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Aspiring to work with our community towards a bright future for our children.

Autumn 2 Week 2 2026

Weekly update

It has been another busy week in school and we would like to thank everyone who supported our Children in Need fundraising. Your generous donations will help make a real difference to children and families across the UK, and we are very grateful for your support.

In assembly this week, we reflected on Remembrance and explored the themes of service and sacrifice. We discussed the courage and commitment shown by those who have served their country, as well as the importance of remembering their contribution. On 11th November, we held a two-minute silence as a mark of respect and remembrance.

Thank you to all parents and carers who attended parents' evening this week. It was good to share your child's progress and celebrate their achievements so far this year. We value the strong partnership between home and school, and if you have any follow-up questions or would like to discuss anything further, please feel free to message your child's teacher or contact the school office. We are always happy to help.

On Friday 27th November, we will be holding a non-uniform day in support of Kidney Research UK. Children are invited to wear non-uniform and if they wish, make a small donation (£1 would be brilliant). This is a cause that is particularly close to the heart of one of our pupils and their family, and we are proud to support them while raising awareness of the important work Kidney Research UK does to improve the lives of people affected by kidney disease.

We hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Mr Gotheridge

Attendance

Whole school attendance this week: 92.1%
Overall attendance so far this year: 95.5%
Class with the best attendance this week: Otters: 98.7%
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

This week has been our week with the lowest attendance so far this year - I know there have been several illnesses. Hopefully everyone is feeling better next week and we'll look forward to seeing the children back at school. If you need any support with attendance, please get in touch with me - pop in or give us a call.

Pupil Leadership Opportunities

You may have noticed some children coming home this week with new leadership badges or talking about meetings they have attended as part of our pupil leadership groups. Across the school, children have been getting involved in a range of opportunities, including the Eco Committee, Reading Committee and School Council.

Our School Council has recently been sharing ideas about how we can further develop our team points system, helping to ensure that pupils have a voice in decisions that affect school life. Meanwhile, members of our Eco and Reading Committees have begun meeting to discuss ways they can make a positive difference in these important areas.

We have also been impressed by our Year 6 Mini Leaders, who have been supporting younger pupils with sports and games on Friday afternoons. They have shown great maturity, responsibility and enthusiasm in their roles.

It is fantastic to see so many children taking responsibility, contributing their ideas and making a positive difference to our school community. We are proud of the way our pupils are embracing these leadership opportunities and developing valuable skills for the future.

Online Safety Update: Start telling and reporting trouble (START)

At Dallimore, we regularly remind children about the importance of speaking up if something is worrying them. Whether a problem happens online, at home, or in school, we encourage children to use our START message: Start telling and reporting trouble.

Children are encouraged to tell a trusted adult if they see or experience anything that makes them feel unsafe, uncomfortable or upset. This could be an unkind message online, something they have seen on a game or app, a friendship issue, or a concern they have during the school day.

We regularly discuss with pupils that reporting trouble is not "telling tales" - it is about keeping themselves and others safe. By speaking up early, adults can help to resolve problems before they become bigger concerns.
Top tip: Ask your child who their trusted adults are, both at home and at school. Knowing who they can talk to and feeling confident to ask for help is one of the most important ways children can keep themselves safe.

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Diary dates

Friday 27th November - Non-uniform (£1 donation for Kidney Research UK)

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