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Aspiring to work with our community towards a bright future for our children.  
Autumn 1 Week 3 2026

### Weekly update

It's been another good week at Dallimore, with lots of positive learning and achievements taking place across the school.

In assembly this week, we reflected on our STARFISH value of Sportsmanship. We discussed how sportsmanship is not just something we show during PE lessons or competitions, but something we can demonstrate throughout the day through kindness, fairness, encouragement and respect for others.

Our Year 6 children had the opportunity to meet visitors from Kirk Hallam Community Academy, Ormiston Ilkeston Enterprise Academy and Saint John Houghton Catholic Voluntary Academy. They shared information about life at secondary school and helped our children begin thinking about the exciting next stage in their education.

As many of you know, Mrs Barber will be leaving us later this term. I am pleased to share that Mrs Clemens will be taking on the role of Family Liaison Officer when Mrs Barber leaves, ensuring continued support for our children and families.

We will be interviewing for a new Reception Teacher and EYFS Leader during the week beginning 5<sup>th</sup> October. I will, of course, keep families updated once the process has been completed.

Finally, it has been lovely to continue our Star of the Week tea parties on Friday afternoons. Hearing the many reasons why children have been recognised by their teachers is always a real highlight of the week and a wonderful celebration of their achievements.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Gotheridge

### Attendance

Whole school attendance this week: 94.7%

Overall attendance so far this year: 96.3%

Class with the best attendance this week: Badgers: 97.9%

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.

### Pupil Leadership Opportunities

Over the coming weeks, children will have the opportunity to become involved in a range of pupil leadership groups across the school. These include our School Council, Eco Team, Wellbeing Committee, Sports & Health Leaders, Reading Committee and Playground Buddies.

These groups play an important role in school life, giving children opportunities to develop confidence, responsibility and teamwork while helping to improve our school community. Members will share ideas, support events and initiatives, represent the views of their peers and help make a positive difference across the school.

We are looking forward to launching our pupil leadership programme for the year and seeing our children embrace these exciting opportunities.



The following apps and platforms continue to be areas of focus for schools and safeguarding professionals due to their communication and social features:

- Roblox - includes chat features and opportunities for children to interact with people they do not know.
- Discord - allows text, voice and video communication through private and public servers.
- Snapchat - enables messaging, group chats and location sharing.
- TikTok - allows content sharing, commenting, direct messaging and live interactions.
- Instagram - includes direct messaging, group chats and content sharing features.
- WhatsApp - supports group chats, media sharing and communication with others online.

Many gaming platforms also include voice chat and messaging functions, which can allow communication with other players during gameplay. We encourage parents and carers to remain aware of the apps and games their children are using and to regularly review privacy and safety settings to ensure they remain appropriate for their age.

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

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October - non-uniform in return for £1 donation for Brain tumour research

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November - 3:30 - 4:30pm - KS2 Halloween disco

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November - 3:30 - 4:30pm - Reception and KS1 Halloween disco

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November - 3:45 - 6:00pm - Parents' evening

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November - 3:45 - 6:00pm - Parents' evening

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November - Children in need

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

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December - 2:15pm - KS1 Christmas performance

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December - 2:30pm - Reception Christmas performance

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December - 9:30am - KS1 Christmas performance

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

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Bake Off entries

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December - 2:45pm onwards - Christmas Fair

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

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December - 2:30pm - KS1 Christmas Craft afternoon

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Dinner Day

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

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December - last day of Autumn term