



**WILLOUGHBY**  
A PRIORY ACADEMY

## Willoughby Weekly

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2023

### Circus Starr

Thank you to parents/carers for your feedback in relation to the Circus Starr Performance which took place at The Cresset, Peterborough on Monday evening. The performance showcased talented circus performers with a range of fun filled acts. The show was accessible, inclusive and fun for all and also signed in British Sign Language for deaf audience guests. Circus Starr were able to provide free tickets as they had been kindly funded by local businesses.



### World Book Day – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March

We are looking forward to celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March, with activities that will run throughout that week. As in previous years the 4D room will become a cosy fireside for bedtime stories with hot chocolate and biscuits. There will, of course, be dressing up as book characters but look out on Tapestry for individual class dates for this. To celebrate and show off our new library, we would love to invite parents in to share books with their child in the library – details for specific dates and times for this will follow soon. And finally, look out for the £1 book tokens that will be coming home in February for each child to buy one of these brilliant books. For information about the books and how to get braille, large print and audio versions as well as lots of activities for families please visit <https://www.worldbookday.com/>

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### Performing Arts Update

This term in Performing Arts Venus Flytrap are being taught by a specialist instrumental tutor from Lincolnshire Music Hub. He is introducing pupils to the magic of music-making and giving them the chance to try different instruments and music technology with the iPads, developing a lifelong love of music.



### Chinese New Year

This week, some classes in school have been celebrating Chinese New Year. Jaxson was so curious about the Chinese New Year theme that he wrote his name using Chinese lettering. Well done Jaxson!



### Peterborough United Football Club

POSH have shared free tickets for pupils and families following their visit to Willoughby last week. Please follow the instructions on the attached documents to claim your free Peterborough United football tickets. Tickets are available for both Men's and Women's football matches.

### Futures Fayre – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March

On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March we will be hosting another Futures Fayre for Willoughby families. This event will be an opportunity to gain information on both care and education providers available in our surrounding areas and we strongly encourage all parents of pupil's in Year 8 and above to attend. This year we have some new providers attending as well as advice services such as Liaise and the Department of Work and Pensions.

### Cash For Kids

In response to the cost of living crisis, Cash for Kids have launched a new fund. They are granting £1 million of help, across the UK, to provide emergency essentials that support the physical and mental well-being of children who are struggling. Grants are £50 per child per household. These could include food, clothing and household energy costs. For more information click on this link <https://cashforkids.org.uk/grants>

### School Office Work Experience

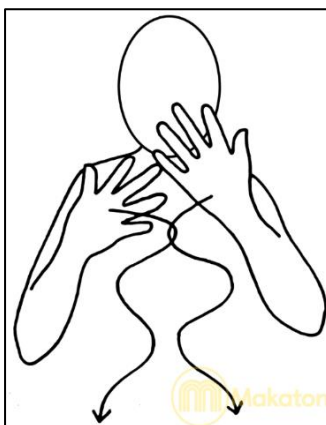
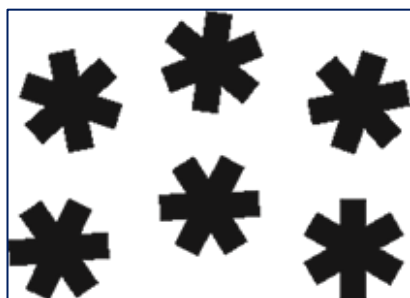
Liam from Snapdragon class has started his work experience placement in Willoughby Academy Office. Liam is a keen learner and has been busy welcoming visitors into school, filing appointment paperwork and checking class registers. This week Liam felt confident enough to answer the main school telephone. Well done Liam, we look forward to working with you over the coming weeks.





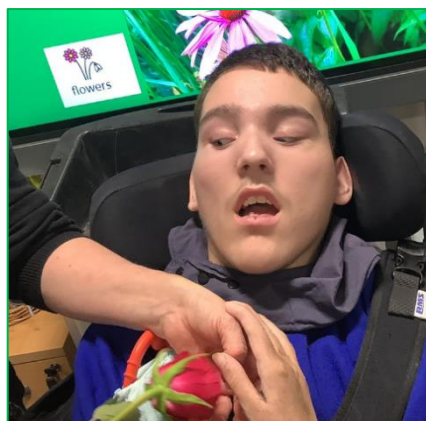
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This week's sign is...Snow



### Horticulture – Jasmine Class

During our horticulture session we investigated what flowers need for growth and staying healthy. We explored soil, water and some beautiful flowers that were kindly donated from Marks and Spencer.



### Whole School Attendance

Our Whole School Attendance for week commencing Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January is 90%.

### Star of the Week

Pupil	Class	Reason
Jaxson	Daisy	For demonstrating the school value of curiosity, when finding out about Chinese New Year.
Max	Water Lily	For good concentration during attention autism.
Lexi	Sunflower	For great symbol exchanging in communication.
Phoebe	Poppy	For trying so hard in maths.
Lenny	Buttercup	For using the toilet independently.
Eva and Leah	Daffodil	For amazing reading in phonics.
Breanna	Foxglove	For good work in yoga.
Kai	Leopard Lily	For some super phonics, putting sounds together to spell 'man' and 'sit'.
Sam	Tiger Lily	For an outstanding piece of art that will go towards his OCR qualification.
Noah	Venus Flytrap	For showing passion and enthusiasm in all lessons this week.
James	Protea	For superb generosity to friends.
Jacob	Snapdragon	For great listening and work in phonics.
Ollie	Bluebell	For great deep breathing in yoga this week.
Deimante	Jasmine	For super head control during our body awareness session.

## Diary Dates

Date	Event
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	End of Term.
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> February	Half Term.
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	Start of Term.
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	Oral Health Coffee Morning 10am – 11am.
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	World Book Day – Dressing up day.
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> March – Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Careers Week.
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Futures Fayre.
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Comic Relief Day.
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Born to Shine Coffee Morning.
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	End of Term.
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April – Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Holidays.
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	Start of Term.
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	School Closed – Bank Holiday.
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	School Closed – Bank Holiday.
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	End of Term.
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Half Term.
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Start of Term.
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	End of Term.

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