



AYSCOUGH FEE HALL SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER: 09/05/25

Dear Parents,

We have certainly managed to pack an awful lot into a four-day week! We started off with 'Green Day' which the school council initiated in support of Friends of the Earth. The school was a sea of green for the day; thank you for supporting this very worthwhile charity. On Thursday we really enjoyed celebrating VE Day together. The children worked hard to learn their songs and dances and loved performing for parents at the end of the day. This was a very special occasion; thank you to all the parents who were able to join us and to all of you for supporting our 1940s theme for the day.

Today, we have waved off our Year 5 and 6 pupils as they embark on their residential visit to Hilltop. I know they will have a fantastic experience and come back full of tales of their time there. We can't wait to hear all about it, have fun children!

Have a great weekend everyone.

KINDERGARTEN

Kindergarten have been learning about VE Day this week and why we are celebrating on the 8th May. We all made flags ready to celebrate and we have enjoyed looking at some old films and photographs. We were so lucky to have Mr and Mrs Crawford and Mrs Crawford's parents visit the school with a vintage car and memorabilia. We particularly liked seeing the gas mask! Thank you.

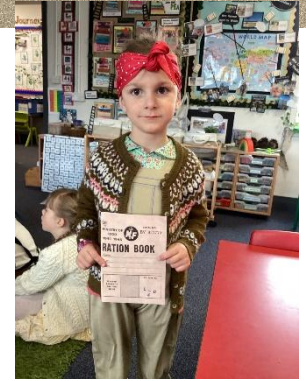


RECEPTION



This week has been about VE Day, we have learnt all about evacuees, soldiers and life during the war. The children had the chance to play with some toys which dated back to just after the war and we listened to some 1940s music too. The class loved dancing, waving their flags to the music and watching Winston Churchill announcing the end of the war. We were then very lucky to be able to make some beautiful VE Day magnets as a memento - thank you to Mrs Francis for buying them for us.

We have also enjoyed continuing with our Growing Topic by planting basil and sunflowers. The children used tens frames to work out how many seeds we had and then their imaginations ran wild when reading 'The Extraordinary Gardener'. Our next plan is to design and make our very own mini gardens 🥰



YEAR 1

Year 1 have had an action-packed week! In Maths, we took our learning outside and started exploring arrays! We made our own using concrete resources and then moved onto drawing these. We used the key terms 'row' and 'column' and quickly grasped how 3 groups of 5 have the same total as 5 groups of 3. In PSHEE, we have continued exploring relationships and focused this week on recognising when we don't like the feel of something, and that this is different for everyone. We played a game where we passed round different materials and discussed the ones we liked and the ones we did not! Using our research we completed for homework, we discussed our parents' and grandparents' toys as a class in History; we

described a range of old toys, looking at their appearance and the materials they were made of, assessing the similarities and differences to our modern-day toys. It was fascinating to look at different generations and what their favourite toys were compared to ours! In DT, we looked at how we could improve our wheels and axles; we looked at position and shape and discussed the stability of our models.





ENGLISH

In English, Year 4 have been busy writing up their newspaper reports on the computer. They used Microsoft Word to create a newspaper report template. This helped us to set out our text and insert pictures which link to our reports. When we have finished, we will make a newspaper and display it in the library for other people to enjoy.

SCIENCE

In Science, we analysed Carbon Footprints to discuss the idea that everyone has a unique carbon footprint. Looking at the example lifestyle information about the two characters, we discussed who the children thought would have a larger carbon footprint and why. Then independently, children worked with a partner using the Carbon Footprint data, to analyse information of different fictional characters and assess their carbon footprint. Finally, the children suggested ways to reduce a carbon footprint.



YEAR 5

In English, the children have made a brilliant start to their narrative writing based on our exciting class story, Podkin One-Ear. They have been using a range of higher-level writing features such as parenthesis and speech to really bring their characters to life. It's been wonderful to see how much they've connected with the story and the enthusiasm they've shown in their writing. Their understanding of the text has also been impressive—we can't wait to see their stories unfold!

In Art, the children have been busy bringing their house designs to life using polystyrene. They have used their knowledge of 3D shapes to help structure their models, linking in some great maths skills along the way. The creativity on show has been fantastic, with lots of imaginative and detailed designs coming together. It's been lovely to see their confidence grow, and we're really looking forward to assembling the final pieces over the next few weeks.

In Science, we've been investigating air resistance—and what better way to explore it than by designing our own parachutes? The children came up with their own enquiry questions, designed fair tests, and got hands-on with some exciting experiments. It was brilliant to see their curiosity and teamwork shine through as they tested how different variables affected their parachutes. A great mix of fun and learning—it's safe to say we've got some future scientists in the making!



YEAR 6

Last Friday, the Year 6 children continued their Forest School activities based on our termly topic – 'Desert island Dreams' and learnt about natural resources and how to safely make a camp fire; they have really enjoyed learning about survival skills as part of our work on Kensuke's Kingdom.



On Tuesday and Wednesday, the children took part in 'Bikeability' where they learnt all about how to ride safely on the road. They learnt about the A,B,C,D checks – air, brakes, chain and direction - as well as how to manoeuvre safely. All the children worked really hard and impressed with their effort and determination. A huge thank you to the instructors for teaching us all about bike safety.

On Thursday, as part of our VE Day celebrations, some of the Year 6 pupils joined the choir to sing in the VE day celebrations at the Parish Church - we were so proud of their fabulous singing. Well done, Year 6 – another busy week and so many new skills learnt.

SCHOOL CHOIR - VE DAY CELEBRATION AT SPALDING PARISH CHURCH – THURSDAY 8TH MAY

On Thursday, we were honoured to be invited by councillor Jan Whitbourn to join the VE Day Veterans' Celebration at the Parish Church, Spalding.

Members of the school choir, joined by children from Year 6, took part in the Veterans' Parade, before singing in the church. They represented the school impeccably and I would like to share with you the lovely feedback I received from Jan.

'The Ayscoughfee School Students, beautiful, they were all so wonderful and I have to also say, professional, they really did a great job and all knew their lines to all the song, they are a credit to the school, Thank you for letting them come and join us, wonderful.'



SPORTS NEWS



On a cloudy afternoon with a fresh breeze blowing across the pitches our two teams walked out to play against Grantham at Grantham Cricket Ground.

Our U9 's won the coin toss and fielded first. We competed hard concentrating on fielding and trying to keep the bowling consistent. Grantham batted steadily and set a good total of 260. The boys and girls in their batting pairings worked together well and as the innings progressed their confidence grew. We didn't quite match the run rate set by Grantham and their fielding was very tight. It came down to the final over and the runs required was a big ask. Our team narrowly lost by 7 runs scoring 253.

Our U10's match told a similar story, their scores being level going into Grantham's final pair of Batsmen to play. 264 – 264. Grantham had saved their strongest batters and they were able to pass the target by, winning in the end 272 runs to our 264 runs, a difference of only 8.

Even though both of our teams were defeated the games had been very close and there was little difference in the cricket played by either side. An afternoon which gave many positives to take away with us. Well done to those that took part and thanks go to the parents that supported the fixture.



LANGUAGES



This week, our younger linguists embarked on an immersive journey blending language acquisition with hands-on experiences. In Spanish, our Infants delved into the imperative mood, mastering commands such as *planta* (plant), *riega* (water), and *cava* (dig). These linguistic structures were brought to life as they prepare to plant seeds, following Spanish instructions. This practical application not only reinforced their language skills but also fostered an appreciation for nature and responsibility.

The Junior class received their new French vocabulary books this week, sparking enthusiasm for their language learning journey. They have been consolidating their knowledge of French numbers and engaging in conversational exercises, enhancing their ability to communicate in everyday situations. This week, they practiced phrases like *Comment ça va ?* (How are you?) and *Où est... ?* (Where is...?), building confidence in their conversational skills. All pupils are making wonderful progress, embracing languages with enthusiasm and curiosity! Bravo!



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:

MONDAY 12TH MAY – YEAR 5 AND YEAR 6 PUPILS RETURN FROM HILLTOP RESIDENTIAL

Parents will be emailed an ETA for collecting their children on the day.

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	
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>
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: Zak
Reception: Romily
Year 1: Ralph
Year 2: Peter
Year 3: Oscar
Year 4: Franklin

Kindness Awards: Iris (Infant) Chloe (Junior)

Headteachers Award: Year 1 Class

Golden Dustpan Award: Kindergarten Class

We have the following birthdays coming up:

13th May - Sophia

Best wishes,

Mrs T Wright