



News and Events
22nd July 2022

Diary Dates

1 st and 2 nd Sept	Professional Training Days
Mon 5 th Sept	School Opens to Pupils for Autumn Term

An Olympian Visits Our School



At Willingham Primary School, Tuesday 19th July 2023 will be remembered for two reasons...the hottest day at school ever, and the day that a Team GB athlete came to visit us! Hopefully the children will remember in a positive way for the latter. James Dasaolu, the second fastest man in British history, two time Olympian, two time European Champion and all round great role model, held inspiring assemblies for all the WPS children. James spoke to the children about his journey, his achievements, his lows and his highs, the power of resilience and overcoming adversity. The children sat and listened wonderfully they also asked some fantastic questions.

We were due to enjoy some challenging circuit sessions with James but these had to be called off due to the heat warning in place. However, the children absolutely smashed their fundraising! This means that, not only did we raise nearly **£650** for some new sports equipment, we also raised a similar amount for Sports for Champions, who support future champions like James. Maybe one day a Willingham pupil will benefit from this! Either way it is a fantastic initiative and it was a brilliant morning!

Achievements and Awards

H.E.R.O Awards this week:

Winners this week for attendance and punctuality:

KS1	1SP	98.7%
KS2	34 SP	99.2%

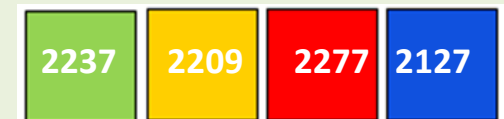
House Points:

Winners this week: **SANGER**



Total for This Half Term

Winners: **HARGREAVES**



See page 2 for news of our Wildlife Area!

Our Wildlife Area



Created back in March, the new wildlife pond in the 'Wild Area' has been a real magnet for wildlife. Some of the pupils have already had a chance to see frogs and newts develop! Recently, we added a greenhouse to the gardening section where Reception and eco-clubs have planted native wildflowers, cottage perennials and hedges. It's exciting that come September, the Wild Area will be available for wider school use as new features continue to be added.

A huge thanks to the fantastic volunteers who have helped create this haven: Elliot Batizovsky, Matt Lockyer, Leon Stone, Julio Bernal, Chris Duncan, Vanessa Daly, Ben Monks, Michael Clarkson, Lianna Hodson and Nick Upjohn. A very special salute to Elliot of Riverrock Ponds & Water Features for his pond and building expertise and in-kind support, and to Leon and Julio for helping out on at least a monthly basis with pond and garden maintenance and donating plants. Also, thank you to Mr Thorley-Wright for helping us out with access on weekends. We couldn't have done it without this amazing team!

And on behalf of the school, we'd like to thank Kerstin Swahn for her fantastic work in organising the rebuilding of the wildlife area.