



AYSCOUGH FEE HALL SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER: 16/05/25

It is always so lovely to read through the newsletter at the end of the week and see just what the children have been up to. Seeing how immersed they all are in their topics and the joy that they get from their learning is a wonderful thing. The Year 3 children have been so engaged by their work on World War 11 and the inspirational and heartwarming letter they received from a veteran of the conflict.

On a walk around the school, I came across a group of Reception children exploring the school garden with Mrs Patman. They were so excited by the growing peas and strawberries and it is such a joy to experience these things through their eyes.

Our Year 5 and 6 children returned this week, tired but happy, from their residential visit to Hilltop. Listening to their stories it is clear they had a fantastic time and they have some very proud (if a little tired) teachers. Well done Years 5 and 6, we are glad to have you back and pleased you had so much fun.

Have a great weekend everyone.

KINDERGARTEN

We're really starting to see the progress of our live action life cycles in the classroom this week! All our plants are getting taller and taller; we think they might reach the sky by the summer term. Our caterpillars have gotten enormous and we now think they're curling up ready to transform into chrysalises. We still have tadpoles, but they have also got much bigger this week and we think there are the early signs of back legs. We have also enjoyed reading 'Luna Loves Gardening' and finding out where in the world some seeds come from.



RECEPTION



Juicy strawberries and popping peas are growing in our garden and polytunnel; Reception have been so excited to find them and have even had a taste of their own delicious homegrown peas fresh from the pods! We are now waiting for more to be ready so that we can taste our next batch! We of course subitised each amount and made sure there was enough for us all.

In class, we have been learning about seeds from around the world in our gorgeous book "Luna Loves Gardening". The children found the different places on the world map and generated amazing vocabulary to describe the garden.



In other exciting news, our caterpillars have wiggled their way into chrysalis - we enjoyed watching and copying them! We thought they would be spinning them like a spider makes a web, but our prediction was not quite right.

In maths, we've been adding and subtracting using tens frames to help us predict what had been added or taken away. These visual methods have been very useful to help the children move from concrete amounts to the abstract concept of numerals.



YEAR 1



In Year 1 this week, we have been fantastic investigators! We explored which material would be best to help our friend 'Blot' make an umbrella. We used key vocabulary like *waterproof* and *predict*, and we worked really hard to understand how to make our investigation a *fair test*. Our most fascinating result was when the paper didn't let water through straight away! In DT, we have moved on to the making stage of our module. Using our designs, we are now creating our very own pull-along toy! In English, we have also been creating. We worked very hard to write our own adventure for Emily and Stanley, using Year 1 writing features such as adjectives, conjunctions, and spelling rules. Miss Sands has been delighted to see how independently we've been working on this piece!



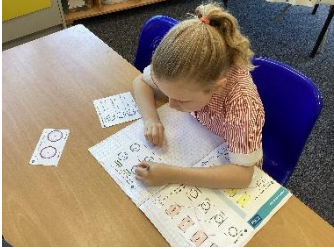
YEAR 2



Tick Tock! Year 2 have started the time unit of work in maths this week and they really have worked hard to understand all the different, and sometimes confusing, aspects associated with clocks and telling the time. They have enjoyed taking part in a range of activities with different resources to help them embed their knowledge of reading analogue clocks. We decided that bingo was the favourite! In English, we have started looking at a new text 'The Secret of Black' by Joe Todd-Stanton. The children have been picking out lots of new vocabulary from the book as well as answering comprehension questions about the text. We have continued our Geography work looking at the human and physical features at the seaside and also locating different seaside resorts around the UK. We decided that with the beautiful sunny weather this week it would have definitely been better to be at one of the seaside resorts than in school!



VE Day



YEAR 3



Year 3 children have been thoroughly engrossed in their WWII topic this week. One of the highlights was reading a heartfelt letter from a real war veteran. The children were truly touched by his memories and experiences, and it inspired them to write thoughtful, detailed responses. They shared all they had learned about life during the war, how they celebrated VE Day in school with music, crafts, and poetry, and even asked him questions about his life during the war. Their empathy and curiosity really shone through.



In addition to their historical adventures, Year 3 also completed their Rainforest in a Box projects. Children kept returning to add layer after layer of detail, carefully creating miniature habitats and modelling a range of rainforest animals. The creativity and dedication on display were outstanding.

In maths, practical activities have brought learning to life as we explored money. From handling coins to playing interactive games on educational websites, the children have been developing their understanding of adding and subtracting money and finding change. Well done, Year 3, for a wonderful week!



ENGLISH



In English, we have been planning a news broadcast in groups. It is based on the news report that we have written so we are bursting with information to share! We will be using the Apps Green Screen and iMovie to record and edit our videos. It's all rather exciting!

MATHS

In Year 4 this week, the children explored the use of pounds and pence notation and developed the understanding that the digits following the decimal point represent part of a pound. This linked to their earlier learning that £1 = 100p and 1 whole = 100 hundredths. Converting between pounds and pence is our next step.



YEAR 5 AND YEAR 6

Wow – what a weekend we have had at Hilltop! The children have had an incredible time, filled with fun, laughter, and unforgettable memories. It was such a joy to see them in a different setting, showing amazing teamwork, supporting one another, and most importantly, having lots of fun. The Hilltop staff couldn't stop telling us how polite, respectful, and well-mannered our children were – they were especially impressed by their brilliant listening skills, which made us all proud.

The children got stuck into a variety of team-building challenges, really pulling together and pushing themselves out of their comfort zones. From scaling dizzying heights during the climbing and abseiling sessions to squeezing through tiny tunnels in the caving activity, the children showed courage and determination over the course of the weekend. One of the standout activities was the giant super swing – lots of nervous faces turned into beaming smiles once they took the leap!

Evenings were just as exciting. We enjoyed fun games, a scenic coastal hike (with an ice-cream stop, of course!), and even a hilarious birthday piano challenge – think blind auditions like *The Voice* but with our very own twist! We also unearthed some archery professionals during our Robin Hood-style challenge, with plenty of high scores hit.

Overall, the children were a credit to the school and themselves. They returned buzzing with stories, proud of what they achieved, and closer than ever as a group. It really was a special trip, and we are extremely proud of them.



ECO CLUB

Eco club have been busy working on their Eco Display by making Eco promises and creating a recycled paper Earth. We have watered everything in sight and are hoping for rain soon as our water butts are empty!



SPORTS NEWS

U9 U11 C ricket v St Hughs 14.05.25

Conditions were perfect for an afternoon of Cricket. Our U9s had an open scoring game. Lots of runs were made by both sides. We scored 110 for a loss of 5 wickets and St Hugh's scored 140 runs for a loss of 4 wickets. It was a closely competed match, and it came down to the bowling strength of St Hugh's. Our players communicated well and worked together as a team, supporting each other positively. Wilf was player of the match so well done to him.



Our U11s were up against a strong St Hugh's team. We were put into bat first and went for our shots, which made it exciting. In doing so though, we gave away a number of wickets which made the difference in the end. Our fielding and bowling matched St Hugh's and everything was kept tight with some lovely cricket being played by both teams. AHS 243-11 St Hughs 278-5 (If wickets had been put aside, scores would have been 298 – 303). Arun was player of the match, well done to Arun. A lovely afternoon was had by all. Thanks go to the pupils who took part and to the parents who shared the afternoon with us.



LANGUAGES



This week has been full of exciting language learning across the school! Our Infants had a fantastic time during their Spanish lesson, where they planted seeds and began learning all about the lifecycle of a plant. Using key subject terminology in Spanish, they even acted out the stages of growth – a fun and interactive way to embed their new vocabulary.

In Juniors, some of our budding linguists have been hard at work honing their translation skills. Using dictionaries, they tackled cake recipes sent from our partner school in Trevoux as they prepare for our upcoming Big English and French Bake Off! – and we must say, the recipes sound absolutely delicious! Alongside this, the children have been strengthening their understanding of French, focusing on vocabulary related to colours, numbers, and everyday conversation. Bravo to all!



MUSIC ASSEMBLIES

Date	Time	Teacher	Instrument	Year group
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:

WEDNESDAY 21ST MAY - INFANT INTERHOUSE

Year 1 and Year 2 pupils will need PE kit and house t-shirts in school on this 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 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: Wyatt
Reception: Ronnie P
Year 1: Rex
Year 2: Joshua
Year 3: Mollie
Year 4: Orla
Year 5: Eliza
Year 6: Henry



Kindness Awards: Lorenzo (Infant) Harry H (Junior)

Headteachers Award: Years 5 and 6

Golden Dustpan Award: Year 2

We have the following birthdays coming up:

17th May – Benjamin

18th May – George S.

19th May – Harry

23rd May – Max B.

Best wishes,

Mrs T Wright