



# AYSCOUGHFEE HALL SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER: 07/11/25

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the second half of our Autumn Term. Already thoughts in school are turning to the end of term (a little too early to mention the festive season I feel) and parts have been distributed for the Infant Production! It is such a busy and exciting time of year and we are all looking forward to everything to come.

This week, as you will see below, the children have had lots of exciting activities to engage and enthuse them on their return to school and it truly has been a pleasure to have them all back.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

### KINDERGARTEN



Pumpkins, pumpkins everywhere in Kindergarten this week! We've picked pumpkins, carved pumpkins and painted pumpkins. We've rescued pumpkins from spider's webs using our super scissor skills, compared pumpkin sizes and used excellent fine motor control to hammer tees into pumpkins. Some of us even dressed as pumpkins for our Halloween party! 🎃



### RECEPTION



This has been a very exciting and busy week in Reception!

We have been learning all about 2D and 3D shapes. The children explored circles and triangles, spotting them in the environment and using them to create rocket pictures. We also had fun making repeating patterns, which we used to make our colourful rocket display in the classroom. Moving on to 3D shapes, we used recycled materials to design and build 3D rocket models. The children showed fantastic creativity, teamwork and problem-solving skills as they turned boxes, tubes and old card into wonderful rockets ready for blast-off!





We also enjoyed celebrating Halloween with Kindergarten class by having a Halloween Party and playing games such as musical monsters. The children took part in some spooky fun activities, including an eyeball and spoon race, which had everyone laughing! Also in the day, we explored some science and cooking fun. The children made pinwheel fireworks with puff pastry to celebrate Bonfire Night and took part in some exciting experiments with jelly worms, learning how to dissolve ingredients and even turn a liquid into a solid.



What a fantastic week of learning, creativity, and fun!



### YEAR 1



Year 1 had a very BIG surprise when they came back to school this week! We have been looking at the book 'Beegu' and we have been having lots of discussions about the book and who Beegu is. We were very shocked to see that Beegu was hiding in our English box and she has decided to visit our school. She has even brought her own red hoop to show us all!



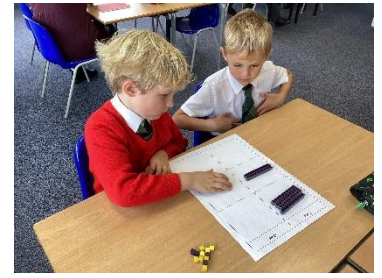
The children have been producing some amazing writing with lots of our writing techniques in them. This has included writing about where Beegu has come from and the children have all designed their own new creature to be Beegu's friend. The children also acted out some moments from the book by creating freeze frames as groups.



## YEAR 2



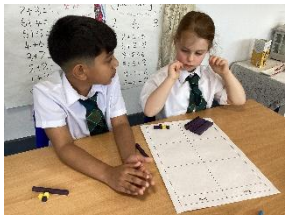
Year 2 have had a wonderful first week back after the October half-term holiday. They were full of enthusiasm as we began our brand-new history topic, learning all about the life of Florence Nightingale. The children were fascinated to discover how Florence became known as "The Lady with the Lamp" and how she helped to improve hospitals and care for soldiers. This week we worked together to order key events from her life and talked about the important stages that made her such an inspiring figure in history.



In maths, the children have been working hard to develop their understanding of addition and subtraction with two two-digit numbers. Using a range of practical equipment such as base ten blocks and place value counters they explored what happens when we need to exchange across the tens. The hands-on activities really helped them to visualise and explain their mathematical thinking.



We are already looking forward to an exciting and busy term ahead. There is already talk in the classroom about our exciting Christmas play as we start to learn the songs and practise our lines!



## YEAR 3



What a fantastic start to the new term! The Year 3 children have returned from their holidays rested, refreshed and ready to learn. In Maths, the children have been stretching their brains by using their knowledge of multiplication and subtraction to solve one-, two- and even three-step problems! They have shown great perseverance and teamwork as they worked through these challenging tasks. In English, we've continued reading our much-loved book "Storm" by Kevin Crossley-Holland. The children have been exploring how the author creates vivid characters and uses personification to bring the weather to life. In Geography, Year 3 children have been learning all about biomes. They worked incredibly hard to create eye-catching posters to show what they've learned - some even added brilliant 3D features! Their creativity and teamwork were on full display and the results are amazing! We also had an exciting moment this week as the children released the worms from their mini compost bins - the result of their term-long science project! They were thrilled to see their "little workers" head off to their new home in the polytunnel, where we hope they'll help enrich the soil and keep our plants happy and healthy. It's been a busy and exciting week - what a wonderful way to begin the term.



## YEAR 4

### ENGLISH

Year 4 have been thoroughly enjoying their latest English unit, diving into the exciting world of *Krindlekrax* by Philip Ridley. So far, the children have read the first 12 chapters and have been captivated by the quirky characters and mysterious events unfolding in Lizard Street.

This week, the class focused on writing detailed character descriptions of two key characters – Elvis Cave and Ruskin Splinter. Through careful reading and discussion, the children explored the contrasting personalities of Elvis, the confident (and rather bossy!) class hero, and Ruskin, the quiet, thoughtful boy who dreams of being brave.

Next, the children will be learning all about persuasive techniques. Their challenge will be to write a formal letter to Mr Lace, their school headteacher, to convince him that Ruskin deserves to be the hero in the upcoming school play – not Elvis! We can't wait to see the persuasive language and powerful arguments they come up with.

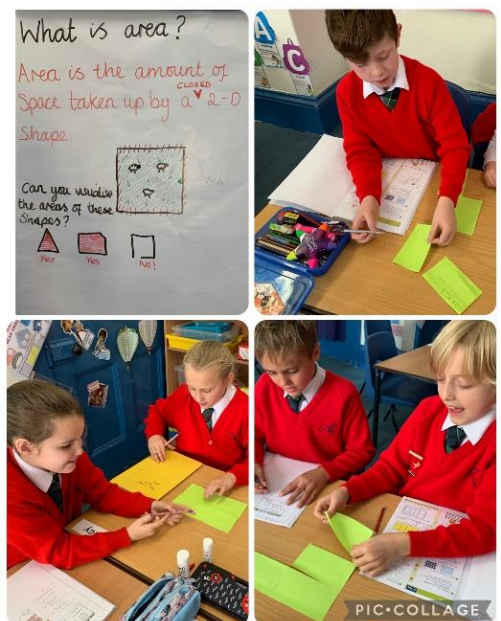
Stay tuned for more from our budding authors and future theatre critics!

### MATHS

In Maths this week, Year 4 have been busy exploring the concept of area. The children have learned that area is the amount of space a shape takes up and they've been using squares and grids to help them understand and calculate it.

Through practical activities, they've been comparing the area of different shapes, counting squares and even beginning to use simple multiplication to work out the area of rectangles. The children particularly enjoyed creating their own shapes on grid paper and challenging their classmates to work out the area.

This hands-on learning has helped them develop their mathematical reasoning and visualisation skills. We're so proud of the progress they are making — well done, Year 4! Keep up the excellent work!

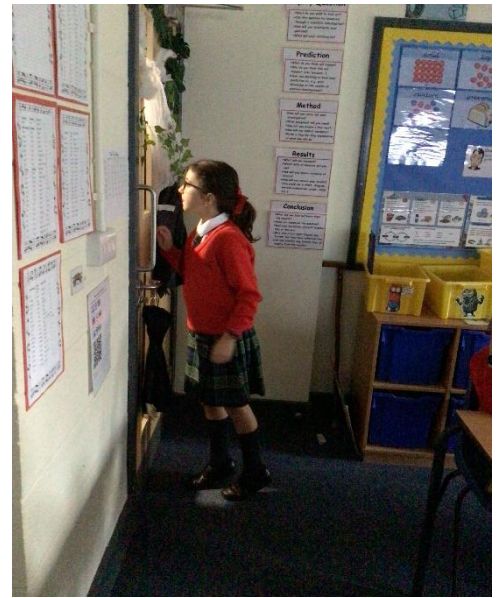
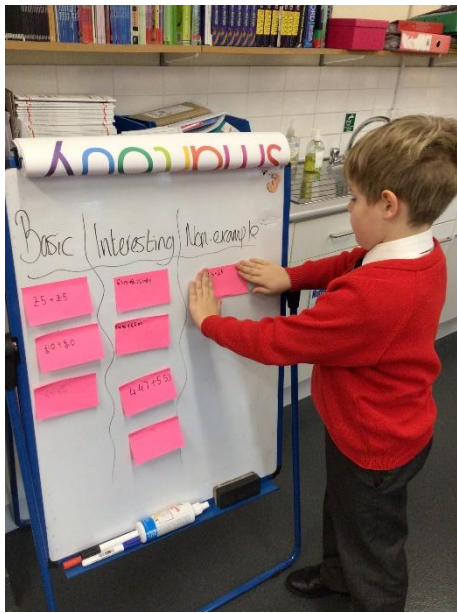


## YEAR 5

In Maths this week, the children have been tackling some tricky addition and subtraction reasoning problems — including those multi-step ones that make them stop and think! They've been learning to slow down, read the question carefully and decide what's actually being asked, before jumping into their calculations. It's been great to see their determination and teamwork as they supported one another through the challenges.

In English, we kicked off our new book for the term — *The Nowhere Emporium* — with a fun drama activity. The classroom door was mysteriously decorated, and the children explored how they could move and show emotion as they approached it. They then imagined what could be hidden behind it, using creativity and expression to bring their ideas to life. We finished the session with a circuit of imaginative "rooms," and the ideas shared were absolutely brilliant!

In History, we've started our new topic all about the Tudors. The children have been finding out who the Tudors were, placing them correctly on a timeline and learning some fascinating background facts about this famous period in history. It's been a great start to the topic and the class are already full of questions and enthusiasm for what's to come next!



## YEAR 6



This week, Year 6 have delved into the fascinating world of the Victorians, embarking on an adventure to uncover what life was like in the past. They've been studying a variety of intriguing artefacts on display and working hard to deduce their uses—it's amazing to see their curiosity in action!

In Science, they have started learning their new topic of electricity, exploring how appliances have transformed our lives. Learning about electrical safety has been a crucial part of this journey, and they've

realised just how far we've come since Victorian times, as shown by the photographs on our classroom display.

This week in maths, the children have been tackling fractions, utilising their Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS) skills to find equivalence and compare and order. It's wonderful to see their confidence growing in this area.

Year 6 have also been working hard in their English lessons – they have been adding suffixes to different words to help learn tricky spelling rules and have been developing their creative writing through poetry. They have been exploring poems from other cultures and have been writing fabulously descriptive verses - their impressive vocabulary and vivid imagery has been excellent. Well done, Year 6, a great start to Term 2.

## LANGUAGES

¡Bienvenidos de nuevo! Welcome back, everyone! It has been wonderful to see such positivity and enthusiasm from all our pupils after the half-term break.



Our Infants have had a fantastic time practising their *Spanish greetings*, learning how to say *hola*, *adiós*, *buenos días* and *buenas tardes* through fun *role play* activities. They also explored the *colours of autumn* — *los colores del otoño* — learning words such as *rojo* (red), *naranja* (orange), *amarillo* (yellow) and *marrón* (brown). Singing has been such fun too, helping everyone remember new words and pronunciation with smiles all round!

Our Juniors have been *language detectives*, exploring how Spanish connects with other languages they know. They enjoyed using *bi-lingual dictionaries* to look up new vocabulary, spotting *cognates* (words that look and sound similar in English and Spanish) and expanding their *Spanish vocabulary* through games and short translation challenges. It's been lovely to see their growing confidence and curiosity as they discover how language learning helps us understand different cultures and ways of thinking.

It's been a brilliant start to the half term — ¡muy bien a todos! — well done to all our budding linguists for their enthusiasm and hard work in Spanish!

### 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

#### U10 and U11 Netball Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2025 at Ayscoughfee Hall School

Our U10 and U11 children were out playing a home match this Wednesday against The Peterborough

School. Both our teams got off to a great start, the U10s were levelling at half time 2/2 and the U11s were also levelling at 4/4, so all to play for! In the third quarter, TPS stretched ahead by one goal in the U10 game and the U11s found themselves against a slightly stronger TPS side in that second half. We were very proud of all the girls; they worked so hard out on the netball court and had some tough opponents.

Well done to all the children and thanks go our Captains, Eliza, Lucy and Orla.

Players of the match went to Olivia and Chloe.

Final Scores

U10 AHS – 4 TPS – 7

U11 AHS – 6 TPS - 9

Many thanks go to Mr Spencer for all his help with refreshments, very much appreciated.

Thanks to our parents for their support during the afternoon.



## REMINDERS FOR WEEK COMMENCING 10<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER:



### Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November –

To kick start the week the children can come to school in odd socks and tights with their school uniform. If you would like to, you can share a photo of your child in their odd socks online using #OddSocksday #AntibullyingWeek #MakeANoise.

### Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November – Reception to Year 6

On Wednesday children from Reception to Year 6 will be involved in a whole school Interhouse event. They will spend time with all the children in their 'house' undertaking different planned activities based around the theme of 'Power for Good'. At the end of the day the whole school will come together to share the activities that they have been doing throughout the day. **We are asking that the children come to school in their PE kit and wear their house T-shirt. Reception children can wear non uniform and will be given a sticker to represent their house colour.**

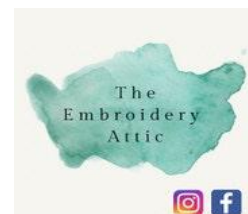
### Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November – Non-uniform day – donation of £1

On Friday it is Children in Need Day and to finish off our week of activities the children will be able to come to school in non-uniform, wearing Pudsey merchandise if they would like to, for a donation of £1.00.



### THE EMBROIDERY ATTIC – SCHOOL UNIFORM SUPPLIER

New price lists and order forms were sent out earlier in the week 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.

### PRE-LOVED SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP – RESCHEDULED DATE

The shop date has been rescheduled to now be open **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November** – 3pm to 4.30pm in the hall foyer. If you need anything before the date alternatively you can email [PTFA@ahs.me.uk](mailto: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.

**FRIDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER – CHRISTMAS FAIR - 5pm – 7pm - £1 entry ( see the attached poster for full details)**

**THURSDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> AND FRIDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER – SANTA'S SECRET SHOP – IN SCHOOL / INFANT CHILDREN WILL CHOOSE GIFTS ON 4<sup>TH</sup> AND JUNIOR CHILDREN ON 5<sup>TH</sup> (further details to follow).**



## Dates for Your Diary

<b>November</b>	
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup>	Parents' Evening Week & Anti-bullying week Odd Socks Day – pupils are able to come to school with odd socks or tights with their school uniform.
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup>	School Interhouse event – Reception to Year 6 pupils. Year 1 to Year 6 children come to school in their PE kit and wear their house T-shirt. <b>Reception children can wear non uniform and will be given a sticker to represent their house colour.</b> <b>Away Fixture: U9 Tag Festival at St Hugh's – starts 2pm</b>
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup>	Children in Need Day – children can come to school in non-uniform, wearing Pudsey merchandise for £1.00 donation <b>Away Fixture: Hockey at Surfleet – starts 3.45pm</b>
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup>	Pre-Loved uniform shop – open from 3pm – 4.30pm / Hall foyer
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Home Fixture: U9 / U11 Tag / Touch at AHS against Grantham Prep – starts 2.30pm</b>
Wed 26 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Away Fixture: U8 / U9 Tag Rugby at St Hugh's – starts 2.15pm</b>
Thurs 27 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Outing to Christmas Unwrapped at the Baptist Church – 10.50am – 12.15pm
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup>	PTFA Christmas Fete – 5pm – 7pm (see the attached poster for further details)
<b>December</b>	
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup>	Clubs and Music lessons finish this week Infant dress rehearsal to Juniors starts 9.15am
Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Infant production for parents starts at 2.00pm
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Home Fixture: U9 / U11 Tag at AHS against Grantham Prep – starts 2.30pm</b> Infant production for parents starts at 2.00pm
Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Dragons' Den – more details tbc nearer the time PTFA Secret Santa Christmas Shop (infant pupils in school)
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup>	PTFA Secret Santa Christmas Shop (junior pupils in school) School Choir – out singing at Fenchurch and Ashdown Care Homes
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 Outing to Burghley House – Tudor Christmas Infant Party / fish & chips
Tues 9 <sup>th</sup>	Junior Panto Outing in town – am Reception outing to Pennington's
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup>	Junior Party / fish & chips <b>Interhouse – Year 1 / Year 2 Interhouse games</b>
Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup>	Last day for Year 3 / Year 4 Swimming Year 6 readers rehearsal at Broad Street Methodist Church – 9.30am
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup>	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. <b>SCHOOL TERM ENDS</b>

## **STARS OF THE WEEK**

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

**Kindergarten: Rollo**

**Reception: William**

**Year 1: Paisley**

**Year 2: Sophia**

**Year 3: Ronnie Rose**

**Year 4: Harry**

**Year 5: Sebastian**

**Year 6: Teddee-Beau**



**Kindness Awards: Romilly (Infant) Morgan (Junior)**

**Headteachers Award: Year 1**

**Golden Dustpan Award: Year 5**

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

16<sup>th</sup> November - Rex

Best wishes,

Mrs Wright