



AYSCOUGH FEE HALL SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER: 17/10/25

Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe that we are already half a term into our new school year. It has been an extremely busy half term and the children have, as always, done themselves proud with their fantastic work ethic, beautiful behaviour and general enthusiasm for all things school. They have certainly earned their half term break.

I have enjoyed seeing all the practical activities going on in school this week; from kittens to Egyptian collars and baby-bear chairs to baked scones, it has certainly been a hands-on week. The children gain so much from these opportunities and I am sure you will enjoy reading about what they have been up to.

Thank you all for your continued support for the school; I wish you all a restful and fun half term break

KINDERGARTEN



This week we've been thinking about animals in different ways. We were so lucky that one of our lovely Mummies brought in their tiny kittens for us to have a look at. We loved feeling their soft fur and we made sure that we were extra gentle. One of them kept trying to escape! We think she wanted to stay with us in Kindergarten! Outside, we built an ark like Noah. We decided which animals we wanted to be and made sure they safely reached dry land.



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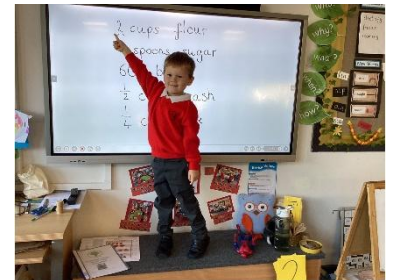
What a busy and brilliant week we've had in Reception! We've been learning all about the language of more and less in maths and exploring what happens when we add one more or take one away. The children have been using real objects to help their understanding - counting blocks, toys and even pieces of fruit! It's been wonderful to see them using this maths language confidently during play and snack time.



Speaking of snacks, our learning came to life in class this week as we cooked up a batch of butternut squash scones! The children got hands-on - scooping out seeds, mashing the soft orange flesh, stirring the mixture and rolling and cutting the dough. There were sticky fingers, lots of laughter and a delicious smell filling the classroom.

We loved seeing everyone work together, chatting about "one more scoop," or "a little less flour," bringing our maths learning into real life. The best bit? Tasting our golden scones at the end- yum!

Here's to more *adding, mixing and munching* next term when we begin our Winter Wonderland Topic!



YEAR 1



Year 1 have been having so much fun in their science lessons. We have been continuing to explore the human body and the five senses. A lot of the children were looking forward to our final lesson because we were investigating our sense of taste. We had four different foods to try: pickled onion, lemon, popcorn and chocolate! All the children did an amazing job at trying the different foods and

some of the children were even shocked that they liked the taste (particularly the pickled onion)!



A lot of the children surprised themselves by picking a favourite food that was different to what they thought they would pick at the beginning of the lesson. The children were able to use their scientific vocabulary to describe the taste and explain what food they liked the most. Well done year 1, we have been so impressed with your practical investigations in our science topic this term!



YEAR 2



Year 2 are very proud of the chairs they have made for Baby Bear as part of their DT project! The children are thrilled that their creations are now on display in the main entrance corridor for everyone to admire. In English this week they have been exploring the third and final version of *Goldilocks and the Three Bears*, a book called *Goldilocks and Just One Bear*, where Goldilocks and Baby Bear meet again in the future. The children wrote their own stories using lots of Year 2 writing features, imagining different adventures such as a day in the forest, a visit to the library and even a camping trip



together. They've also had lots of fun in Forest School, taking part in an exciting challenge. Split into two teams – the English team and the Scottish team – they were asked to build a Hadrian's Wall to stop each other crossing into their border. Well done, Year 2, on a fantastic week! Enjoy a well-deserved holiday!

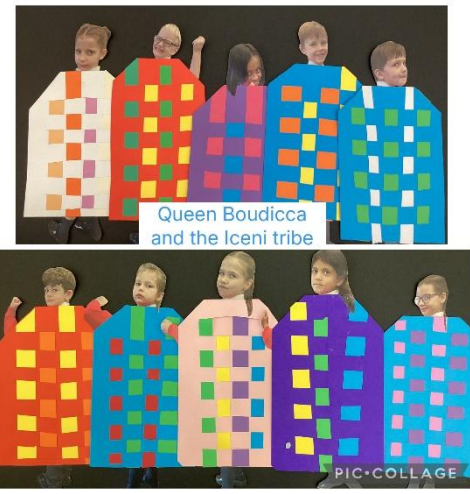
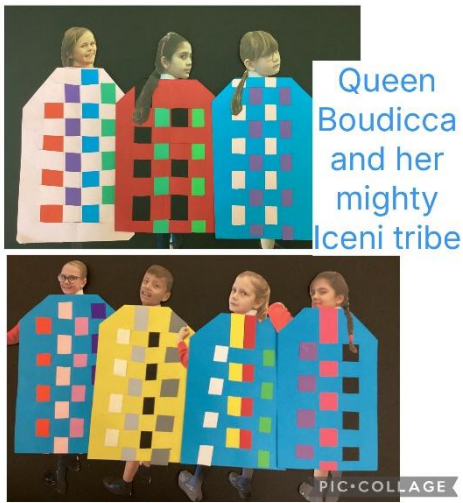


YEAR 3

It has been a wonderful and busy ending to the first part of the Autumn term in Year 3! In English, we began reading our new story, "Storm" - a captivating ghost story by Kevin Crossley-Holland. The children have enjoyed exploring how the author uses personification to create atmosphere and bring the stormy setting to life. We were so impressed by their imaginative ideas and creative writing inspired by the story! In Science, we continued our investigations into rocks and soils. The children took part in an engaging practical session where they observed and compared different soil samples, identifying the various components that make each one unique. In Geography, Year 3 started learning about different types of climate and their features. The children were very enthusiastic in discussing the kinds of weather found in different parts of the world and how these affect the environment and daily life.

To round off a busy term, the Year 3 children also took part in their first Junior Interhouse Netball and Rugby event! It was fantastic to see such teamwork, sportsmanship and enthusiasm on display from everyone. We would like to wish all our Ayscoughfee family a wonderful and restful holiday!





YEAR 4

Design Technology – Egyptian Collars



This week, we have been working on our DT project, where our goal was to research, design, and make an Egyptian collar as part of our textiles unit. After perfecting our designs, we created templates to help us cut out our chosen fabrics accurately. We used running stitch to join the materials, added decorative cross stitches and finished our collars with ribbon so we could wear them with pride. A huge thank you to Mrs Major and Mrs Kelk for their help and support — we had lots of fun bringing our Ancient Egyptian designs to life!

Ancient Egyptian Art in Year 4

This week in Year 4, we have been learning all about the Ancient Egyptians! We discovered the fascinating meanings behind Egyptian headdresses and how they were used to show power, status, and identity. Inspired by what we learnt, we took side-view photos of ourselves and designed our very own headdresses to represent our personalities. Using oil pastels and colourful gems, we created some truly eye-catching artwork fit for a pharaoh!



YEAR 5

In English, the children have been revisiting some key writing skills, including punctuation, openers and speech. They put these into practice during a Slow Write activity, where they carefully crafted their own short stories from a series of pictures—showing fantastic imagination and effort! To help remember how to punctuate speech correctly, the children used body actions, which made the lesson fun, active and memorable.

In Art, the children have loved designing their own imaginative maps, using their knowledge of strong lines and creative typography. They even added 3-D elements to make their maps stand out, showing brilliant focus and originality. Each design was completely unique and showed off their individual ideas and attention to detail.

To end the week, the class took part in a lively discussion about Artificial Intelligence (AI). The children were incredibly mature as they explored what AI can and can't do, and how it connects to creativity and learning. Their curiosity and thoughtful ideas made for really interesting and enjoyable conversations.



YEAR 6



This week, the year 6 children have been thoroughly involved in their investigations of light during their science lessons. They have taken great interest in exploring Newton's discoveries, especially the way colours blend to form white light. Additionally, they have been learning about the concept of refraction and its ability to create captivating optical illusions.

In English, our focus has shifted towards the skill of instruction writing. The children have been diligently working to incorporate complex Year 6 writing features into their compositions. It has been fantastic to see their creativity come to life, particularly as they delve into traditional Indian tales and develop their own unique characters.

In Geography, the children have continued their exploration of India, examining the diverse climates found within different regions of the country. They have been particularly fascinated by the rainfall graphs associated with the monsoon season and have noted the varying temperatures and precipitation levels across India—from the tropical climate of the south to the colder conditions present in the Himalayas to the north.

On Thursday, the children took part in the Interhouse Sporting event. It was great to see the House Captains and Year 6 pupils helping to encourage and support the younger pupils.



Well done, Year 6 – another busy and productive week.

LANGUAGES



What a fantastic week it's been in Languages!

In Spanish, we've been learning all about *El Día de los Muertos* (Day of the Dead). The children explored the history and traditions of this vibrant Mexican celebration and had great fun designing their own colourful sugar skull masks — each one unique and full of personality!



Meanwhile, our Year 5 and 6 pupils took part in an exciting Zoom exchange with our partner school in Trévoux, France. We proudly shared a video the children had created, introducing our school in beautifully enunciated French. We also sang *Conkers* for our French friends, who responded with their lively school song celebrating their four houses — Earth, Air, Fire and Water. The session ended with a friendly Q&A before we said a cheerful *au revoir!* We're already looking forward to reconnecting with them in December. Wishing everyone a *bonnes vacances* and a very happy half-term break



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.

SPORTS NEWS

Interhouse Event - Year 1 and Year 2 – 15th October 2025

Year 1 and Year 2 pupils took part in their Inter-house games event this week, Year 1's very first house event. It was extremely exciting and very noisy as the teams worked together to compete against the other houses in a variety of team activities. We were most impressed with their determination, effort and teamwork and demonstrating our 'Sports Values' in abundance!

Well done all of you, it was great fun and thank you Year 2 for helping to record the results and for being so supportive to our Year 1 children!

1st place = Valiant Vikings

2nd place = Robust Romans

3rd place = Noble Normans

4th place = Super Saxons

Sports Values goes to the **Super Saxons** for their Teamwork and Perseverance.

Interhouse Events

Juniors

The children enjoyed the afternoon supporting each other and showing some amazing talent both on the netball court and the rugby pitch. Our House Captains supported their teams, gave lots of positive encouragement and helpful coaching along the way to some of our younger children. A super afternoon, thank you to all our staff for their help.

A special thank you to our House Captains **Oliver Moss**, **Rupert Hicks**, **Henry Parnell** and **Theo Francis**, for their leadership and for being such good role models to others. Thank you to **Florence Neal**, **Lucy Buckle**, **Molly Crighton**, and **Libby Hurrell** for supporting our House Captains in their events.

Results

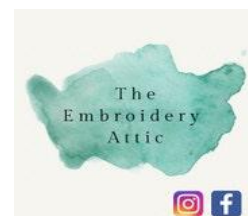
	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th
Junior Netball	Normans	Romans	Saxons	Vikings
Junior Rugby	Vikings	Normans Saxons		Romans

REMINDERS FOR WEEK COMMENCING 3RD NOVEMBER :

- Monday 3rd November – Music Lessons / Clubs resume
Immunisation team in school to administer flu vaccine to pupils in Reception to Year 6.
6pm – Parents’ Evening bookings open via ParentMail

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	
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 – 5pm – 7pm (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) School Choir – out singing at Fenchurch and Ashdown
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

STARS OF THE WEEK

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



Kindergarten: Rocco

Reception: James

Year 1: Aubrie Mae

Year 2: Ryan

Year 3: Jacob

Year 4: Max

Year 5: Orla

Year 6: Oliver

Kindness Awards: Primrose (Infant) Ariel Amaya (Junior)

Headteachers Award: Year 3

Golden Dustpan Award: Reception

We have the following birthdays coming up:

21st October – Oliver

22nd October – Olivia and Noah

24th October – Annabelle

1st November – Mrs Patman, Sophie DC and Rafferty

3rd November – Matthew

5th November – Mrs Gibson

7th November - Thea

Best wishes,

Mrs Wright