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Aspiring to work with our community towards a bright future for our children.
Autumn 1 Week 2 2026

Weekly update

It's been another good week at Dallimore, and it was lovely to come together in assembly to share the STARFISH story with all of the children.

The story is all about how small actions can make a big difference and links closely to our school values. It reminded us that we can all have a positive impact on the people around us through our words, actions and choices each day.

The children have continued to make a really settled start to the new school year, and it has been wonderful to see so much great learning taking place across the school. We've enjoyed visiting classrooms and welcoming children to the office who are keen to show us their fantastic work. There has certainly been plenty to celebrate already this term.

I would also like to share two staffing updates with you. Miss Langton, our EYFS Lead and Bumblebees class teacher, will be leaving Dallimore at Christmas, and Miss Parkin, teaching assistant in Butterflies Class, will be leaving us in October. I would like to thank both members of staff for their hard work, commitment and contribution to our school. They have played an important role in supporting our children and families, and we wish them every success and happiness for the future.

Recruitment is underway, and I will update parents once appointments have been made. For our children in Bumblebees, please be assured that we will ensure a smooth transition is in place so that the excellent start they have made this year continues uninterrupted.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Mr Gotheridge

Attendance

Whole school attendance this week: 99.6%

Overall attendance so far this year: 97.2%

Class with the best attendance this week: Foxes - 99.6%

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.

Preventing bullying at Dallimore

- Our definition of bullying is STOP: Several times on purpose. We help children understand the difference between bullying, friendship fallouts and one-off incidents.
- We teach children to START: Start telling and reporting trouble if they are worried about themselves or someone else.
- Any concerns raised are taken seriously and investigated carefully by school staff.
- Through lessons, assemblies and everyday interactions, we promote kindness, respect and positive friendships.
- You can support by talking regularly with your child and contacting school if you have any concerns.



Online Safety: AI-generated images: what parents need to know

- AI tools can now create realistic images that may look like real photographs, even when they have never actually happened.
- Not everything children see online is real, so it is important to encourage them to think critically about images and videos they come across.
- Talk with your child about checking information carefully and asking questions if something doesn't seem right.
- Remind children not to share images without thinking about whether they are genuine and appropriate.
- In school, we teach children how to stay safe online and become thoughtful, responsible users of technology.

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

Tuesday 15th September - Individual school photos

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

Tuesday 3rd November - 3:30 - 4:30pm - 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