the term.

Cedar: Isabella has had a super start back to school and is trying very hard with all of her work.

Rowan: Rosie has made an excellent start to the half term. She impressed her class team with her confidence with saying her line in the class assembly. Even though she was nervous, she showed resilience and put on a great show.

Maple: Jimmy has made a great start to the term by trying hard to learn the routines in his new school.

Sycamore: David M has been exceptional. Gorgeous manners, enthusiastic and overall, the best attitude.

Olive: Ousemba for making a great start with his reading this term.

Oak: Oscar for making a great start to the summer term particularly with his greater depth thinking in maths.

Holly: Brodie for following instructions first time, being a kind friend and fantastic role model.

Hazel: Michael for coming in to school each morning and engaging straight away.

Willow: Mariama for settling in so well to the Willow Class routines.

Cherry: Dean for settling well into his new class.

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	Maxim, Heidi M, Oscar, Aram, Reggie, Darcie, John, Muuatjomeva Isaiah, Haval		Pal points -20 Heidi E, Isaiah, Oscar, Aram, Maximillian Ayan, Mia
Cedar	Princess, Esme, Charlie, Mia, Stuart, Emre, Tianna, Anna, Alice and Livya.		
Maple	Luna, Wissam, Al-Mubarak, Teddy, Majka, Alan, Rajmond, Nevaeh, Evelyn, Lewis, Darcie M, Matilda, Lira, Lauren	Majka	PALS badges, Teddy 200, Hallie 200
Rowan	Rosie, Josie, Selin, Mirvan and David		
Sycamore	Alex, Cleo x 2, David, Hannah, Harry, Israel x 2, Leo D, Lewis, Lucas Max, Nicole x 2, Noah, Nour x 2, Ronan, Shana, Omari, Skye, Thomas	The whole class	
Olive	Summer, Izabella, Olivia, Archie, Sofia C, Darcy, Lennox, Hina, Aria, Zack, Isabelle, Paiveen, Summer, Joe, Sidar, Emily	Darcy, Sofia C	
Oak	Layla, Ella, Ara, Charlie, Demi, Oscar, Lottie, Amelia, Zsombor, Jasmine, Aaliyah, Lidia, Ola, Bella Aliliah, Theodor, Ruby, Alex, Sila, Elsa, Jonah.		Poppy 800 PAL badge Elsa-May 500 PAL badge

Dates for your diary

End of term (Summer 1)	Friday 22 nd May (2 weeks)
Return to school	Monday 8 th June
KS1 Sports day	Wednesday 17 th June in the afternoon. – Details to follow
KS2 Sports day	Wednesday 17 th June in the morning – Details to follow
End of term (Summer 2)	Friday 24 th July @ 2pm