



# **AYSCOUGHFEE HALL SCHOOL**

## **NEWSLETTER: 25/04/25**

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the Summer term! It was so lovely to have the children back in school on Wednesday and lots of smiling faces coming through the gate.

As always, we have got off to a flying start, with new topics to explore and lots of things to look forward to this term. Over the holidays, we updated some of our playground equipment and it has been wonderful to see all the children playing together and enjoying the new toys. Fingers crossed the weather will be kind to us this term and they will have plenty of opportunities to get the most out of them.

### **KINDERGARTEN**

The children in Kindergarten have certainly grown over the Easter holiday! It must be all that chocolate! They have come back to school looking very grown up and ready to learn. Our tadpoles have also grown but no chocolate there; they love smelly boiled lettuce! We have a few more four-year-olds, having celebrated two birthdays, and we have enjoyed the first few days of our new, 'How Does Your Garden Grow?' topic.



## RECEPTION

What a wonderfully busy first few days of the Summer Term. We arrived back after Easter to the exciting discovery that our tadpoles had grown four legs and changed into froglets! This was extremely interesting, and we were keen to make sure our little froglets were safe, so they were quickly released into the small pond in Forest School along with the pond snails and fresh water shrimps.

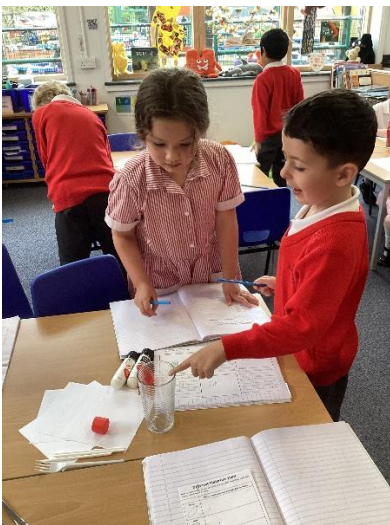
Our new topic, " How does your garden grow?" Has begun by gathering our group knowledge of plants and gardens and we have even begun to edit and add new information by using the Red Pen of Learning!



## YEAR 1

Welcome back!

We have had a very lively classroom this week, filled with some very eager learners! It has been delightful to hear all about the activities that took place over Easter, and everyone has come back refreshed and with a smile on their face, ready for the summer term. We have dived straight into our counting in 2s and 10s and Miss Sands has been very impressed with our knowledge; we even managed to count backwards! We started our new Science topic of 'materials' and thoroughly enjoyed our scavenger hunt around the school, alongside organising a range of everyday materials.



## YEAR 2

Oh, we do like to be beside the seaside! Year 2 are very excited for this term's topic all about the seaside. This week we have really enjoyed sharing our stories about the different seaside resorts we have been to and talking about the different features of the seaside. We all decided that the fish and chips, ice creams and doughnuts were the things we enjoyed the most!



## YEAR 3

Happy Easter, everyone! The first week has simply flown by! Year 3 children have started their new topic this week– World War II. The children have thoroughly impressed Mrs Periam and Mrs Li with their knowledge of the subject and their eagerness and enthusiasm to share this knowledge with their classmates. The children showed great empathy and thoughtfulness while learning about the life of the children during the war and discussing what feelings and emotions the evacuees must have experienced. Year 3 children will be planning and writing their own letters in role next week and Mrs Periam cannot wait to read them!



## YEAR 4

In PSHE we are thinking about the impact that we have on one another's lives. We know that relationships are important to us at home and at school, and we know there are people we get on better with than others.

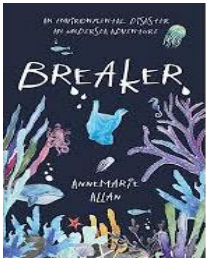
This week's lesson focused on jealousy and what causes jealousy. Through discussion, the children decided that it can stem from:

- A desire to have what someone else has
- Feeling threatened that we will lose something
- Feeling unhappy with our life and comparing with someone else
- Feeling that we deserve something and it's unfair if we can't have it



We talked about how jealousy can be damaging to relationships because the person who is feeling jealous can behave unhelpfully towards the other person/people, or even towards themselves, and that it can often result in anger or anxiety.

Mrs Lane was extremely proud of the children's mature approach to this subject, well done Year 4s!



In English we have jumped headfirst into our new book 'Breaker' by Anne Marie Allen. It focuses on an environmental disaster off the coast of Scotland where two siblings join forces with campaigners, People Opposing Pollution (POP), to save their coastline from a catastrophic oil spill from an oil tanker. We have been busy inferring information, using evidence from the text.

## YEAR 5

The children have made a fantastic start to the term by diving into some hands-on maths learning. We've introduced how to measure angles using a protractor, and to help them really grasp the idea, we took the lesson outside! They explored angles including  $0^\circ$ ,  $90^\circ$ , and  $180^\circ$  by rotating their bodies to match those positions—we even experimented with challenging numbers! This fun, active session helped them understand how angles look and feel in real life – and they loved the chance to learn outside.



In History, we've stepped back in time to Ancient Greece! The children were introduced to the legend of Theseus and the Minotaur, and they explored the idea of evidence and reliability as young historians. We scattered a range of "sources" around the classroom and the children worked in pairs to decide if the story could be believed. The discussions were brilliant – full of curiosity and challenge – and many concluded that the evidence really did support the tale!

It's been lovely to see how ready the children are for the new term. They have returned to school full of energy and with a positive attitude towards their learning. We've also started reading our new class book, The Legend of Podkin One-Ear, and excitement is certainly building!



## YEAR 6

This term, our topic will be 'Desert Island Dreams' and the children will be basing their English work on the fantastic text, 'Kensuke's Kingdom'. This week, the children have been creating their own desert islands and have been using their amazing descriptive writing skills to describe the key features. In DT, the children have been making their playground structures and thinking carefully about the key design elements required. Their playgrounds are beginning to take shape with swings, slides and climbing frames.



A great start to the new term, Year 6!

## SPORTS NEWS

U9/U11 Cricket vs The Grantham Prep School – Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2025

Our first cricket fixture of the summer term got off to a fantastic start, helped along by some lovely weather and great team spirit.

### U9 Match Report

The U9s began the game with a few nerves but soon found their rhythm as the match progressed. There was real promise shown in the batting, consistent effort with the ball, and noticeable improvement in running between the wickets as confidence built. Grantham fielded a strong team with several standout players, which ultimately made the difference. Final scores: Grantham 55 for 3, Ayscoughfee 31 for 3.

**Player of the Match:** Jessica.

### U11 Match Report

Over on the second pitch, the U11s took to the field with confidence. The two sides were evenly matched, making for an exciting and competitive game. A key turning point came with four well-batted overs from our team, which gave us the edge. Tight bowling and sharp fielding helped secure the win.

Final scores: Ayscoughfee 61 for 2, Grantham Prep 45 for 9.

**Player of the Match:** Arun



## GREEN DAY

On Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May we will be holding a 'Green Day' to support environmental charity 'Friends of the Earth'. The School Council have initiated this day as one of their suggestions for the school. On the day pupils may wear green clothing (non-uniform) for a donation of £1.00 towards the charity. The usual rules relating to hair colour and make-up apply.

## APPEAL FOR VOLUNTEER

If any parent or grandparent would be interested in volunteering in school, we are looking for someone to come in and listen to junior readers on a Thursday afternoon. If you are interested, please contact the school office for further information.

## BOOK BUNNIES

Please look out for the Scholastic Bookfair Competition in your child's bookbag tonight. Ahead of the bookfair which is arriving next week, the Book Bunnies wanted to run a competition to design a comic book character. All the details are on the sheet, and the winning entries will receive book vouchers to spend with Scholastic.

## THE EMBROIDERY ATTIC – SCHOOL UNIFORM SUPPLIER

For all uniform enquiries or orders, please contact Laura on 01775 712644 or via the website [info@theembroideryattic.com](mailto:info@theembroideryattic.com)



## PTFA NEWS

For regular updates and information on our upcoming events, please follow us on Facebook and Instagram.

## FROZEN FRIDAYS ARE HERE! 🍭 🍦

**Every Friday after school during the summer term starting today!**

Cool down and kick off the weekend with a sweet treat — ice lollies available for just **£1!**

All proceeds go to support our **PTFA**, helping to fund amazing activities and resources for our school.

## STARS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to this week's **STARS** who are;

Kindergarten: Lorenzo  
Reception: Harrison  
Year 1: Jackson  
Year 2: Ellie  
Year 3: George S  
Year 4: Jessica  
Year 5: Ted  
Year 6: Sebastian



Kindness Awards: Romily (Infant) Taraa (Junior)

Headteachers Award: Year 5

Golden Dustpan Award: Year 6

## BIRTHDAYS

We have the following birthdays coming up:

27<sup>th</sup> April – Aiden  
28<sup>th</sup> April – Mrs Thorpe  
30<sup>th</sup> April – Mrs Periam

Best wishes,

Mrs T Wright

## Dates for Your Diary

<b>APRIL</b>	
Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Inset training day – Clubs online booking opens at 6pm
Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>First Day of term</b> <b>Home Fixture: U9 and U11 Cricket at AHS against Grantham Prep starts at 2:30pm</b>
Thurs 24 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Swimming starts for Year 1 and Year 2 (pupils will need swim kit in school)</b>
Mon 28 <sup>th</sup>	All clubs and music lessons start today
Wed 30 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Away Fixture: U9 Cricket at St Hugh's starts at 2:30pm</b>
<b>MAY</b>	
Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup>	Book Fair – after school from 3:25pm in the hall
Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Book Fair – after school from 3:25pm in the hall
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup>	Bank Holiday
Tues 6 <sup>th</sup>	Green Day – all pupils come to school in green for a donation of £1 per child / for environmental charity chosen by Student Council. Bikeability Year 6 (Year 6 pupils will need bikes in school until Thursday) Book Fair – after school from 3:25pm in the hall
Wed 7 <sup>th</sup>	Bikeability Year 6 <b>Away Fixture: U9 and U10 Striking and Fielding at Grantham Prep starts at 2:30pm</b>
Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup>	VE Celebrations – details sent out via Parentmail
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 & Year 6 pupils leave for Hilltop Residential away trip <b>Away Fixture: Hockey at Surfleet starts at 3:45pm</b>
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Piano Assembly – Miss Potter's infant pupils – starts 9am – Parents invited.</i> Year 5 & Year 6 pupils return from Hilltop Board Meeting – 5.15pm
Tues 13 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Singing / Recorder Assembly – Mrs Carr's pupils – starts 9am – Parents invited.</i>
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Home Fixture: U9 and U11 Cricket at AHS against St Hugh's starts at 2:30pm</b>
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Singing/Recorder/ Violin Assembly – Mrs Carr's pupils – starts 9am – Parents invited.</i> <b>PTFA Family Quiz Night – 5.30pm – 7.30pm (details to be sent nearer the time)</b>
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Piano Assembly – Miss Potter's pupils – starts 9am – Parents invited.</i>
Tues 20 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Drums Assembly – Mr Jackson's pupils – starts 9am – Parents invited.</i> Junior Summer Music showcase (inhouse) – 1pm – 3pm
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Infant Interhouse (Year 1 and Year 2 pupils will need PE kit and house t-shirts in school)</b> <b>Home Fixture: U10 and U11 Cricket at AHS against The Peterborough School starts at 2:30pm</b>
Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup>	<i>Singing / Violin Assembly – Mrs Carr's pupils – starts 9am – Parents invited.</i>
Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> – Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Half term break</b>