

Government Announcement

Following the Government announcement on Monday 22nd February, all schools are to reopen for all pupils from Monday 8th March 2021. Willoughby will be open and full attendance is expected for all pupils except those in receipt of a shielding guidance letter. If you have any queries in relation to your child’s attendance, please email attendance@willoughbyschool.com We look forward to welcoming back more pupils on Monday 8th March.

World Book Day

This year’s World Book Day theme is ‘Share a Story’. In school we have several activities planned including a very special bedtime story session in the 4D room, where we will snuggle up beside a log fire with hot chocolate and cookies and share some of our favourite books. We are inviting pupils to come to school in their pyjamas. In line with class bubbles 4D sessions will be staggered throughout next week, please look out for further information on Tapestry from your child’s class teacher. We are unable to have visiting story tellers into school, as an alternative we have asked all staff to record videos of themselves reading a story that can be shared in classes and on Tapestry. There is also a home work challenge for all pupils. We are asking pupils to find an unusual place to take a photo of them sharing a book with a parent/carer, sibling, pet or toy. We are going to create a school display of photos to include everyone in our Willoughby family. Please e-mail photographs to reception@willoughbyschool.com

Congratulations Heather

We are delighted to announce that apprentice teaching assistant Heather Walker has been nominated for one of Boston College’s prestigious apprentice awards. The ceremony is due to be held on Thursday 4th March. The nomination is a fitting reward for Heather’s hard work and commitment to Willoughby. Many congratulations Heather!



Just Giving Donations to Willoughby

Sadly, Lexi’s Grandad (Davyd) passed away on 25th January. Lexi’s Grandma Ann Marie has contacted the school to say instead of flowers for the funeral service, they have asked family and friends for donations to Willoughby, via the school Just Giving page. Lexi’s Grandad Davyd loved her so much he wanted to thank Willoughby for their continued support. So far, an incredible £1,330 has been raised. The donation will go towards a new climbing stack for the upper school playground once the on- site building work is complete.

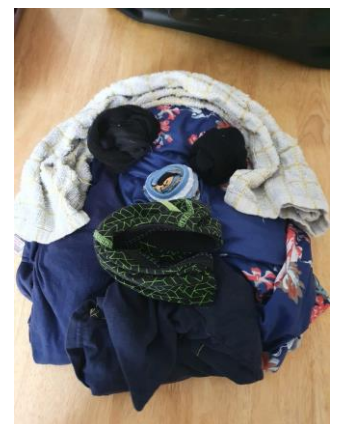
Wheelchair Clinic – Tuesday 20th April

AJM Healthcare are holding a wheelchair clinic in school on Tuesday 20th April. If you would like your child’s wheelchair to be reviewed please e-mail reception@willoughbyschool.com for an appointment slot. Please state your child’s name and nature of appointment.



Self-portraits – Jade Class

During art sessions Jade Class created self- portraits. They have explored lots of different ways to represent themselves including making portraits out of material on a large scale. The results were fantastic! Pictured below is Luke with his portrait and Kayden’s self-portrait.



Orange Class

Pupils in Orange Class have been developing movement to music each week. The dance session pictured was 'swaying in the breeze' to a spring time piece of music. Pictured are pupils Ollie and Esmae, with class teacher Pamela and teaching assistant Hannah.



Yellow Class – Hatching update

Pupils in Yellow Class have some exciting news to share. On Tuesday 10 eggs arrived into school. Pupils have been fascinated with them and have been watching closely each day. At the end of the school day on Wednesday afternoon 2 of the eggs had started to crack. Pupils were amazed to walk into class on Thursday morning to the arrival of 6 chicks. The class are monitoring the chick incubator, hoping the 4 remaining eggs will hatch during the day, they can't wait to see the chicks peck their way out of the shells.



Knitted Worry Monsters

This week Mr Bee and Willow the hand knitted worry monsters arrived at Willoughby. We would like to say a big thank you to Alex Sismey a former member of the Willoughby staff team for kindly making these for us. Pattern credit goes to Knit-for-Nowt, this is a charitable service.



Forest School Update

Alfie from Amber Class has been progressing well with the Forest School activities and enjoyed his one to one session with Forest School Teacher Dave. Alfie has been shown how to use a variety of tools by Dave.



Indigo Class

Indigo Class pupils have been developing their independence skills through a class breakfast club each week. The pupils have prepared toast, crumpets, tea and hot chocolate. This half term they have opened up their club to cater for the on-site building team. The pupils designed an order form for the builders to select their breakfast, sauce, drink and amount of sugar. The builders were very happy to oblige and gave some very amusing names on their order forms including Digger Dave, Hassan the Gate Keeper, Combat Neil and Justin Time were the class favourites. Indigo pupils prepared the orders, labelled the packaging and delivered breakfast rolls to the building team this morning. Obviously, there will be a little left over for Indigo class to sample!

School Build Update

Indigo Class have received an update from Site Manager Wayne and Val regarding the new build. They informed pupils that the foundations have been prepared and are ready for the huge concrete pump to arrive on Tuesday. Wayne has visited the school building which has been assembled in Yorkshire and will be flat packed to arrive on our school site in March. The building plans have been shared with the class, pupils were excited to see the different specialist rooms and hear about the new playground.



Star of the Week

Congratulations to the following pupils who have been awarded Star of the Week.

Pupil	Class	Reason
Alfie	Purple	For fantastic shape work all week.
Roman	Lilac	For superb communication all week.
Ollie	Orange	For good participation in the class dance session.
Ajay	Amber	For imaginative play with a tea set during our literacy session.
Leah and Tallulah	Gold	For demonstrating kindness to peers.
Jacob	Yellow	For being engaged in all activities this week.
Finlay	Aqua	For brilliant work in science exploring and recognising everyday materials.
Sabine	Turquoise	For exploring new experiences during the class sensory story sessions.
James	Jade	For working independently in Food Tech.
Fred	Red	For joining in with every activity in Forest School and for following his reward chart.
Myles	Blue	For a brilliant return to school!
Ben	Indigo	For fantastic speaking this week.

Diary Dates - Please make a note of the following school dates.

Date	Event
Wednesday 3 rd March	Meningitis and septicaemia booster vaccinations for Year 9 & 10 pupils.
Thursday 4 th March	World Book Day – Pupils are invited to wear pyjamas to school. Please check Tapestry for further details.
Monday 15 th and Tuesday 16 th March	Parents Evening.
Friday 19 th March	Comic Relief Date – Further details to follow.
Thursday 1 st April	End of Term.
Friday 2 nd April – Friday 16 th April	Easter Holidays.
Monday 19 th April	Return to school – Summer Term 1.
Tuesday 20 th April	AJM Wheelchair Clinic (taking place in school).
Monday 3 rd May	Bank Holiday – School closed.