



AYSCOUGH FEE HALL SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER: 02/05/25

Dear Parents,

Our first full week back has certainly been a busy one and it is lovely to read below of how much the children are enjoying their new topics this term. The weather has been wonderful and we have all enjoyed being out on the playground at break and lunch times with the new toys and activities available.

Looking ahead, we are really excited about next week, with both 'Green Day' and our VE Day celebrations to look forward to. I hope many of you will be able to join us on Thursday afternoon to watch the children perform their song, readings and dance.

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

KINDERGARTEN



We have begun to explore our topic, 'What's in the Garden?', in earnest this week. We have been painting flowers, learning about how seeds grow, exploring our school garden, sharing pictures of our gardens at home and much more! After reading the story of 'Jack and the Beanstalk', we found some magic beans that Jack's mum had thrown away. Even though we planted them without soil, we can already see



shoots. We've also planted the pumpkin seeds that we saved from the pumpkins we picked in the Autumn. Now we need to make sure that we keep watering them.



RECEPTION



This week in our "How does your garden grow?" topic, The Little Red Hen finished her bread and decided to make a pizza. Yet again, her friends wouldn't help her- but never fear, Reception were here! Unlike her selfish friends, Reception were resourceful, inventive and kind; they made delicious pizzas and even had a try at grinding corn by hand. It was extremely hard work but so



rewarding to see the white flour appearing.

We have planted and measured tomatoes and peppers this week, which will slowly grow into delicious pizza toppings to use later in the year. We have also



enjoyed seeing the progress of our peas planted earlier in the month and can see some small pods appearing.

In maths, the games 13 and 21 have been very popular ways to help our counting, listening and turn taking skills and they were great fun too.



Yesterday marked the start of No Mow May! We are going to leave the area near the compost bins unmown for the whole of this month to promote biodiversity and to give a valuable area for our pollinators to thrive. Who will be joining us in No Mow May? Is there a small area of your garden that could be left untouched for just four short weeks? Let us know if you can help increase the biodiversity in your garden and save Britain's pollinating insects! <https://www.plantlife.org.uk/campaigns/nomowmay/>

YEAR 1

Wacky Races and Decision Alleys – it has been an action-packed week for year 1!

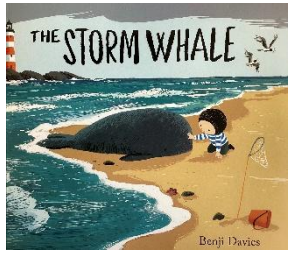


In English, we started our new book 'That Rabbit Belongs to Emily Brown'; we thoroughly enjoyed joining in with the story, predicting what would happen next and creating our very own decision alley to persuade Emily Brown to give up Stanley to the queen, or keep him. We all had super ideas and conveyed these brilliantly! In DT, we have started our wheels and axles module. We all had a go at cutting out a 'many-sided' shape to create our own wheels out of cardboard. After this, we worked collaboratively as a group to create wheels and axles that we later raced – it was so much fun! In PSHCE this week, we started to look at what makes a good friend; we sorted different statements into true or false and then created our own friendship flowers, looking at the qualities we have that ensure we are a good

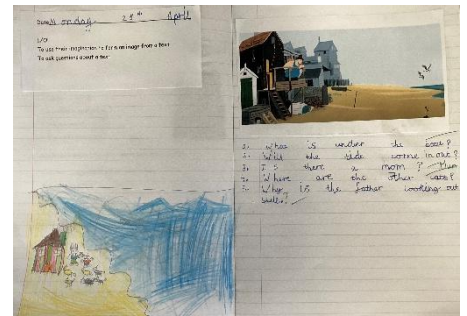
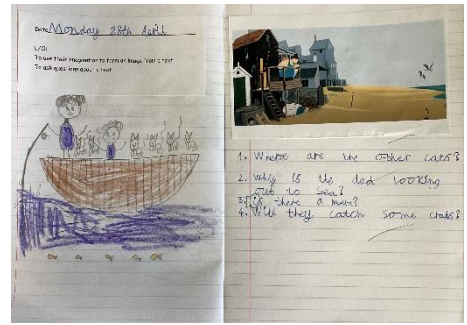
friend.



YEAR 2



Year 2 were very frustrated on Monday morning because Mrs Jeffries wouldn't share with them the new English text, tell them the title of the book or even show them the front cover. Instead, they were given the first sentences from the book and were asked to draw the image that came into their head. The children loved the activity and enjoyed looking at each other's image predictions. Mrs Jeffries did eventually share the book with them! In maths we have started a unit of work on fractions and what better way to revisit our knowledge than to use chocolate cakes to show halves and quarters. In DT this term we are making a special pouch that involves cutting using a template and sewing a running stitch. We made a great start to the project this week by pinning the templates, cutting the fabric, and then pinning the fabrics together ready to sew. We are pleased to say there weren't too many pricked fingers!



YEAR 3



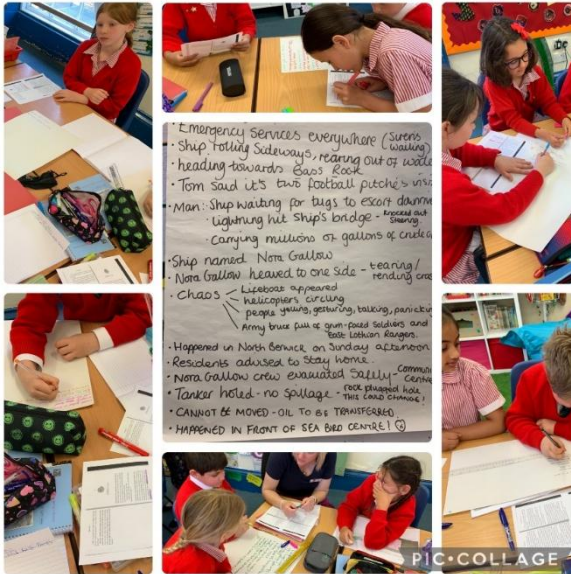
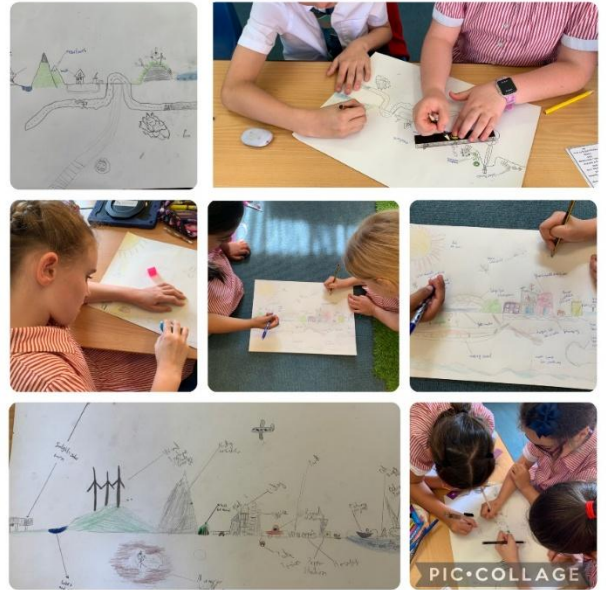
This week, Year 3 continued learning about World War II. They imagined what it would be like to be evacuated to the countryside during the Blitz and wrote touching letters, which were detailed and full of emotion. Year 3 children also enjoyed their Science work this week. They have investigated which materials reflect light the best to design a new schoolbag. In History, the children learned how people on the home front contributed to the war effort during World War II. They analysed features of posters and designed a propaganda poster

of their own following the themes of evacuation, rationing, blackout and the 'make do and mend' campaign. As part of our art and geography curriculum, Year 3 children participated in an exciting "Rainforest in a Box" project. We discussed the layers of the rainforest (emergent, canopy, understory, and forest floor) and the fascinating animals that call these layers home and created a miniature rainforest scene inside a shoebox, using a mix of paint, paper, recycled materials and lots of imagination.



YEAR 4

This week in Geography, the children discussed how land is an important natural resource in the UK. They considered the many ways land is used, how it has changed and the factors limiting the ways in which it can be used. They showcased what they learnt using labelled diagrams and descriptive writing.



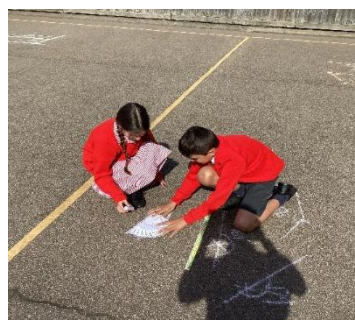
In English, our focus has been on how to write a newspaper report. The children have been reading example reports and recognising the features to support their own writing. We are enjoying our book *Breaker* and are using this to highlight environmental disasters such as oil tanker spills.

YEAR 5

In Maths, the children have been getting hands-on with measuring and drawing angles accurately. We even took the lesson outside, where they used chalk to draw giant angles on the playground! They had to create a simple angle, a more challenging one, and even show what a non-example would look like. It was brilliant to see everyone so involved and enjoying their learning in a different environment – lots of teamwork, creativity, and big smiles all round!

In English, we've been busy drafting our class narrative, inspired by our text, *Podkin One-Ear*. Right from the start, the children have been completely hooked by the story! They've been working hard to include a range of writing skills, like detailed descriptions and building atmosphere in their work. It's been great to see their enthusiasm shine through their writing and to watch their confidence grow with every piece they create.

In Curriculum, we've been digging deeper into historical sources, focusing on Ancient Greek pottery. The children loved analysing the different images and discussing what life might have been like during those times. We had some great conversations about the role of women in Ancient Greece, using the pottery as evidence for their ideas. It's been fantastic seeing the children question, explore and share their thoughts so confidently during these sessions!



YEAR 6

Year 6 have had a busy week of creativity and collaboration with their topic '*Desert Island Dreams*'. As part of their Forest School sessions, pupils have been busy working in teams to design and build shelters, just like real-life castaways! Using problem-solving skills, creativity, and plenty of teamwork, they constructed impressive structures to help protect them from the elements.



In Science, the children have been exploring classification. They've been learning how scientists group living things and have even created their own branching databases to sort animals into different categories based on their features. This was a challenging task, and the children showed some excellent knowledge of 5 groups of vertebrates to help classify those creatures.



In maths, the year 6 children have been busy exploring Pie Charts. They have been learning how to interpret and draw them accurately, using their growing understanding of fractions and percentages to represent data clearly and effectively.



Meanwhile, in English, pupils have been crafting wonderfully imaginative descriptions of their very own desert islands. Through the use of vivid imagery, they've worked hard to engage the reader and bring their island adventures to life – they are looking forward to adding these to their own 'Kensuke's Kingdom' books.

Well done, Year 6 – another excellent week.

ECO CLUB



Eco club are working so hard in our garden to plant and tend to our crops! The strawberries are currently green and have been surrounded by straw to keep them moist and protect the berries. Hopefully, they will ripen up in the next few weeks and we can add them to the rhubarb to make a delicious crumble. Look out for our eco club plant and produce stalls coming up over the next few weeks.



SPORTS NEWS

Wednesday 30th April – Cricket Clinic at St Hughs

Ten of our U9's took part in an afternoon of Cricket related activities. They were split into groups to work alongside children from other schools. Batting, fielding and bowling clinics tested their skills and improved their technique in each area. Our pupil's behaviour was exemplary and even though it was very warm, their effort levels were maintained to the end. Well done to those who took part, and thanks go to the parents who supported the event.



LANGUAGES

It's been a lively week in Languages across the school! Our Infants have returned from the break full of enthusiasm and have picked up their Spanish learning beautifully. They've been exploring vocabulary related to the world around them including plants, weather, and animals, through songs, games, and storytelling.

Meanwhile, the Juniors had a particularly exciting start to the term as they received a parcel from our partner school in Trévoux, filled with beautifully crafted cards and French cake recipes. This exchange has sparked great interest and enthusiasm in French lessons. They were also delighted to hear that the parcel we had put together was received with great gratitude and excitement! To support their learning, all Junior pupils will be issued with vocabulary books over the next week. Pupils will add key vocabulary learnt during lessons to these books - we encourage you to support them in practising at home to help consolidate their new language skills. Merci!



MUSIC ASSEMBLIES

Date	Time	Teacher	Instrument	Year group
Monday 12 th May	9am	Miss Potter	Piano	Reception Year 1
Tuesday 13 th May	9am	Mrs Carr	Singing / Recorder	Year 2 Year 3
Friday 16 th May	9am	Mrs Carr	Singing / recorder / violin	Year 4 Year 6
Monday 19 th May	9am	Miss Potter	Piano	Year 2 Year 3
Tuesday 20 th May	9am	Mr Jackson	Drums	Year 1 Year 3
Friday 23 rd May	9am	Mrs Carr	Singing / Violin	Year 5 Year 6
Monday 9 th June	9am	Miss Potter	Piano / Flute	Year 4
Tuesday 10 th June	9am	Mr Jackson	Drums	Year 5 Year 6
Monday 16 th June	9am	Miss Potter	Piano	Year 5 Year 6

REMINDERS FOR NEXT WEEK:

YEAR 6 Bikeability Reminder (NEXT WEEK TUESDAY 6TH MAY – WEDNESDAY 7TH MAY 2025)

A reminder for Year 6 parents that Bikeability starts next Tuesday 6th May until Wednesday 7th May. The bikes can be left at school for the week as long as they are locked securely to the bike rack. I have attached the checklist reminder as the children will need their own bike, bike helmet and warm clothing whilst attending the sessions i.e. gloves, school tracksuit, school hoodie or school coat due to inclement weather conditions throughout the week. Any queries, please contact Mrs. Staples in the School Office.

GREEN DAY – TUESDAY 6TH MAY

On Tuesday 6th 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.

VE DAY CELEBRATIONS – THURSDAY 8TH MAY

To mark this very special occasion we are asking that children come to school dressed in 1940s clothes. Throughout the day there will be opportunities for everyone to play some war time games such as jump rope, hopscotch and jacks. At 2.30pm parents are invited to come into school to join in the celebrations. This will include some readings and songs and then the opportunity for you to enjoy a cup of tea or coffee before collecting the children at home time.

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.

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



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.

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.

Dates for Your Diary

MAY	
Thurs 1 st	Book Fair – after school from 3:25pm in the hall
Fri 2 nd	Book Fair – after school from 3:25pm in the hall
Mon 5 th	Bank Holiday
Tues 6 th	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 th	Bikeability Year 6 Away Fixture: U9 and U10 Striking and Fielding at Grantham Prep starts at 2:30pm
Thurs 8 th	VE Celebrations – details sent out via Parentmail
Fri 9 th	Year 5 & Year 6 pupils leave for Hilltop Residential away trip Away Fixture: Hockey at Surfleet starts at 3:45pm

Mon 12 th	<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 th	<i>Singing / Recorder Assembly – Mrs Carr’s pupils – starts 9am – Parents invited.</i>
Wed 14 th	Home Fixture: U9 and U11 Cricket at AHS against St Hugh’s starts at 2:30pm
Fri 16 th	<i>Singing/Recorder/ Violin Assembly – Mrs Carr’s pupils – starts 9am – Parents invited.</i> PTFA Family Quiz Night – 5.30pm – 7.30pm (details to be sent nearer the time)
Mon 19 th	<i>Piano Assembly – Miss Potter’s pupils – starts 9am – Parents invited.</i>
Tues 20 th	<i>Drums Assembly – Mr Jackson’s pupils – starts 9am – Parents invited.</i> Junior Summer Music showcase (inhouse) – 1pm – 3pm
Wed 21 st	Infant Interhouse (Year 1 and Year 2 pupils will need PE kit and house t-shirts in school) Home Fixture: U10 and U11 Cricket at AHS against The Peterborough School starts at 2:30pm
Fri 23 rd	<i>Singing / Violin Assembly – Mrs Carr’s pupils – starts 9am – Parents invited.</i>
Mon 26 th – Mon 2 nd June	Half term break

STARS OF THE WEEK

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



Kindergarten: James
Reception: Sophie
Year 1: Thea
Year 2: Vera
Year 3: Noah
Year 4: Sophie
Year 5: Teddie
Year 6: Zara

Kindness Awards: (Infant) (Junior)
Headteachers Award: Reception
Golden Dustpan Award: Year 5

We have the following birthdays coming up:

7th May – Harry C. and Mrs Li
10th May - Joshua

Best wishes,

Mrs T Wright