



AYSCOUGH FEE HALL SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER: 19/09/25

Dear Parents,

As you will see below, it has been a busy week in school with lots of exciting learning opportunities. Children have been out and about in the community, taking part in active learning on the playground, enjoying having visitors in and taking part in lots of practical activities. Thank you, teachers, for your dedication in planning and delivering such a rich and varied curriculum to our young learners.

Today, Kindergarten joined us for the Celebration Assembly for the first time and what a delight they were. They impressed us all with their fantastic sitting and listening skills and enjoyed celebrating Stars of the Week with the rest of the school; we are all very proud of how quickly they are settling into school.

I hope everyone has a restful weekend. Good luck to our Year 6 pupils who will be sitting the final part of their 11 plus tests on Saturday.

KINDERGARTEN

We now have all our September starters in for full days and we are so proud of how well the children are adapting to new routines. We have been to the hall for music and PE lessons, we have done Yoga with Mrs Patman and the children in Reception and we loved taking the trikes and scooters onto the big playground. We sit and listen to stories in the classroom and we have made a great start to using 'Dough Disco' to make our hands strong.



RECEPTION



What a busy and exciting week we've had in Reception! The children have been learning all about healthy eating and really enjoyed talking about the different fruits and vegetables that we discovered at the market. We've learnt how they help us stay strong and full of energy. Our biggest surprise came when we discovered a **giant pumpkin** hiding in our school garden. It was so much fun to look at, talk about and even try to lift!

We've been practising sorting too, using fruits, vegetables and different shapes. The children thought carefully about colours, sizes and even made up their own rules for sorting – lots of brilliant ideas and teamwork on show.



Outdoors, we've taken our phonics learning into the fresh air, using chalk to write sounds and words on the playground. The children loved this active way of practising their letters. A really fun and healthy week of learning all round!



YEAR 1

In Year 1 we have been exploring our topic 'How did the world begin?'. In this session we were looking at the Jewish and Christian creation story. We used different objects and props to recreate each day. The children had lots of fun using the different objects to represent the different days!



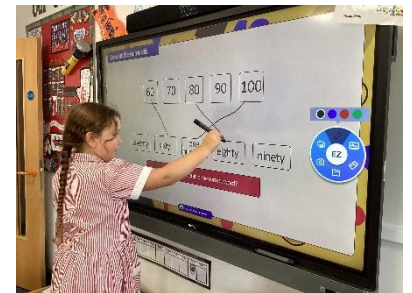
YEAR 2



In maths this week Year 2 have loved using a variety of resources to help them with their place value work. We have been writing numbers in numerals and words, flexibly partitioning numbers in different ways and completing different number lines. The children are thoroughly enjoying using technology to support them with their learning. We also love celebrating our TTRS rockstar of the week by dressing them up like the true rockstar that they are and displaying their photo on our maths working wall for the week. In English, we



have started a unit of work on The Magic Finger by Roald Dahl, basing lots of our grammar work on the story during the week. In our PSHE lessons, our puzzle piece, Jigsaw Jo, always gets to come and be part of our lesson and join in with discussions. This week the children were sharing the different responsibilities they have both at home and at school.



YEAR 3



What a busy and exciting week it has been for Year 3! In English, the children explored what makes a clear set of instructions. They discovered the importance of imperative verbs (or "bossy verbs") and practised writing their own commands with confidence. In History, our journey through the Stone Age took us from the Palaeolithic to the Neolithic era. The children were fascinated to find out how people's lives changed over time and used their creativity to design and make their very own artefacts using air-dry clay and DT materials. These hands-on projects really helped bring the past to life. In Science, we began investigating how rocks change through weathering and erosion. To see evidence first-hand, the children went on an observational walk around the school grounds, carefully noting what they could spot in the natural

environment. In Maths, the focus was on mastering place value. Children represented numbers to 1000 in different ways and enjoyed the challenge of placing numbers accurately on a number line. It has truly been an engaging and enjoyable week of learning for everyone in Year 3!



YEAR 4



In DT this week, the children began to research Egyptian collars. They were tasked with exploring ideas to determine a suitable design that represents their personality.

Over the next few weeks, we will make the collars by developing a template to fit their design criteria. They will choose fabrics and materials and will embellish their collars using cross-stitch and appliqué.

In English, we have been exploring 'show don't tell' and sentence openers. The children worked in groups to generate ideas to show how a character is feeling.

Here are some sentences the children came up with, can you guess how they are feeling?

'Standing at the gaping mouth of the sphinx, Marcy froze on the spot. With her eyes as wide as dustbins, her heart raced as fast as light.'

'Marcy lifted her chin, her grip tightening on the lantern as the shadows stretched across the stone walls.'



YEAR 5



This week in Maths, Year 5 have been stretching their brains with some really exciting number challenges! We've been exploring what happens when you make numbers 10 times more, 100 times less, and even a thousand times more! To help with this, the children have been using Gattegno charts to visualise the patterns, which really boosted their confidence. To top it off, we took the learning outside with a fast-paced relay race, full of competition, teamwork and laughter.



In English, the children have been inspired by Shaun Tan's wonderful book *The Lost Thing*. They have been busy planning and writing their own imaginative short stories, creating unusual characters and worlds of their own. Using a sentence stacking approach, they've been focusing carefully on building their grammar skills step by step, while still letting their creativity shine. The enthusiasm in the classroom has been fantastic, with some truly brilliant story ideas bubbling up and developing nicely.



In Curriculum, we have started our exciting new topic on volcanoes! The children have been fascinated by learning about the different parts of a volcano, from the crater to the magma chamber and we've introduced the amazing concept of the "Ring of Fire." Already, their curiosity is firing up and they have been full of questions about how and why volcanoes erupt. It's been a brilliant start and we can't wait to see where this fiery topic takes us next.



YEAR 6

Year 6 have been really enjoying learning about India. In Forest School on Friday, they used their critical thinking skills to apply their understanding of the Ancient Indus Civilisation to make clay pots that could have been used in the Indus valley. From pots designed to catch fish in the streams, pots to hold chess pieces, as well as containers for grinding spices and holding milk, the children amazed with their fabulous ideas and application of knowledge – fantastic work, Year 6!



On Monday, the children were delighted with an 'Indian Experience' led by Sunita. They enjoyed learning about the story of Diwali, taking part in traditional Indian Dance and also learning about Hindu worship and belief. In the afternoon, the children learnt about life in India and really enjoyed finding out about the similarities and differences between India and the UK. They also created some beautiful Rangoli patterns and used teamwork to create fabulous symmetrical designs.

The children had a fantastic time and were extremely grateful to Sunita for coming and visiting our school. They really impressed with their fabulous questions and enthusiastic approach. Well done, Year 6.



LANGUAGES

It's been a lively and engaging week in Languages across the school! Our Infant pupils have been learning Spanish greetings and numbers and have been putting their new vocabulary to creative use by designing colourful classroom bunting. Each piece proudly displays a Spanish phrase to welcome others into the room – a cheerful and inclusive way to celebrate their learning.



In the Juniors, French has taken centre stage as pupils focused on understanding and responding to common classroom commands. Through a variety of interactive games and activities, they've been building confidence in listening and speaking, all while having lots of fun! Meanwhile, our Year 5 and 6 students have been busy drafting their first letters to their Spanish pen pals at Grantham Prep School. These thoughtful and carefully written letters will be sent next week, and we're excited to begin this real-world language exchange that will bring their learning to life! ¡Feliz fin de semana!

SPORTS NEWS



U11 U10 Rugby at AHS v The Peterborough School 17.09.25

Following a morning of heavy rain the sky cleared and the temperature rose for an afternoon of Rugby. Our U10s, captained by Immanuel and Sebastian, grew in confidence over the four quarters of play. They worked together keeping a good defensive line and then scored some excellent individual tries from jinking runs. Immanuel was our player of the match.

The U11s ran with the ball from start to finish with 100% effort. The Peterborough defensive line was hard to breakthrough, though our players perseverance paid off and we scored a mixture of hard earned team and individual tries. Tendekai and Theo were named players of the match. Well done to all that took part and thank you to the parents who supported the teams.



UNIFORM REMINDER – FULL WINTER UNIFORM FROM 22ND SEPTEMBER

All children will need to be in full winter uniform from next Monday which includes jumper/cardigan and blazer.



Winter PE sports kit

Please note this includes navy and red socks and full tracksuit. A full set of navy skins can also be purchased from the embroidery attic.

Dry robes

Please can I remind parents that the dry robes are an optional extra for sporting fixtures only.

Red School coats

The red school coats are to be used in school daily either worn in over uniform, at breacktimes, lunchtimes and school outings.

Bright Beginnings – Toddler Group

Just as a reminder to all parents and especially to those with younger siblings, please remember we have our Toddler Group which runs once a week in the School Hall on a Friday morning from 10am – 11.30am. Join us with your little ones for a warm welcome and a fun playtime. Toys, stories, singing and activities for all ages up to 3 years old. Enjoy a hot drink and a snack for the children in a friendly space. £4 per child. Everyone is welcome so please tell your friends.



REMINDERS FOR NEXT WEEK:

MONDAY 22 SEPTEMBER – INDIVIDUAL / FAMILY PHOTOS

Next Monday, 22nd 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.



TUESDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER – 11+ PARENT INFORMATION EVENING – 7PM FOR YEAR 5 PARENTS

THURSDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER – PTFA MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING – 9AM – 10.30AM IN THE HALL FOYER. (SEE THE ATTACHED POSTER)



PTFA WELCOME BACK SCHOOL DISCO – FRIDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER – 5.30PM – 7.30PM IN THE SCHOOL HALL (SEE THE ATTACHED POSTER)

THE EMBROIDERY ATTIC – SCHOOL UNIFORM SUPPLIER

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



PTFA NEWS

Thank you to those parents who joined our AGM on Monday; it was lovely to see some new faces and elect the committee for the year. I would like to thank those members of the PTFA who have stepped down this year for their unwavering support for the school over the past few years; it has been greatly appreciated by us all.

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:

PRE-LOVED SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP –

Our first opening of the shop will be **Monday 29th September** – 3pm to 4.30pm in the hall foyer. (SEE THE ATTACHED POSTER)

****CHANGE OF PTFA DATES: CHRISTMAS FAIR – is now on Friday 28th November – 5pm – 7pm (further details to be confirmed)***

Dates for Your Diary

SEPTEMBER

Mon 22 nd	Individual / Family photos – start 8.30am
Tues 23 rd	11 + Information Evening – Year 5 parents – 7pm
Thurs 25 th	PTFA Macmillan Coffee Morning – 9am – 10.30am
Fri 26 th	PTFA Disco – 5.30pm -7.30pm (details to follow nearer the time)
Mon 29 th	PTFA pre-loved uniform shop – open 3pm – 4.30pm in the hall foyer
Tues 30 th	Year 3 Outing to Flag Fen
October	
Wed 1 st	Home Fixture: U8 / U9 Tag Rugby at AHS against St Hugh's – starts 2.15pm
Fri 3 rd	Puberty workshops in school for Year 6 – 10am – 11.30am Away Fixture: Hockey at Surfleet – starts at 3.45pm
Mon 6 th	Reception Superhero Day – (Reception children come in dressed as a Superhero.
Tues 7 th	Harvest Festival – parents invited – 9am ACT 2 in school workshops for Year 5 / Year 6 – 1.20pm – 3.20pm
Wed 8 th	Away Fixture: U10 / U11 Netball at Peterborough – starts 2.30pm ACT 2 in school workshops for Year 3 / Year 4 – 10am – 12noon Away Fixture: U10 / U11 Netball at Peterborough – starts 2.30pm
Fri 10 th	Online Safety workshops in school – Year 2 to Year 6 pupils – 9am – 3pm
Wed 15 th	Interhouse – Year 1 / Year 2 games (pupils will need PE kit in school along with house t-shirts on the day)
Thurs 16 th	Interhouse – Junior Interhouse Netball/Rugby (pupils will need PE kit in school along with house t-shirts on the day)
Fri 17 th	Pink Day Last day of term
Mon 20th – Fri 31st	HALF TERM BREAK

STARS OF THE WEEK

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

Kindergarten: Elliott
Reception: Freddie
Year 1: Sophie
Year 2: Rex
Year 3: Beatrix
Year 4: Rafferty
Year 5: Sophie
Year 6: Phoebe



Kindness Awards: Sophie, Elizabeth and Primrose (Infant) Rafferty (Junior)

Headteachers Award: Reception

Golden Dustpan Award: Year 1

We have the following birthdays coming up:

23rd September - Lucy

Best wishes,

Mrs Wright