



DALLAM C P SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER
Friday 15th May 2026

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

School value: **ambition**

This week's highlight has been the Key Stage 2 SATs, which Year 6 completed with great determination and maturity. The children sat six tests over four days, and as expected, some parts were particularly demanding. We are incredibly proud of every single child. Each day, they came into school ready to do their very best, approaching every challenge with confidence, focus and resilience. It has been a real pleasure to see their positivity and perseverance – they truly gave it their all. Over the past few months, the children have prepared carefully for this week, ensuring they felt confident and ready for each test. Their hard work and commitment have been outstanding.

A huge thank you goes to all of the teachers and teaching assistants across the school who have supported the children every step of the way. Their encouragement and dedication have helped ensure that our pupils felt ready for this important milestone as they begin to look ahead to high school. We are immensely proud of Year 6, and I am sure you are too.

Learning across the school doesn't stop in SATs week – I've had lots of happy visits from our Year 1 children who are preparing for their phonics screening check which will take place during the week after half term. This is an important assessment which will enable us to ensure that all of our children learn to read as accurately and fluently as possible. The children have no idea about this however, they are just having fun playing games, as they learn and practise their phonics. I spotted alphabet biscuits helping the children to recognise their sounds this morning and I know that Mrs Wood loves to use water pistols to support the learning in her group!

Our year 4 children are uber competitive at the moment as they prepare for their multiplication tables check. The amazing progress that they've made this year means that they have all made great improvements in their scores. They need to be quick and accurate in answering random questions up to 12x12 - and they are super speedy! Again, they are learning their tables in a fun way, using TT Rockstars and are really motivated to practise.

All of our children are showing our school value of ambition really strongly and it's not just about assessments. Maple and Willow Classes have impressed their instructors with their cycling skills during their Bikeability sessions this week. Some children have managed to ride a bike for the first time and others are ready to move onto developing their skills on the road. They've learnt how to ride safely around other road users, look over their shoulders to check what's behind them and how to bring their bike to a safe stop quickly without skidding or falling off. These are really important skills as the evenings are lighter and the children are enjoying riding their bikes after school.

The learning extends to after the school day has finished as well – Mrs Wood has asked me to say a huge thank you to all of the children who attend gardening club for going the extra mile. Their ambition to complete the recycled bottle greenhouse has not wavered! They stayed in school until 5pm to work on the project in the pouring rain - demonstrating great resilience. They still need 2L bottles to complete the task so please keep putting your clean empties in the crate by the car park gate.

Thank You
Have a lovely weekend.
Mrs Downey

Attendance – In School – On Time – Every Day

This week 7 classes have topped 96% attendance – Well Done to Ash, Holly, Oak, Rowan, Sycamore, Cherry and Hazel Classes. The 8 classes coloured green improved their attendance from last week.

Class	Attendance Last week
Seedlings	71
Acorns	86
Ash	97
Cedar	95
Holly	100
Hazel	98
Rowan	98
Maple	91
Sycamore	98
Willow	88
Olive	92
Oak	100
Cherry	97

This is a real improvement from last week when quite a few children had tummy bugs. Thank you for supporting us to keep good attendance at the heart of what we do. If your child becomes unwell during the day, we will contact you. Usually, a bit of a tummy ache, a cold or tiredness are forgotten as soon as the children arrive in class with their friends. If they persist, the class team will phone you.



Lead Learners this week: a child who has shown a fantastic attitude to their learning.

Seedlings: Harlee has had an amazing week! He has had a positive attitude to learn new things, been kind to all of his peers and he has joined in with group times.

Acorns: Grayson for using CVC words in phonics.

Ash: Reggie for always sitting and listening to his teacher.

Cedar: Borbala has been showing a fantastic attitude to her learning and making her teachers very proud of her.

Rowan: Keira has shown an amazing attitude to her learning this week and has tried super hard in her maths.

Maple: Majka extended her learning by doing extra research at home.

Sycamore: Lily R has had a fantastic week at school going above and beyond what is asked of her in her lessons.

Olive: Sofia C for always putting a huge amount of effort into her learning.

Oak: All of Oak class for their fantastic attitude towards tackling their SATs this week!

Holly: Junior has demonstrated a wonderful attitude to learning, engaging purposefully in his play and happily inviting adults to join and support his learning experiences.

Hazel: Arin for having a positive attitude to learning.

Willow: Jacob for joining in all his lessons and concentrating.

Cherry: Logan for being competent and persevering during his SATS and always having a big smile on his face.

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	Reggie, Ella, Mia, Lareen		20 PALS points to: Darcie, Ella, Muuatjomeva & Rosie
Cedar	Miki, Emre, Isabella and Mia.		
Maple	Lauren, Alan, Lira, Wissam, Mayia, Nevaeh, Alice, Darcie M, Evelyn, Teddy, Majka	Rajmond	Carter - 200 PALS
Rowan	David, Selin, Tatiana, Lavin, Alexandra	Harper-Mae x 2	
Sycamore	Alex, Amelia, Cleo, David, Harry Israel, Leo D, Lewis, Lucas, Max, Omari, Skye, Thomas	Everyone	Leo D - 300 Hannah - 300
Holly			Lia - 200 PALS

Dates for your diary

Whole school photographs	Tuesday 19 th May
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 1:30-3:00pm
KS2 Sports day	Wednesday 17 th June 9.15-11:30am
EYFS Sports day	Wednesday 24 th June - Details to follow
Summer fair	Thursday 25 th June – Time to be confirmed
Year 6 Leavers assembly	Thursday 16 th July - Time to be confirmed
Year 6 Leavers BBQ	Thursday 23 rd July – Details to follow
End of term (Summer 2)	Friday 24 th July @ 2pm