



# **AYSCOUGH FEE HALL SCHOOL**

## **NEWSLETTER: 26/09/25**

Dear Parents,

It is never a difficult task to find reasons to be proud of our children, and this week in school has been no exception. I had the pleasure of accompanying Year 1 on a geography walk this week, and their excellent behaviour and fantastic knowledge of human and physical features of the local environment was delightful to see. Our Year 6 children also made us very proud this week, in their confident delivery of their House Captain speeches – the content of the speeches, which all perfectly encapsulated our school values, was highly commendable.

In other areas of school life, our Eco Team went out litter picking in the local community and did their bit to contribute to a cleaner, healthier town – thank you to them. Our upper Junior girls all performed superbly in their netball fixture and showed the sports values of which we are so proud. Well done children, each and every one of you deserves praise and recognition for all you do every day to make Ayscoughfee such a wonderful place to be.

Finally, today is national Teaching Assistant Day and I would like to offer personal thanks and praise to our own wonderful bunch of TAs who thoroughly deserve the recognition of their own special day. The significant contribution they make to the school cannot be overstated and we are all extremely grateful for them.

### **KINDERGARTEN**

This week the children have been getting to know the infant helpers who help us in the classroom each morning. We had two fabulous helpers today who helped us to develop our scissor skills as we gave some friendly leaves a haircut.



## RECEPTION



Reception have had such an exciting week! We were lucky enough to welcome Nurse Sandi and Nurse Tapi into our classroom. They told us all about what life is like as a nurse, showed us some of the important equipment they use and helped us understand that hospitals are friendly and caring places. The children loved asking questions, trying things out and learning how nurses help people feel better.



This half term, Reception are learning all about **real-life superheroes**, the amazing people who help others in their everyday jobs. If you're a parent, carer or family member with a job you'd like to share with the children, we would love to hear from you! Whether you're a firefighter, police officer, mechanic, doctor, builder or anything else – the children would be thrilled to find out more. Please get in touch if you'd like to come in!



## YEAR 1

We have had a fun week in Year 1 with our writing! We have been focusing on the book 'Funny Bones' and the children have been producing amazing pieces of work. All the children have been making sure they have included our writing techniques and have been focusing on their letter formation. The children were especially proud of the 'wanted posters' they created of the big skeleton! The children used lots of different adjectives to describe the skeleton on their posters. As a class we have also been using resources such as colourful semantics to help with our sentence structure.



## YEAR 2



Year 2 have had a great week, working hard both in and out of the classroom, when they have their specialist subject lessons. The children always enjoy heading up to the top of the junior block for their ICT and Spanish lessons. In music they have been finding the pulse by clapping long and short rhythms and singing high and low sounds. PE is always great fun, and this week Miss Lawniczak has been working on different rugby skills with the children, focusing on tagging safely and moving with the ball. Back in the classroom we have been doing lots of counting practise and we are definitely getting faster and faster when counting around the classroom in 2s, 5s, 10s and even 3s. In English we have been generating ideas, planning and writing our own sequels to The Magic Finger. We had some great ideas about what The Magic Finger would do to the Cooper family, including turning them into giants, hamsters and even pizzas! A great week Year 2, well done.



## YEAR 3



This week in English, Year 3 class have been busy exploring instruction writing through the fascinating topic of the Stone Age. The children have been learning how to write clear, step-by-step guides, just as if they were passing on survival tips to their own tribe!

In History, the children travelled through time from Stone age to Bronze Age. They started learning about the Celts and their way of life. Year 3 cannot wait to continue their studies at Flag Fen next week!

During PSHEE lessons we were buzzing with excitement to hold elections for our School Council representatives. Art lessons have seen the children transform themselves into Stone Age artists. They were mesmerised by the fascinating Lascaux cave paintings and wanted to recreate the images of prehistoric bison, deer, cave lions and mammoths. All in all, another busy and exciting week in Year 3!



## YEAR 4

This week, Year 4's PSHE focused on the rights of children, and how they are usually agreed in society through the processes of DEMOCRACY. We learnt that as part of that system our government, along with governments from many other countries, have all shared their ideas and agreed to give children the same rights across all their lands. We looked at the British Values and how, in its simplest form, democracy is where everyone has a say in decisions and is listened to.

Many countries have elections to give citizens a voice in who leads the country, and, in our school, children are given a voice through things such as the School Council. The children wrote their own speeches for our school council positions and read them out to their class. The children were very respectful and listened carefully to one another. We finished with a democratic vote and our new school councillors will be revealed in assembly. Well done, Year 4.

In Maths, the children were introduced to rounding for the first time, starting with rounding to the nearest 10. We focused on rounding 2-digit numbers, as it is clearer what the previous and next multiples of 10 are. When the children were confident, we moved our learning forward by rounding 3-digit numbers. Examples that have zero as a placeholder in the ten's column, for example 304, were a little trickier and we used number lines to identify the previous and next multiple of 10, but also which multiple of 10 a number is closer to. We are now looking at mastering rounding to the nearest 100 and 1000.



## YEAR 5



This week in maths, the children have been busy comparing and ordering numbers. We've been looking closely at what each digit represents and then moving along the digits to help with ordering larger numbers with confidence. Once they got the hang of this, the children had a go at some challenging reasoning problems, which really tested their understanding. It's been fantastic to see how their confidence has grown and how well they're explaining their thinking.

In English, the children have been working on drafting their own narratives inspired by Shaun Tan's *The Lost Thing*. They have loved exploring this text and it's been wonderful to

see their ideas start to take shape on the page. We've talked a lot about focusing on quality over quantity, and this is definitely coming through in their writing. The children have impressed us with the care they're putting into word choices and structure. In art, the children have been using maps and graph paper to create their own strong, bold drawings. They have been focusing on tone and ensuring certain elements of their artwork stand out, which has led to some creative and striking pieces. In music, the children have been exploring music through call-and-response patterns on the glockenspiels, using notes from the A minor scale while also practising their harvest song.



## YEAR 6

Year 6 have been busy extending their knowledge of India this term and their enthusiasm for learning has been fantastic!

In Forest School, the children enjoyed making a vegetable curry. They worked together to prepare the ingredients and were very proud to see their delicious meal cook over the campfire—and even more delighted to eat it afterwards!



Our history lessons have taken us back to life in the Indus Valley cities. The children have produced some truly fabulous fact files, showing how much they have discovered about this fascinating ancient civilisation – they have found out that cities were planned around a grid system and the Indus people even made sure that the roads were wide enough for two elephants to pass!

In Science, the children have been investigating how we see and learning about how the different parts of the eye work. They are now looking forward to finding out about reflection and refraction.

In Maths, the class have been exploring factors and multiples. They created factor bugs to help them spot common factors and have been busy solving tricky problems around the rules of divisibility.

On Tuesday, the children bravely presented their fabulous House Captain speeches. They did a fantastic job and made all the staff incredibly proud. Well done!

Another excellent week, Year 6. Well done.

## ECO CLUB



Ayscoughfee Eco Club began the term with a litter pick of the local area. We were kept busy clearing the many cans, cigarette butts, bottles and even little black bags dropped by dog walkers! Well done all for your hard work and eagle eyes. If any other parent volunteers are available to join us on our litter picks, we would love to have you.



## LANGUAGES

This week in Languages, pupils across the school have been developing their linguistic skills through a range of engaging and purposeful activities. In the Infants, children have been actively building their verbal fluency in Spanish. Through structured practice of greetings, colour vocabulary and familiar songs, they have strengthened their pronunciation, listening and recall skills. The Languages classroom has been enhanced with colourful “Saludos” (greetings) bunting, showcasing both their creativity and cultural awareness and helping to foster a welcoming, language-rich environment.

In the Juniors, pupils have been applying their mathematical reasoning in French by practising times tables through spoken and written activities, supporting both number fluency and language acquisition.

They have also been developing their written communication skills by composing letters in Spanish for our partner school. This authentic context for language use has encouraged pupils to apply grammar structures accurately, use topic-specific vocabulary and write with a clear sense of audience. We now eagerly await replies from our Spanish penpals to continue this meaningful cultural exchange!



## SPORTS NEWS



### U10 and U11 Netball Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2025 at The Peterborough School

Our U10 and U11 girls were out playing netball against The Peterborough School this Wednesday, their first netball outing of the year. The teams were confidently led by our Year 6 Captains, Phoebe, Florence and Annabelle. Our three teams played each of the Peterborough teams in some short, well contested games. It was a lovely start to our netball season and it was nice to have such a good representation of girls out playing. Our girls gained confidence as they played and began to find their feet as they progressed through the matches, well done all of you.

Well done to our Captains Phoebe, Florence and Annabelle, you all did a super job, from warming the girls up and helping with position changing, to the three cheers at the end of the matches, thank you!

Thanks to our parents for helping to transport and for their support to the children on the day.

### 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:

### TUESDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER - YR 3 TRIP TO FLAG FEN

The Year 3 children will be going to Flag Fen as part of their topic 'The Celts' next Tuesday, 30th September 2025. Travelling by coach, we shall leave school at 9.00am and return for the end of school.

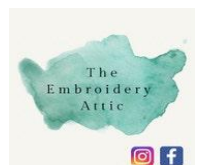
**WHAT YOUR CHILD NEEDS TO WEAR** - The children will not be required to wear school uniform and may wear alternative suitable clothing with sensible shoes due to the activities they will be involved in.

**LUNCH** - A packed lunch will be required in disposable containers.

### FRIDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> OCTOBER – YEAR 6 PUBERTY WORKSHOPS IN SCHOOL – 10AM -11:30AM

### 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](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:

### PRE-LOVED SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP –

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

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

### Dates for Your Diary

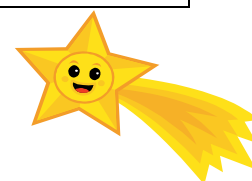
#### SEPTEMBER

Mon 29 <sup>th</sup>	PTFA pre-loved uniform shop – open 3pm – 4.30pm in the hall foyer
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: Jiya**  
**Reception: Chloe**  
**Year 1: Romily**  
**Year 2: Edward**  
**Year 3: Iris**  
**Year 4: Mollie**  
**Year 5: Hetty**  
**Year 6: Florence**



**Kindness Awards: Jackson (Infant) Max (Junior)**

**Headteachers Award: Year 6**

**Golden Dustpan Award: Year 4**

**We have the following birthdays coming up:**

5<sup>th</sup> October – Azra

6<sup>th</sup> October – Miss Davies

Best wishes,

Mrs Wright