

Information for Parents and Carers on COVID-19 vaccination for at risk 5 to 11 years old.

Children aged 5 to 11 years who are in a clinical risk group or who live with someone who is immunosuppressed can get the Covid-19 vaccine, in line with advice set out by the [Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation \(JCVI\)](#). Eligible children include those with diabetes, immunosuppression, learning disabilities and other conditions as outlined by the [UK Health Security Agency \(UKHSA\) in the Green Book](#). Vaccinations help to increase protection against Covid-19, which is particularly important for those with underlying health conditions. Further information is available in the [guide for parents of children aged 5 to 11 years](#) published by UKHSA. We have published some [frequently asked questions](#) on the vaccination programme including information on eligibility, accessibility and advice for parents of children at high risk from COVID-19. Following [advice](#) from the JCVI, healthy 5 to 11 year old children will also be offered two 10 microgram doses of the COVID-19 vaccine. The NHS will prepare to extend this non-urgent offer to all children during April.

Parents Evening

The Spring Term Parents evening is next week, Tuesday 15th March. A letter detailing how to book appointments has been emailed home. We encourage all parents and carers to attend, so that we are able to give you details on your child's progress at Willoughby, in all aspects of school life along with providing an opportunity to ask questions of your child's teacher. If you have any queries or questions in relation to Parents Evening, please contact the school admin team.

Careers Week

We've had a busy week at Willoughby welcoming visitors from within our community to chat to pupils about their careers. Thank you to everyone who took part and spent time answering lots of inquisitive questions from our pupils.

As part of Careers Week, Willoughby were fortunate to have a visit from Police Officer, Chris Quinlan. Chris visited all classes, pupils loved asking questions, having their photos taken with him and seeing his uniform! A huge thank you to Chris for visiting us on his day off.

On Tuesday, Willoughby was lucky enough to be visited by Peggy and Buddy dog Cherry. Cherry is Honey-Bea's Buddy dog, which is a scheme to support children and families who have a member of the family with a visual impairment. The whole school, both staff and pupils thoroughly enjoyed their visit and would like to say a massive thank you for visiting Willoughby Academy.

Venus Flytrap and Foxglove classes would like to say a thank you to Bourne Bookshop who took the time to speak to pupils about their careers. They answered lots of questions and kindly donated a bookmark and book for each pupil to take home.

On Thursday afternoon, Venus Flytrap were visited by Neal who is one of the branch managers from Deadlock Escape Rooms. Pupils had a great time learning about his role, before finding clues to take part in some puzzles from various escape rooms. The pupils demonstrated excellent teamwork and communication skills, thoroughly enjoying the visit.



Ukraine Donation Appeal

Kay Townsend, a Willoughby Academy member of staff, has kindly offered to co-ordinate donations for Ukraine. Please see the attached list of items required, we are aiming to collect all donations by **Friday 18th March**, thank you.

Food News – Alison Cavanagh

We are well underway with our Veg Power themed term and it has been great to see lots of pupils trying different vegetables during snack time, lunch time and in their food lessons. The carrot bhajis were a real hit. Thank you to the kitchen and lunchtime staff who have embraced the project and creatively decorated the serving hatch and hall. I hope you are enjoying the pack that was sent home with your children and it has given them a little incentive to eat up their veg.

Yubo App

There have been some safety issues raised about an app called Yubo – can we ask parents/carers to take some time to read about this App.

Attached is an article from Internet Matters that provides you with information you need to make an informed choice and monitor your child's usage [The Yubo social app | Internet Matters](https://www.internetmatters.org/yubo-social-app/).



Stamford College Open Evening – Wednesday 16th March 5.30pm – 7.30pm

Stamford College open events are a great opportunity to have a look around and ask any questions you may have. All the college facilities are open with teaching staff on hand to talk you through the range of courses available. For more information, please visit: <https://www.stamford.ac.uk/events/openevents>

British Science Week 11th – 20 March 2022

Next week we shall be taking part in the annual British Science Week. This year our focus is 'Growth'. Classes will be busy investigating lifecycles as we have some fluffy visitors in school from the Happy Egg Company. Some classes will be rolling up their sleeves planting and nurturing. We are looking forward to sharing our Science Week updates on Tapestry and via the Willoughby Weekly newsletter.



Bourne in Lights (Saturday 19th March 6pm – 9pm)

On Saturday 19th March from 6pm – 9pm there will be a colourful evening of lights, projections and illuminated entertainment to celebrate Bourne and its communities. Sparkling light sculptures, illuminated live performance and large-scale projections, will form a backdrop for the culmination of the beautiful community butterfly project. Classes from Willoughby Academy have designed their butterflies ready to be projected during the evening. This is a completely free event and will take over North Street, which will be closed to traffic from 3pm. Shops, pubs and food outlets are due to stay open late.

Bowthorpe Park Farm Tractor Visit

We were visited by George from Bowthorpe Park Farm who talked to pupils about life as a farmer, caring for animals and the crops they have on the farm. Pupils took turns sitting in and exploring the tractor and had the opportunity to ask George questions about skills needed to work on a farm. Pictured is Robbie from Tiger Lily Class.

Tilley Yoga working with Bluebell and Jasmine Classes – by Laura Tilley

I have had the pleasure of teaching Yoga to children in Bluebell and Jasmine class. Yoga is a holistic practice and used therapeutically to bring awareness to the body, support self-regulation, increasing motor planning and co-ordination, develop alignment, build strength, increase flexibility, reduce stiffness, support postural development, whilst at the same time giving opportunity for new neural pathways to develop and opening the body up to new ways of moving. This is achieved through specialised breathing techniques; gentle yoga poses and deep relaxation. We begin each session with breathing, modelling slow steady breath. We massage and rotate each joint in the body before moving on to gentle yoga poses. The sessions at Willoughby have been wonderful, with lots of smiles and communication. Every person has differing ways of moving, so we have worked with this, led by how each person is feeling on the day. We have opened up the hands and feet to assist with better breathing and a couple of the children even worked towards shoulder stands, enjoying the sensation of their bodies being upside down, helping boost energy and releasing endorphins! I left each group (including the staff) very calm and relaxed. A great way to start the day! I work in schools, specialist settings and privately on a 1-2-1 and family basis. The benefits of therapeutic Yoga are incredibly beneficial in so many ways. If you would like to learn more about Yoga for your child, please get in touch on 07980753606 or email on tilleyandcoyoga@gmail.com



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

Pupil	Class	Reason
Lottie	Water Lily	For good work during Careers Week, including visiting Tesco.
Riley	Sunflower	For being brave during and after his hospital visit.
Madison & Sidney	Poppy	For being kind friends to each other.
Teddy	Buttercup	For making good choices and independently putting on his shoes.
Freddie	Daffodil	For making good choices throughout the week.
Breanna	Foxglove	For being brave and stroking Cherry the Buddy Dog.
Fred	Blue Thistle	For doing so well using his voice and telling us what he needs.
Alexander	Tiger Lily	For deep thinking and brilliant questions during Careers Week.
Tommy	Venus Flytrap	For brilliant participation in Careers Week.
Kayden	Tulip	For hard work and turn taking.
Jessica	Protea	For excellent leadership and teamwork during bush craft activities.
Charlie	Snapdragon	For positive communication and interactions all week.
Connor	Jasmine	For superb responses to animal sounds during Cherry the buddy dog visit.

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

Date	Event
Tuesday 15 th March	AJM Wheelchair clinic in school and Parents Evening.
Friday 18 th March	Red Nose Day – Dress up as superheroes/non-school uniform, £2 donation.
Friday 1 st April	End of Term.
Monday 4 th – Monday 18 th April	Easter Holidays
Tuesday 19 th April	Start of Term.
Wednesday 20 th April	SEST coffee morning, guest speaker Marzena O’Keefe.
Friday 13 th May	Futures Fayre.