



AYSCOUGHFEE HALL SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER: 23/05/25

Dear Parents,

Well, where did that half term go to? How quickly the school year seems to be passing and now we are approaching production season, with our Junior children all very excited to learn and perform their end of year play to parents. The productions are always spectacular and I cannot wait for this year's!

The children are such confident performers, as we have seen this half term in our music assemblies and schools' music concert organising by Mrs Carr. It is always such a pleasure to see them shine on these occasions.

I hope everyone has a lovely half-term break and I look forward to welcoming everyone back for the second half of our summer term on 3rd of June.

KINDERGARTEN



This week in Kindergarten we made vegetable soup! We peeled sweet potatoes, grated carrots, chopped peppers and popped peas (from our garden!). There were lots of other ingredients too. It smelt delicious when it was cooking in the soup maker. We enjoyed our soup with a piece of crusty bread. Some children weren't very keen, but they still had a try. Others thought the soup was delicious and ate every last bit!



RECEPTION



composition and decomposition of shapes has been the theme of the week in maths, with children learning to flip, rotate and manipulate shapes to create amazing shape pictures. This tied in very nicely with World Bee Day where we learnt about the hexagonal tessellating cells created by bees in their nests.



Reception very much enjoyed learning about bees and were especially excited to fly around the classroom and pollinate flowers using cheesy puffs as pollen. They created



carefully researched fact sheets and drew some clear pictures and diagrams of bees and their hives. We even managed to enjoy some of the fruits from our school garden which had been pollinated by the bees- the strawberries were delicious!



YEAR 1



Year 1 have had a fantastic week full of creativity and imagination! In DT, the children have been busy completing their pull-along toys—there's been lots of taping, sticking, painting, and even a few googly eyes making an appearance! It's been lovely to see their ideas come to life with such enthusiasm. This tied in nicely with our history, where we looked at toys from the past and compared them to our modern-day toys; we looked at the similarities and differences. In English, we've been diving into the world of comic books, looking at 'Traction Man'. The children have enjoyed creating their own narrative boxes and speech bubbles, while learning all about onomatopoeia (we've had plenty of *POP!* *BANG!* and *WHOOSH!* in the classroom!) and using the present continuous tense to describe the action. In Science, we have been busy investigating again, this time it was looking at which material would be best for a set of curtains! We looked at the properties of 'transparent' and 'opaque'. It's been a wonderfully hands-on and exciting week!



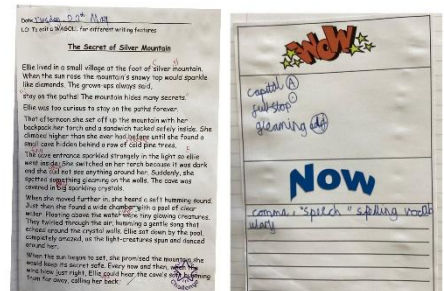
YEAR 2



Year Two have worked incredibly hard this week writing their very own adventure stories! They looked at lots of WAGOLLS (What A Good One Looks Like) to gather exciting ideas, then edited an example story before planning and writing their own amazing adventures. The children used brilliant imagination, and they were very exciting to read. In maths, we have been continuing our work on time, moving on to trickier challenges like telling



are in an hour, and solving time problems. In science, we've explored animals and their habitats, asking great questions like "Why do camels have big humps?". We have reached the end of our geography work this week and finished our unit of work finding out all about what life would be like living on the island of Scilly. The children were asked to say where they would prefer to live, Spalding or Scilly, and give their reasons to justify their decision. The idea of living surround by the sea made Scilly a very popular choice! Have a wonderful half term holiday, Year two, you deserve it!



YEAR 3



Year 3 have had an exciting and varied week full of creativity, curiosity and discovery! In Maths, the children explored different aspects of time, learning to read both analogue and digital clocks with confidence. In English, they proudly presented their research on family members' lives during the war—an inspiring way to connect history with personal stories.



Art lessons took a vibrant turn as the class completed stunning rainforest scenes inspired by the style of Henri Rousseau. These beautiful works of art combined traditional collage techniques with digitally created animal images. Meanwhile, in PSHEE, the children learned about the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, deepening their understanding of their rights and responsibilities in the world.



Year 3 children and Mrs Periam would like to wish everyone a restful and fun break.



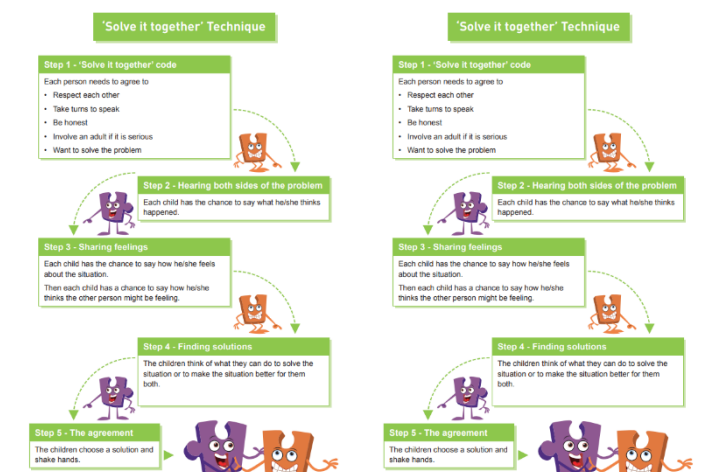
YEAR 4

PSHE

In PSHE this week, we enjoyed circle time with a focus on 'Getting on and falling out'. We began our lesson with 'A friend is someone who can...' and the children took turns to finish the sentence. We decided that it could end with a positive or negative as friends don't always get on.

We learnt that *changes* in friendship is a normal part of life, and as we get older our friendship groups can change e.g. a best friend at your old school may no longer be in contact with you.

Together, we looked at techniques to 'solve it together' and discussed scenarios.



MATHS

Year 4 have been calculating skills with money to solve problems using all four operations in real-life contexts, including multi-step problems. We used formal methods to calculate with decimals, as well as methods such as partitioning for addition and subtraction. Children drew on their knowledge from earlier steps to help them to convert between amounts of money expressed in different formats, and to use decimal notation accurately. Bar models, part-whole models and number lines were really useful ways to represent the calculations, and we are working hard to use these in our working out.



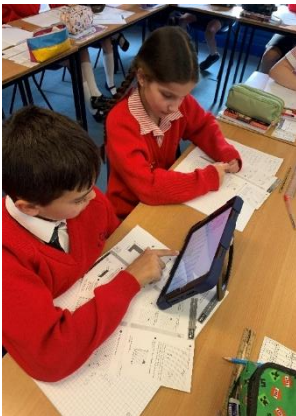
GEOGRAPHY

Year 4 learned about the process of how steel is produced. We explored the uses of steel and how it is traded around the world. The children also took part in a quiz and enjoyed exploring Mrs Lane's minerals and rocks.

YEAR 5

In maths, we've been diving into coordinates and the children have loved using the trick 'along the corridor, up the stairs' to help them find and plot points. They've become confident in reading the X and Y axes and have even been figuring out missing coordinates to complete 2D shapes on a grid. Using White Rose Infinity and the iPads has really helped them become confident before tackling some tricky reasoning challenges — including graphs without numbered axes, where they had to use their understanding of scale to work things out!

In English, the children have been putting their persuasive powers to the test! They've written motivational speeches as Podkin from The Adventures of Podkin One-Ear, trying to inspire the other rabbits to rise up against the Gorm and Scramshank. The creativity and passion they've shown has been fantastic. Next, they'll flip the script — stepping into the shoes of the villains and persuading the Gorm to take over the rabbits! It's going to be great fun seeing how they take on this twist.



YEAR 6

This week, the year 5 and 6 children have really enjoyed reading the script for the end of year production. They have been exploring the different characters, showing characterisation through facial expression and actions, as well as learning all the songs - they are really looking forward to rehearsing the play next term and performing the production.

In English lessons, Year 6 have been writing balanced arguments based on Kensuke's Kingdom; they have been using high-level vocabulary, and conjunctions for cohesion, to help create a formal tone. The children have been enjoying the story of Kensuke's Kingdom and are looking forward to creating their own blackout poetry next week.

In maths, the children have been learning about different angles, including those around a point, in triangles, quadrilaterals and regular polygons. They have been using their detective skills to work out missing angles and have really impressed with their determination to crack the tricky challenges. They have also been enjoying the challenging Kahoot quizzes to help reinforce their understanding of geometry. Well done, Year 6.



ECO CLUB



Eco Club have enjoyed planting marigolds and squash plants; watering the strawberries and we even tasted delicious fresh peas. Of course, we watered everything in sight and may have even watered ourselves under the sprinklers!



SPORTS NEWS

Summer Interhouse Event - Year 1 and Year 2

Year 1 and Year 2 pupils took part in their Interhouse games event this week. It was exciting and full of activity as the teams worked together to compete against the other houses in various games. Well done all of you, it was great fun and thank you Year 2 for helping and for being so supportive to our Year 1 children to make it such a great morning!

1st place = Robust Romans with 7 points

2nd place = Noble Normans with 8 points

3rd place = Valiant Vikings with 9 points

4th place = Super Saxons with 10 points

Sports Values goes to the Super Valiant Vikings for their Honesty, Teamwork and excellent sporting behaviour.

Well done everyone!

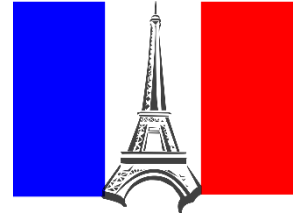
LANGUAGES



This week, our Infants embarked on an exciting journey into the Spanish language by learning the names of various animals. Through a series of engaging activities, they discovered words like *perro* (dog), *gato* (cat), *vaca* (cow), and *pato* (duck), bringing the animal kingdom to life in their classroom.

To reinforce their new vocabulary, the children participated in interactive games such as memory matching and flashcard challenges. These activities not only made learning fun but also helped solidify their understanding of the Spanish terms. By integrating play with language learning, our Infants have taken their first steps toward becoming young Spanish speakers, all while having a great time exploring the world of animals.

Meanwhile, our Juniors have been preparing thoughtful questions for our upcoming Zoom call with our partner school in Trévoux, France. They've been researching the town's rich history and beautiful location along the Saône River. Trévoux boasts a stunning medieval castle with an octagonal tower, offering panoramic views of the surrounding Beaujolais and Monts d'Or regions. The town's historical significance includes being the former capital of the Dombes principality and a centre for printing and intellectual activity in the 17th and 18th centuries. Our students are excited to connect with their French peers and share their learning experiences!



MUSIC ASSEMBLIES

Date	Time	Teacher	Instrument	Year group
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

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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 26 th – Mon 2 nd June	Half term break
JUNE	
Tues 3 rd	School resume/Summer term clubs and music lessons resume
Wed 4 th	Away Fixture: U10 and U11 Cricket at Peterborough starts at 2:30pm
Mon 9 th	<i>Piano and Flute Assembly – Miss Potter’s pupils – starts 9am – Parents invited.</i>
Tues 10 th	<i>Drums Assembly – Mr Jackson’s pupils – starts 9am – Parents invited.</i> Summer Music Concert – 7pm
Wed 11 th	Whole School House Day – Year 1 to Year 6 pupils come to school in PE kit and house t-shirts and Kindergarten and Reception are in non-uniform
Thurs 12 th	Non-Uniform day in exchange for a tombola prize for the Summer Fair
Fri 13 th	Year 3 Outing to The Botanical Gardens and Year 5 visit to The Fitzwilliam Museum Father’s Day gifts sent home with pupils
Mon 16 th	<i>Piano Assembly – Miss Potter’s pupils – starts 9am – Parents invited.</i>
Tues 17 th	Year 6 New intake evening at Spalding High School
Wed 18 th	Away Fixture: U11 Cricket at Grantham starts at 2:30pm Away Fixture: U11 Cricket at Peterborough starts at 2:30pm
Thurs 19 th	Year 4 pupils leave for Sacrewell residential night away
	Year 1 Outing to Sacrewell
	11+ Information evening for Year 5 boys at Spalding Grammar School
	Year 5 Open Day at Spalding High School
Fri 20 th	Year 4 pupils return from Sacrewell

STARS OF THE WEEK

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

Kindergarten: Betty
Reception: Primrose
Year 1: Zara-Maria
Year 2: Ronnie-Rose
Year 3: Harry
Year 4: Rhea
Year 5: Teddee-Beau
Year 6: Mafaro

Kindness Awards: Caitlin (Infant) Eliza (Junior)
Headteachers Award: The Musical Performers
Golden Dustpan Award: Year 4

We have the following birthdays coming up:

25th May – Elizabeth
 29th May – Phoebe
 30th May – Primrose
 31st May – Mrs Wright
 1st June – Maddy and Franklin
 3rd June – Mrs Wade and Mr Hutton
 5th June - Martha

Best wishes,

Mrs T Wright

