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Aspiring to work with our community towards a bright future for our children.
Autumn | Week | 2026

Weekly update

What a lovely first week we've had back at school. It has been wonderful to welcome all of our children back and see the enthusiasm and positivity they have brought with them. A special welcome goes to our new Reception children, who have settled brilliantly, as well as the children who have joined us this year in other year groups. We are delighted to have them as part of the Dallimore family.

I am incredibly proud of the fantastic start everyone has made. Classrooms have been calm, purposeful and full of learning, and it has been a pleasure to see children demonstrating our school values so positively. It was also lovely to celebrate our first STAR of the Week tea party this afternoon and recognise some of the many children who have made such a strong start to the year.

I would also like to share some staffing news. Mrs Barber, who works in our school office and serves as our Family Liaison Officer, will be leaving Dallimore in four weeks following her successful appointment to a School Business Manager position. Mrs Barber has done a brilliant job throughout her time at Dallimore and has been a valued source of support for many children and families. Whilst we are thrilled for her personally and wish her every success in her new role, we are naturally very disappointed to be losing such a caring and dedicated member of staff. I will share details of our next Family Liaison Officer once an appointment has been made.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We are looking forward to a fantastic term ahead.

Matt Gotheridge
Headteacher

Attendance

Whole school attendance this week: 97.8%

Overall attendance so far this year: 97.8%

Class with the best attendance this week: Rabbits - 100%

What attendance percentages look like over the course of a year.

Attendance	What is your attendance?		
	100%	0 days off	Perfect!
	98%	4 days off	Very impressive
	96%	7 days off	Good
	95%	9 days off	Almost there
	94%	11 days off	Needs to improve
	90%	1 month off	Concerns
	80%	2 months off	Serious concerns

If you need any support with attendance, please get in touch with me or Mrs Barber - pop in or give us a call.

A few helpful reminders

- A strong start matters. Attendance and punctuality in the first few weeks help children settle quickly into school routines.
- Reading little and often makes a real difference. Sharing books together or listening to your child read is a great way to support learning at home.
- Please check Class Dojo regularly. Important updates, reminders and information will be shared there throughout the year.
- If you're ever unsure about something, please get in touch. We'd always rather answer a quick question than have families wondering.
- Please make sure uniform and belongings are clearly labelled. This helps us return any misplaced items quickly.

Thank you for your continued support as we begin another exciting year at Dallimore.



Online Safety



- Keep talking about life online. A quick chat about the games, apps and videos your child enjoys can help you spot any concerns early.
- Remind children that not everything online is real. Images, videos and even voices can now be created using technology, so it's important to check things carefully before believing or sharing them.
- Encourage children to tell a trusted adult if something online worries them. We would always rather know about concerns early.
- Check age ratings on apps and games. These are there to help ensure children are accessing suitable content.
- Use parental controls where appropriate. These can help create a safer online experience for children.

Thank you for helping us keep children safe online.

Diary dates - more information will be provided nearer the time about specific events

Tuesday 15th September - Individual school photos

Monday 2nd November - 3:30 - 4:15pm - KS2 Halloween disco

Tuesday 3rd November - 3:30 - 4:15pm - Reception and KS1 Halloween disco

Tuesday 10th November - 3:45 - 6:00pm - Parents' evening

Thursday 12th November - 3:45 - 6:00pm - Parents' evening

Friday 13th November - Children in need

Friday 4th December - Non-uniform (in return for a Christmas Fair donation)

Monday 7th December - 2:15pm - KS1 Christmas performance

Tuesday 8th December - 2:30pm - Reception Christmas performance

Wednesday 9th December - 9:30am - KS1 Christmas performance

Thursday 10th December - 2:30pm - Years 3 and 4 Christmas Craft afternoon

Thursday 10th December - Christmas Bake Off entries

Friday 11th December - 2:45pm onwards - Christmas Fair

Monday 14th December - 2:30pm - Years 5 and 6 Christmas Craft afternoon

Tuesday 15th December - 2:30pm - KS1 Christmas Craft afternoon

Wednesday 16th December - Christmas Dinner Day

Wednesday 16th December - Nursery (Dragonflies) and Reception Christmas Craft afternoon - 2:30pm

Thursday 17th December - last day of Autumn term