DALLAM C P SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER
Friday 24th September 2026

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

School value: **respect**

We are incredibly proud of our outstanding designated provision classes at Dallam School. The children make great progress and the class teams work incredibly hard to bring learning to life for every child.
Hazel class have welcomed both old and new children back to school this term. Everyone has settled into routines amazingly well and it already feels like they have always been in a class together. They have had great fun exploring lots of sensory experiences including a space themed tuff tray with moon sand, trying out the new sensory room, making salt dough decorations and baking delicious biscuits. It's been an exhausting and exciting first few weeks!

Holly Class have also made a fantastic start to the new school year and have settled into their new routines brilliantly. The children have been building their confidence and engaging with new experiences as they too have been enjoying lots of sensory exploration and practical learning opportunities. The children have particularly enjoyed outdoor learning and sharing their new class story, Guess How Much I Love You. Inspired by the story, the children have been busy creating their own beautiful artwork. We are so proud of how well they have embraced the start of the year!

Willow Class have been so busy since they returned to school 3 weeks ago! These are just a few of the things that they have been up to: They had ENORMOUS FUN hunting for missing mammoths as part of their writing lessons; enjoyed identifying and describing what happens when they feel different feelings by playing pass the parcel. (Each time the music stopped, they took a card out of the parcel and matched it to the feeling.) and have been inspired by Bridget Riley as they created artwork using different types of lines.

Since returning to school, Cherry Class have really enjoyed exploring their very own chillout room where they can take a break during the day and explore the sensory equipment. They are becoming so independent as they identify their feelings and use different strategies to respond to them. The children are fascinated by their science topic and are loving learning about the planets in space. They have even created their own Solar System in chalk on the playground to show what they know and understand about our universe.

Elsewhere in school, our commitment to learning through experiences is already evident in Sycamore Class. On Wednesday they had a fabulous visit to the wonderful Clonter Opera Theatre, where they enjoyed an exciting day of music, creativity and performance. The day began with a musical workshop: the children were introduced to the basics of opera, creating their own music, exploring movement and dance, and working together as a whole class to bring their ideas to life.

This was followed by more group work where the children used their co-operation skills to design and build their own stage sets based on a chosen theme. They explored how mood and lighting can be used to create different atmospheres and bring a performance to life. After lunch they were treated to a fantastic live opera performance about Daisy, a gardener who dislikes bugs and, as a result, sees her garden begin to die. The children thoroughly enjoyed watching the story unfold. The performance was made even better when Luna and Khloe were chosen to join the performers on stage and take part in the final song. They did an amazing job and represented Dallam brilliantly!
The class team were so proud of the children: they were absolute superstars! 🌟
Remember, if you want to see more about what your child is learning in school, check our Tapestry or Seesaw and visit our Facebook or Insta pages.

If you enjoyed Josie's podcast last week, the next instalment can be found here: https://pod.co/school-holiday-radio/week-3-chalk-little-mix-jam

I hope you have a lovely weekend.
Mrs Downey

Attendance – In School – On Time – Every Day
Last week 4 classes topped 96% attendance with Hazel and Rowan Classes both rising to the challenge set last week – both classes achieved well above 96%! They were joined by Maple and Cedar Classes with Cedar also improving on last week. Just like last year, the green boxes show improved attendance from last week and the blue show where a class has maintained from last week.

Class	Attendance Last week
Seedlings	85
Acorns	93
Ash	95
Cedar	99
Holly	91
Hazel	99
Rowan	98
Maple	96
Sycamore	90
Willow	91
Olive	95
Oak	92
Cherry	84

The table below shows the attendance for each class across school. There have been some sharp drops in some classes – if your child is a bit unwell, remember – you should ring the office in the morning to check whether they should be in school. Coughs and colds are common at this time of year and most children are fine to be in school. If your child becomes more unwell during the day, we will always phone you to collect them or give permission for us to give them Calpol. Most of the time, once children start the day and meet up with their friends, they feel much better.

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

Site Safety

We love that so many children come to school on a bike or a scooter. However, when the playground is busy at the start and end of the day, I worry that there will be an accident if children continue to ride across it at drop off and pick up times. Please talk to your child about our expectation that they will step off their bike or scooter and push them across the playground and remind them each day. Even our youngest children will be asked to do this.

Flu vaccinations

We now have a confirmed date for the flu vaccination programme in school. Friday 6th November. The NHS link for booking will be sent out before half term.



Lead Learners this week: a child who has been working hard in their history learning.

Acorns: Brodie has been doing amazing in History this week. We have been looking at pictures of ourselves as a baby and Brodie stopped himself straight away!

Seedlings: Harper has enjoyed telling staff about her summer holidays. She has remembered key events and shares these with the class.

Ash (Reception): Arya who is always happily telling everyone about her family and her family life.

Cedar – Year 1: Elijah has been super in is history lessons! He has shown a good understanding of past and present and was able to sort events without needing any support.

Rowan – Year 2: Olivia asked some super questions when we were wondering who the lady was in the old picture.

Maple – Year 3: Matilda for excellent recall and knowledge about timelines.

Sycamore – Year 4: Alice has been amazing at investigating timelines in history.

Olive – Year 5: Jayden for recalling lots of interesting facts about the Mayan civilisation.

Oak – Year 6: Joe for his fantastic prior knowledge of ancient civilisations and Mesopotamia timeline.

Holly: Olivia for great understanding of the routines and expectations of the classroom, knowing what to do and when to do it. Olivia has grown in confidence, follows instructions carefully and is becoming an excellent role model for others. We are so proud of the effort and independence she has shown. Well done, Olivia!

Willow: Logan for working well in his lessons this week.

Cherry: Jaden for asking lots of historical enquiry questions.

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			
Cedar	Natalia, Reggie, Heidi E, Felicity, Oscar and Darcie		
Rowan	Charlie, Esme, Isabella and Mia.		
Maple	Amelia, Evie-Mae, Selin, Jack, Harper, Sinead		
Sycamore	Alan, Emilia, Tayla, Al-Mubarrack, Rajmond, Alice, Mayia, Lira, Darcie M, Jimmy P, Naveah, Wissam, Carter, Dolcie, Evelyn, Matilda, Lewis, Lauren, Maijka, Teddy.	The whole class	
Olive	Nour, Lucas, Israel, Shana, Nicole, Cleo, Lily R, Omari, Lewis, Ronan, Amelia, Noah		**PALS - Shona 300, Noah 400, Amelia 400**
Oak	Paiveen, Archie, Joe, Zack, Izabella, Rosa, Darcy, Sidar, Emily, Summer, Sofia C, Aria, Hina, Sophia M, Isabelle, Olivia	Sidar, Darcy, Rosa, Izabella, Zack, Joe, Archie, Paiveen, Emily, Summer, Aria, Sofia C, Olivia, Isabelle, Sophia M, Hina	**PAL badges Izabella 500 Sophia M 500 Emily 400**
Holly	Grayson		**Christopher 200**