



# AYSCOUGH FEE HALL SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER: 12/09/25

Dear Parents,

Our first full week back has been busy and exciting. We were particularly delighted to be able to use our new minibus for the first time to transport children to both a sporting fixture and for swimming lessons. The children really loved the opportunity to ride in the bus and it is so much more convenient for parents too.

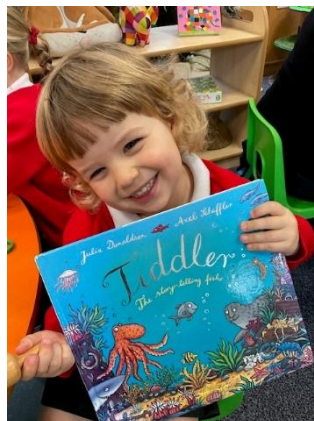
With this in mind, I would really like to encourage any parents who are able to help to consider joining our wonderful PTFA. The AGM and first meeting of the year are to be held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September at 3.20pm and it would be fantastic if more parents were able to join us. I cannot overstate how important the PTFA are to the work of the school. In the past four years they have provided new iPads across all year groups, updated playground markings, a new pirate ship, books for every classroom and built the school garden. They have also funded our traditional 'Leavers' Lunch' for parents and pupils and are making a significant contribution towards the minibus. Quite simply, without their help, the school would not be able to provide these things. Joining the PTFA does not mean that you must attend meetings or be at every event, but any help that you are able to offer would be so appreciated. For more information, please see the school website or contact the school office and they will be happy to put you in touch with a member of the PTFA.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend and look forward to seeing everyone again next week.

### KINDERGARTEN



What superstars our youngest children have been during their first full week of school! We've been talking about ourselves, our likes and dislikes and our families. We've been reading 'I like Bees I don't like Honey' as well as sharing some of our favourite books from home. Boys and girls, we are so very proud of you. 😊



## RECEPTION



This has been a week of firsts in Reception!

We have had our first Spanish lesson and learnt how to say Hola 🙌 as a greeting to our friends and teachers. Our fine motor skills have been challenged this week as we had our first PE lesson where we changed into our new PE kit and enjoyed playing lots of fun games. In our first music lesson, we explored the theme of Autumn and were really good listeners. The whole class have impressed me with their wonderful passion for learning through play and I know we will have a great year ahead!



## YEAR 1

In Year 1 we have started our geography topic 'Our Local Area'. The children discussed what our local area was called and the different features it has. The children were able to have lots of class discussions about this! The class then used different objects to create messy maps of our classroom and worked very well in table groups to do this



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## YEAR 2



What a busy week! Mrs Naylor and I have been so impressed with how well the Year 2 children have kept up with the pace of all the different activities that we have taken on. In English, the children have thoroughly enjoyed using the book 'Where the Wild Things Are' and we had lots of fun in the sunshine, role playing and acting out different parts of the story. The terrible roars and the gnashing teeth were the favourite parts! In maths we have been using a range of equipment to revise and practise partitioning 2-digit numbers into tens and ones. On top of our usual week, we have also started our cookery lessons and had a visit from year 5 to help kick start our TTRS journey. A great start to the year.



## YEAR 3



Year 3 are settling beautifully into the Juniors. They have had an exciting first full week back! It was full of learning, curiosity, creativity and pride. In History lessons, we began our introduction to prehistory by learning about the different stages of the Stone Age. The children were fascinated to discover how people lived thousands of years ago and they asked brilliant questions about tools, homes and daily life.



In English, we placed a strong focus on handwriting, making sure letters are formed neatly and consistently. The children also worked hard on writing an engaging descriptive piece about a forest. They used their senses to bring the setting alive. From the leaves fluttering like a butterfly's wings to the smell of damp earth – we had so many amazing ideas! Our art skills came together as we explored charcoal. The children enjoyed experimenting with this ancient material, just like people in the Stone Age might have done.

In PSHEE, the children shared things they are proud of. It was heartwarming to see them speak with such confidence, whether about their kindness, their achievements in learning or their talents outside of school.



## YEAR 4

This week, we have immersed ourselves in our Egyptian topic. In English, we are reading a beautifully illustrated adventure book called 'Marcy and the Riddle of the Sphinx'. So far, we have predicted what might happen based on the front cover, generated synonyms to write a powerful character description and created riddles for our classmates to solve. We are learning to edit and improve our writing, to show off our writing skills.

In Maths, we are focusing on place value. The children revisited the number line to 1,000 and learnt how to label, identify and find missing values on blank or partially completed number lines. We also learnt that when looking at partially completed number lines, it is important to find the difference between the start and end points. We now know what an interval is and how to work out the value at the midpoint of an interval. Great job, Year 4!



## YEAR 5

In maths this week, the children have been working hard on understanding the value of each digit in a number. We've been exploring how to find a hundred more and a thousand less and the importance of adding in a placeholder when nothing is there. Counters have been useful in helping the children see numbers in action and they also enjoyed an active learning session outside—plenty of smiles, teamwork and hands-on fun!

In English, the children have been getting creative by drafting their own shape poems based on a creature of their choice. They've been challenged to bring their writing to life by using exciting verbs and adverbs, as well as imaginative figurative language such as similes and metaphors. It's been fantastic to see them experimenting with words, thinking carefully about how to engage their reader and make their writing more expressive and entertaining.

In PSHE, we've had some thoughtful and mature discussions about roles and responsibilities and how everyone can contribute to creating a positive working environment. The Year 5 children really impressed us with their insights and the way they listened and responded to one another. It was lovely to see them taking these conversations seriously and showing such respect for different viewpoints. We are very proud of the way they engaged with this important topic.



## YEAR 6

The Year 6 children have made a fantastic start to the term and have really enjoyed diving into their new topic all about India. They have been building upon their prior learning and finding out about the key geographical features of this amazing country. In art, they have been designing mehndi patterns and made beautiful rangoli artwork, using natural resources, in their Forest School session last week. They are now really looking forward to their 'Indian Experience' workshop on Monday.

In Maths, they have been working incredibly hard on their place value unit. They have been practising reading and writing large numbers, exploring powers of 10 and estimating on number lines. Their focus and perseverance have been excellent and they have made their teachers extremely proud.

Following in the footsteps of Einstein, the children have been enjoying their science work on light. They have been investigating how light travels and different light sources; their curiosity and questioning have led to some excellent discussions.

Alongside this, Year 6 have begun their new class novel linked to our India topic. They are really enjoying using their inference skills to make thoughtful predictions in their work on Asha and the Spirit Bird and are now using this novel to inspire their descriptive writing.

An excellent week, Year 6!



## LANGUAGES

Welcome back to a brand-new school year! It's been a fantastic start in Languages and we're already off to a great beginning.



A very special welcome goes to our wonderful Reception class, who completed their first ever Spanish lesson this week – and they were absolutely incredible! I'm so proud of how enthusiastically they joined in.

This term in Spanish, children will be learning key topics such as greetings, numbers, animals and celebrations – so lots of fun and interactive lessons ahead!

Meanwhile, our Junior classes are focusing on French this term. They're busy preparing for their upcoming Zoom call with our partner school in Trevaux, as well as working on their first pen pal letters. It's exciting to see language learning brought to life through real connections!



Looking forward to a brilliant term ahead!

## SPORTS NEWS – NEW SCHOOL MINIBUS



### U11 U10 Rugby v The Grantham Prep School 10.09.25

Our first fixture of the season and the weather stayed fine for us in Grantham. Our two teams joined together and played with good determination, direction and cooperation. Theo was Captain and drove our players on, producing some flowing moves resulting in tries. The match was well balanced. Good sportsmanship was shown by all players and the game ebbed to

and fro. Grantham were slightly stronger than us though a good performance was made by all. Ted was named our player of the match. A good start with lots of positives to build on. Well done to all who took part.



### REMINDERS FOR NEXT WEEK:

#### MONDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER

- YEAR 6 INDIAN EXPERIENCE – IN SCHOOL WORKSHOP FOR YEAR 6 PUPILS
- YORK INFORMATION EVENING – YEAR 5 AND YEAR 6 PARENTS

#### TUESDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER

- RECEPTION CLASS VISIT TO SPALDING MARKET
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### SCHOOL PHOTOS – MONDAY 22 SEPTEMBER 2025

On Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September we have the school photographer in to take individual and family photos starting at 8.30am. Please ensure your child is looking smart in full winter uniform and has their jumper/cardigan and blazer. If any parents would like a family photograph that involves younger siblings who are not at school, you will need to contact Mrs Staples in the School Office by **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September** so that we can compile a list for Tempest (School photographer) to have on the day. You will need to arrive between 8.30 – 9am outside the hall foyer. Entrance will be through the foyer door near the front of the hall.



## THE EMBROIDERY ATTIC – SCHOOL UNIFORM SUPPLIER

Thank you to all the parents that visited The Embroidery Attic over the summer for the school uniform. We appreciated your patience as we navigated the busy summer period. We are learning as we go and although we may not have always got it right we are trying our best.



As a business, we decided that we would absorb the increases that we received on the uniform over the summer months however, we now unfortunately have to put our prices up. This will be in effect from Monday 15th of September. We will provide new forms shortly with the new prices.

Should you have any queries at all please do not hesitate to contact Laura on 01775 712644 or via the website [info@theembroideryattic.com](mailto:info@theembroideryattic.com)

### PTFA NEWS

The PTFA would like to invite any parents to join the “Ayscoughfee Hall School PTFA” Facebook & Instagram page. These pages are private groups used by the PTFA to keep parents up to date on any news and events.

### DATES FOR THE DIARY:

**PTFA AGM MEETING – MONDAY 15<sup>th</sup> September – 3.20pm (followed by a PTFA meeting)** We would like to invite any parents, grandparents or friends who would like to be a part of the PTFA to join us at Annual General Meeting.

**PTFA MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING – Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September – 9am – 10.30am** in the school hall.



**PTFA SCHOOL DISCO – FRIDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER – 5.30PM – 7.30PM** IN THE SCHOOL HALL (details to follow soon)

### Dates for Your Diary

#### SEPTEMBER

Mon 15 <sup>th</sup>	All Clubs start today. Year 6 Indian culture workshops – with Sunita in school from 9.15am PTFA AGM at 3.20pm followed by a PTFA Meeting York Information Evening – Year 5 and Year 6 parents – 7pm
Tues 16 <sup>th</sup>	Reception visit to Spalding market - 10.30am
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Home Fixture: U10 / U11 Tag Rugby at AHS against Peterborough – starts 2.30pm</b>
Sat 20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>11+ test (Non - Verbal Reasoning) at the High &amp; Grammar schools – 10am</b>
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Individual / Family photos – start 8.30am
Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup>	11 + Information Evening – Year 5 parents – 7pm
Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup>	PTFA Macmillan Coffee Morning – 9am – 10.30am
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup>	PTFA Disco – 5.30pm -7.30pm (details to follow nearer the time)
Tues 30 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 Outing to Flag Fen
<b>October</b>	
Wed 1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Home Fixture: U8 / U9 Tag Rugby at AHS against St Hugh’s – starts 2.15pm</b>
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Puberty workshops in school for Year 6 – 10am – 11.30am <b>Away Fixture: Hockey at Surfleet – starts at 3.45pm</b>
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup>	Reception Superhero Day – (Reception children come in dressed as a Superhero.
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup>	Harvest Festival – parents invited – 9am ACT 2 in school workshops for Year 5 / Year 6 – 1.20pm – 3.20pm

Wed 8 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Away Fixture: U10 / U11 Netball at Peterborough – starts 2.30pm</b> ACT 2 in school workshops for Year 3 / Year 4 – 10am – 12noon Away Fixture: U10 / U11 Netball at Peterborough – starts 2.30pm
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup>	Online Safety workshops in school – Year 2 to Year 6 pupils – 9am – 3pm
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Interhouse – Year 1 / Year 2 games (pupils will need PE kit in school along with house t-shirts on the day)</b>
Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Interhouse – Junior Interhouse Netball/Rugby (pupils will need PE kit in school along with house t-shirts on the day)</b>
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup>	Pink Day Last day of term
<b>Mon 20<sup>th</sup> – Fri 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>HALF TERM BREAK</b>

### STARS OF THE WEEK

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

Kindergarten: Eliza  
 Reception: Arthur  
 Year 1: Ronnie P  
 Year 2: Zara-Maria  
 Year 3: Isla  
 Year 4: George L  
 Year 5: Imogen  
 Year 6: Henry



Kindness Awards: Edward (Infant) Vera and Azra (Junior)  
 Headteachers Award: Kindergarten – for settling in so well  
 Golden Dustpan Award: Year 3

We have the following birthdays coming up:

13<sup>th</sup> September – Jayela  
 16<sup>th</sup> September – Libby  
 17<sup>th</sup> September – Everett

Best wishes,

Mrs Wright