



AYSCOUGHFEE HALL SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER: 10/10/25

Dear Parents,

What a fantastic 'yellow' day we have had in school today. In assembly, one of the children told me it is 'the colour of smiles' and I thought that was such a lovely way to explain it. The children have enjoyed showing off their splashes of colour, eating their yellow snacks and generally just having a happy day in school today. Hopefully all balloons will make it home in one piece! Thank you to Mrs Jeffries and our School Council for organising the day for us.

Thanks must also go to all our parents for your very generous harvest donations. We really enjoyed the Harvest Festival this year and were overwhelmed by the amount of produce we received. The Agape Foodbank have asked me to pass on their thanks and appreciation to you all for your continued support.

Have a wonderful weekend everyone.

KINDERGARTEN



In Kindergarten, we try really hard to build teamwork. We tidy up together, play together, dance together and learn together. In Harvest Assembly we all sang (and were very brave!) together!

This week we all boarded Ayscoughfee Airlines and flew to many exotic destinations including Paris, Malta and Norfolk. We also finished building our own houses to be part of Kindergarten Street. Don't they look fabulous!



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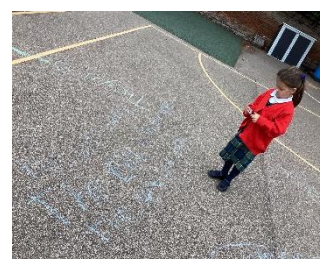
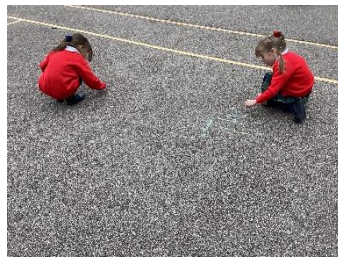
This week we had a *super* time celebrating our Superhero Day! The children loved taking part in super races on bikes and trikes, making delicious Spidey Snacks and joining in a fun treasure hunt to discover frozen jewels. In Drawing Club, we enjoyed using the cartoon Banana Man to discover superpowers and villains; it was our inspiration for some very creative work. In Maths, we've been practising our subitising skills—spotting groups of 1, 2 and 3 with growing confidence. As well as this we had a fabulous Harvest Assembly where the children sang their best and listened to and supported their friends in other classes. We especially loved the Conkers Song. What a fantastic week of fun and learning!



YEAR 1



Year 1 have been working very hard on their phonics this term! We started the term by recapping our phase 3 phonemes before moving onto our phase 5 phonemes. Our focus sound in this session was 'ir' and the children practised writing different words with the phoneme in it before we used chalk on the playground to write sentences. The children enjoyed doing this and included all their writing techniques. Well done Year 1!



YEAR 2

On Monday, the Year 2 children had a great afternoon carrying out a science experiment. As part of our topic 'Animals Including Humans' we wanted to investigate whether our feet get bigger as we get older. The children planned the experiment very well and realised we would need the help of other people around the school. They set off to different classes to ask if we could borrow shoes for our experiment. Thank you to everyone who spent the afternoon with only one shoe on! We had great fun measuring the shoes and finally concluding from our results that yes, our feet get bigger as we get older, but they do eventually stop growing!

In English we have enjoyed using our second version of Goldilocks and the 3 Bears. This one is called 'Me and You' by Anthony Browne. We had great discussions about the similarities and differences between the two texts and interesting conversations about which version we all prefer, and why.

In Geography we learnt about journey lines and spent a lot of time using masking tape on our class world mat to show a journey line and work out what continent and ocean the line went through. Well done for all your hard work Year 2.



YEAR 3



Year 3 children have been exploring the fascinating world of the Celtic people, discovering that the Celts adored bright colours and swirling patterns. Inspired by this, they created their own imaginative and vibrant designs while enjoying cheerful Celtic music in the background. In English, the class learned how to summarise texts and wrote thoughtful book reviews of "Stone Age Boy". In History, we delved into the incredible story of the fierce and fearless Queen Boudicca, which everyone thoroughly enjoyed learning about.



It's not just the Year 3 pupils who have been busy – our classroom superheroes, the worms, have been hard at work too! They are busy transforming food scraps into compost. The children are fascinated to see how well their mini compost bins, made last week, are already working.



YEAR 4

Mrs Lane had a giggle with the Year 4 children in English this week. We have started to look at the features of instructions to support us in writing our own set, Mrs Lane wrote a rather basic set of instructions (with missing steps) on 'How to Make a Paper Pyramid'. The children couldn't believe how missing and unclear steps make it very difficult to follow! The children were fantastic and did see the funny side, and it was great to see our classroom ooze with determination and teamwork.



Year 4 had a fantastic time taking part in the Act II Junk Yard Workshop this week! Using an imaginative mix of shopping trolleys, car rims and water butts, the children created layered rhythms and explored how everyday objects can make amazing music. The room was filled with energy, creativity and lots of fun as Year 4 worked together to produce some brilliant beats!



YEAR 5

In Maths this week, the children have been working hard to develop their mental addition skills by choosing the most efficient methods to solve different problems. They explored strategies such as compensating, partitioning and using near doubles, applying each one with growing confidence. Their strong number knowledge really shone through as they combined different strategies to tackle tricky reasoning questions, showing how flexibly and confidently they can think when working with numbers.

In English, the children were set an exciting challenge to become 'feature detectives' as they explored non-chronological reports. They began by sharing what they already knew about this type of text before hunting for key features in an example. Their curiosity and determination were fantastic to see, and they worked brilliantly together to spot a wide range of features. At the end of the lesson, they reflected on their learning by writing their new discoveries in red pen — and it was clear to see just how much they had learned in such a short time!

In PSHE, the children have been focusing on teamwork and collaboration through a 'mantle of the expert' approach. Working in groups, they each explored one important element of effective teamwork and became the 'experts' on that skill. They then taught their classmates what they had learned before moving around the room to learn from other groups. Finally, they returned to their own teams to share all the new knowledge they had gathered.



YEAR 6

This week, Year 6 have been working hard, showing great determination and resilience across the curriculum

In Maths, they've been tackling the tricky topic of long division. It hasn't been easy, but the children have shown real perseverance and are getting the hang of this challenging formal method – well done for sticking with it!



In Science, the class have been exploring how the length of shadows changes when a light source is moved further away from an object. They've been using their investigative skills to set up fair tests, collect data carefully and then use their maths skills to make sense of their results. It's been great to see them thinking like real scientists! Excellent science vocabulary explaining those observations, Year 6!

In English, the children have been creating instructions for different recipes. They've been working hard to make their writing clear and interesting, trying out adventurous words and a variety of sentence structures. Their focus and creativity have really shone through.



On Tuesday, the children had a fantastic music workshop with ACT 2! They made different rhythms and put together musical pieces as part of a creative junk bank. They really enjoyed this session, had great fun and demonstrated great teamwork.

Well done, Year 6 – it’s been a week full of learning, creativity and lots of determination!

ECO CLUB



Going on a ‘Herb Hunt’ - was the theme of Eco Club this week. The children saw the results of their herb sowing paying off with lots of tender young coriander, chive and parsley shoots sprouting up! After smelling and examining the shooting herbs the club split into two groups to share the workload. One went on a herb hunt around the school to make a rustic herb bunch to take home. The second group cleaned out the polytunnel and

gave the garden area a good sweep. Well done Eco Club great teamwork and enthusiasm as always!



LANGUAGES

This week in Languages, pupils have enjoyed a rich and varied programme of learning, centred around the seasonal theme of *Harvest*. Across year groups, we explored a wide range of vegetable vocabulary in Spanish, learning how to name and describe them accurately. Pupils also practised expressing opinions, using key sentence structures to say whether they liked or disliked different vegetables — an excellent opportunity to build confidence in speaking and writing. To put their new vocabulary into practice, pupils took on the challenge of designing meals for a Spanish-themed dinner party. This creative task encouraged them to apply their language skills in context, reinforcing both their food-related vocabulary and their ability to construct full sentences with increasing fluency.



As we move closer to Halloween, some lessons took a spooky turn! Pupils immersed themselves in Halloween-themed activities while revising colours and numbers in Spanish. These sessions provided a fun and engaging way to consolidate prior learning while introducing new, topic-specific vocabulary. From designing haunted houses to decoding mystery words, pupils demonstrated great enthusiasm and creativity throughout. It’s been a fantastic week of learning, with pupils making strong progress while enjoying the cultural richness and seasonal relevance of the topics explored.



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.



GARDENING TOOLS NEEDED



If any parents have unwanted spare gardening hand tools they would like to donate to our forest garden and club, please drop them into the school office. We are also in need of big spades or forks for larger garden projects. Thank you in advance for your support.

SPORTS NEWS

Spalding Hockey Club Schools Tournament 1 03.10.25

Our first fixture of the season was welcomed by storm Amy. This did not put either of our teams off their game. Our Team in League 4, coached by Mrs Godderidge, had a series of games to be proud of winning 1, drawing 2 and narrowly losing 1. Mrs Godderidge said that the team has potential to produce good results over the forthcoming season and was looking forward to seeing them develop. Our other team in League 1 also had a very good start winning 2, drawing 1 and losing 1, in a tightly contested game.



It was a very good start for our team and potential is there to do well in the league. Thanks go to all who helped and supported the fixture in such challenging conditions.



U10 and U11 Netball Wednesday 8th October 2025 at The Peterborough School

Our U10 and U11 children were greeted by two lovely teams at The Peterborough School this week. Both our teams got off to a positive start and were very evenly matched against their opponents. The U10s worked well together, passing fluently down the court and keeping possession, they led 3-2 in the first quarter and it remained fairly even from there, with only one more goal scored in the rest of the game, just going in our favour.



Our U11 team also got off to a really good start, they were confident with their

passing and produced some accurate shooting, putting them in the lead in the first quarter. They remained strong, switching their positions throughout the game and continued with their lead.

Well done both teams and to our Captains Jessica Wand and Olivia Larsson, you both did a super job!

Player of the match goes to Afyah Phiri and Jessica Wand for the U10 game and Molly Crighton for the U11.

Thanks also go to our parents for their support.



REMINDERS FOR NEXT WEEK:

- **MONDAY 13TH OCTOBER - CHRISTMAS CARDS**

All artwork where orders have been placed online must be returned to school no later than **Monday 13th October by 10am**. Unfortunately, they are unable to accept artwork after this date. Thank you.



- **WEDNESDAY 15TH OCTOBER – INTERHOUSE GAMES - YEAR 1 / YEAR 2**

(pupils will need PE kit in school along with house t-shirts on the day)

- **THURSDAY 16TH OCTOBER – JUNIOR INTERHOUSE – NETBALL AND RUGBY**

(pupils will need PE kit in school along with house t-shirts on the day)

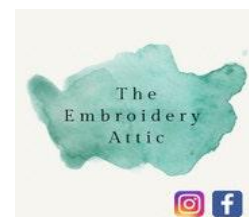
- **FRIDAY 17TH OCTOBER – PINK DAY**

Friday, 17th October, is “Wear it Pink” day to raise money for Breast Cancer Now. All children can wear their own clothes with at least one item of something pink for a £1.00 donation.



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

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.

PRE-LOVED SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP –

The shop will be open **Monday 10th November** – 3pm to 4.30pm in the hall foyer. If you need anything before the date alternatively you can email PTFA@ahs.me.uk.

DATES FOR THE DIARY:

COSY FRIDAYS – PTFA members will be selling hot chocolate at the end of the school day every Friday.



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

Dates for Your Diary

October	
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 “Wear it Pink” – children can wear own clothes to school with one item of pink for £1.00 donation Last day of term
Mon 20th – Fri 31st	HALF TERM BREAK
November	
Mon 3 rd	SCHOOL RESUMES & Music lessons and Clubs resume Flu Immunization team in school to administer flu vaccine – Reception to Year 6 pupils Parents’ Evening appointments open at 6pm via Parentmail
Wed 5 th	Home Fixture: U10 / U11 Netball at AHS against Peterborough – starts 2.30pm
Mon 10 th	Parents’ Evening Week & Anti-bullying week
Wed 12 th	Away Fixture: U9 Tag Festival at St Hugh’s – starts 2pm
Fri 14 th	Children in Need Day – children can come to school in non-uniform, wearing Pudsey merchandise for £1.00 donation Away Fixture: Hockey at Surfleet – starts 3.45pm
Wed 19 th	Home Fixture: U9 / U11 Tag / Touch at AHS against Grantham Prep – starts 2.30pm
Wed 26 th	Away Fixture: U8 / U9 Tag Rugby at St Hugh’s – starts 2.15pm
Thurs 27 th	Year 6 Outing to Christmas Unwrapped at the Baptist Church – 10.50am – 12.15pm
Fri 28 th	PTFA Christmas Fete (further to be sent out nearer the time)
December	
Mon 1 st	Clubs and Music lessons finish this week Infant dress rehearsal to Juniors starts 9.15am
Tues 2 nd	Infant production for parents starts at 2.00pm
Wed 3 rd	Home Fixture: U9 / U11 Tag at AHS against Grantham Prep – starts 2.30pm Infant production for parents starts at 2.00pm
Thurs 4 th	Year 6 Dragons Den – more details tbc nearer the time
Fri 5 th	PTFA Secret Santa Christmas Shop (in school)
Mon 8 th	Year 5 Outing to Burghley House – Tudor Christmas Infant Party / fish & chips
Tues 9 th	Junior Panto Outing in town – am Reception outing to Pennington’s
Wed 10 th	Junior Party / fish & chips Interhouse – Year 1 / Year 2 Interhouse games
Thurs 11 th	Last day for Year 3 / Year 4 Swimming Year 6 readers rehearsal at Broad Street Methodist Church – 9.30am
Fri 12 th	Last day for hot meals Whole School Christmas lunch – Ideal School Meals All children who are not having hot meals will need a disposable packed lunch.

	Christmas Carol Service at Broad Street Methodist Church – 2pm. Children will then go home with parents after the service. SCHOOL TERM ENDS
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STARS OF THE WEEK

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

Kindergarten: Alfie

Reception: Betty

Year 1: Vira

Year 2: Max

Year 3: Laith

Year 4: Maddie

Year 5: Chloe

Year 6: Leo



Kindness Awards: Rocco (Infant) Henry P (Junior)

Headteachers Award: Year 2

Golden Dustpan Award: Year 6

We have the following birthdays coming up:

14th October – Jiya

15th October – Isaac

16th October – Aaran

17th October – Ezabel

Best wishes,

Mrs Wright