



AYSCOUGHFEE HALL SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER: 05/12/25

Dear Parents,

We are all feeling very Christmassy in school this week. After a wonderful Christmas fair last Friday, our joyous Infant Productions really confirmed that Christmas has well and truly arrived. As I'm sure any of you who were lucky enough to attend will agree, the productions were quite magical. It never ceases to amaze me how quickly even the youngest children develop the confidence to get up on the stage and sing their hearts out. This year was no exception; thank you children, you really did make our week.

I would like to thank all parents who have attended the Christmas celebrations in school so far for their support for the PTFA. Money raised from the Christmas fair and raffles at the productions will go towards resources in school, including the minibus. The PTFA really do a fantastic job and it is wonderful to see their numbers increasing too.

KINDERGARTEN



Christmas has come to Kindergarten classroom and we have had lots of lovely activities this week, embracing the excitement we're already feeling. We've had Santa's little helpers delivering various 'presents' around the classroom, small world Santa on his sleigh and we've freed penguins from ice. Each day we pick a name from our special Christmas box to find that day's number on our advent calendar.

This week was finally the week that we performed our Nativity, and we are so proud of all the children who took part. From enthusiastic, dancing camels to singing sheep, we are sure that your parents enjoyed every moment!



RECEPTION

What a magical few weeks we've had in Reception! The classroom has been buzzing with Christmas excitement and creative fun. We've been busy with Christmas crafts galore. The children have made beautiful cards using natural materials, exploring textures and patterns from fir trees, leaves and twigs. They also loved designing their very own gonks, wrapped and stuffed using recycled fabric scraps and pom poms, each one totally unique and full of personality just like their creators!

In Maths, we've created our own seasonal calendars. The children learned about how the months change, how the trees and woodlands look different throughout the year, and how we can spot the signs of each season. They're so proud of what they've made (and we are too!).

Of course, a huge highlight has been preparing for **The Big, Little Nativity**. The children have worked incredibly hard to learn their lines, songs, dances and actions. We couldn't be prouder of their confidence, teamwork and sparkle on stage. ★

And the festive fun isn't over yet! Next week we're looking forward to even more Christmas cheer with our Infant Party - games, giggles and good times guaranteed.



YEAR 1 and YEAR 2

This week our Year 1 and Year 2 children delighted audiences with their wonderful Christmas production, "The Fleece Force". After weeks of hard work, the children took to the stage with confidence, delivering their lines beautifully and tackling some very speedy songs with great enthusiasm!

The play follows busy Bethlehem, where "The Fleece Force" are doing their best to keep order and allow only those arriving for the census to enter. However, this becomes quite the challenge as the nativity story unfolds and unexpected visitors appear — from shepherds and kings to angels and more!

The children really did shine throughout the whole performance, sharing the Christmas story in a fun and memorable way for our visiting senior citizens and all the proud parents and family members who came along. The teachers are incredibly proud of each and every child and we hope their families are too. What a fantastic performance to start the festive season! We can't wait for more Christmas fun next week.



YEAR 3



What a wonderfully busy and exciting week it has been in Year 3! As we approach the end of term, the children have been working incredibly hard on their assessments while still finding plenty of opportunities to embrace the festive spirit.

In English, Year 3 have been busy creating their very own Guides to Lincoln, presented as beautifully designed eBooks. Using the Book Creator app, the children explored a range of digital tools to bring their writing to life. They particularly enjoyed learning about the historic city of Lincoln, including its magnificent Norman Castle and impressive Cathedral.

In Art, patience and creativity were key as the children continued with their decoupage project. They took great care with the delicate deco patch paper and papier mache figurines to create stunning looking pieces. Meanwhile, in Geography, we turned our attention to our beautiful county of Lincolnshire. The children learned about the Lincolnshire flag and well-known landmarks that make our county special.

Science lessons this week were full of curiosity and discovery as we focused on magnetic poles. The highlight was making our very own working compasses - an activity that sparked lots of excitement when the needles actually began to point north!

A huge thank you goes to all the children for showing such impressive focus and determination during this busy period. With Christmas just around the corner, we are incredibly proud of the effort and enthusiasm they continue to show each day.



YEAR 4

Geography

In Geography this week, Year 4 have continued exploring our rivers topic by learning about the key physical features of a river, including the source, meanders, tributaries, floodplains and the river mouth. We also investigated how rivers shape the landscape over time through the processes of erosion and deposition. The children enjoyed using diagrams, models and maps to deepen their understanding and were confident in explaining how materials can be worn away, transported and dropped as the river moves. It has been wonderful to see them apply new vocabulary and make connections to real examples from around the world.

English

In English, we have begun an exciting new unit on shape poetry. To inspire us, we explored a range of river-themed poems and discussed how poets use layout creatively to reflect meaning. As a class, we generated writing success criteria to help us understand what makes a strong poem. We identified similes, metaphors, personification and alliteration and collected ambitious vocabulary to describe the movement, sound and atmosphere of rivers. The children particularly enjoyed spotting figurative language and discussing how it helps create imagery for the reader. Over the next few lessons, we will begin planning and drafting our own river-themed shape poems using the features we have explored.

Assessment Week

This week has also been assessment week and we are incredibly proud of how focused and determined the children have been. They approached each assessment calmly and sensibly, showing resilience and applying everything they have learned so far in Year 4. It has been fantastic to see their confidence grow and these assessments will help us tailor future lessons to best support their progress.



YEAR 5

In English, the children have been diving into descriptive writing and exploring how authors use adventurous vocabulary and expanded noun phrases to bring settings to life. They have been analysing a model text closely, picking out the most effective language choices and discussing why they work so well. The class is now excited to begin drafting their own room description for our shared text, The Nowhere Emporium, and they have already come up with some wonderfully imaginative ideas that we cannot wait to see develop!

In DT, the children have been getting creative with their own pop-up book designs. They have been learning how to use simple mechanisms such as levers and spacers, experimenting with different layouts and thinking carefully about what will make their books engaging for a younger audience. Linked to popular nursery rhymes, their design plans are really starting to take shape, and it's been lovely seeing them work so thoughtfully and creatively. We're excited to see these come to life next week!



YEAR 6



This week, the children in Year 6 have been inspired by the Victorians! They have been continuing with their fabulous DT samplers, learning about famous scientists in the past and finding out about new inventions. This period in history was a fascinating time filled with incredible inventions and new machinery. The children have truly stepped into the shoes of the inventors of the past, creating some amazing products of their own.

Over the last few weeks, they been working incredibly hard on their Dragons’ Den inventions and on Thursday they presented them to our Dragons (Mrs Wright, Mr Roberts and Mrs Periam), their parents and the Year 5 pupils. The creative inventions they came up with were fabulous, and their confident presentations, complete with costings and prototypes, really impressed everyone. The audience were delighted with a Breakfast Bot, a ‘Shoegenie’ shoe cleaning machine, a desk tidy robot, a ‘Petbucks’ coffee machine, a ‘Tech’ bag which allows a computer to be easily transported and an ai pillow – such a fabulous group of inventions.

Choosing a winning group was an extremely tough decision, as all the inventions were not only creative but also incredibly useful, appealing to a wide market. It was clear that the children had combined their talents and worked well in teams, showcasing their collaborative skills beautifully.

They should all be very proud of their results! It’s been a joy to see their enthusiasm and creativity shine through this project, and we can’t wait to see what they come up with next. Keep up the fantastic work, Year 6!



LANGUAGES



This week has been an exciting and culturally rich one in our language classroom. We began by learning how to wish each other *Merry Christmas* in Spanish using the phrase “**Feliz Navidad.**” The children explored the traditions and customs connected to Christmas celebrations in Spanish-speaking countries, comparing them with our own and discussing the similarities and differences. This led to some thoughtful conversations about how language and culture influence one another.



We also took a closer look at how many European languages are connected through Latin. The children were surprised to discover just how many familiar words share common roots across languages such as Spanish, French, Italian and even English. This helped them see language learning not as separate subjects, but as part of a larger, interconnected linguistic family.

To make our learning dynamic and memorable, we played a variety of language-based games, sang festive songs, and shared information about different countries and their holiday traditions. The classroom was filled with energy, curiosity and lots of laughter!

A highlight of the week was the creation of thoughtful and beautifully decorated Christmas cards for our Spanish pen pals. These cards included greetings in Spanish, messages of friendship and festive artwork—wonderful examples of pupils putting their language learning into real practice.

I’m also delighted to share that I’ve received a fantastic number of applications from pupils eager to become **Language Ambassadors**. It’s inspiring to see so many enthusiastic learners wanting to take on this role, and I’m very much looking forward to reading through their applications.



SPORTS NEWS

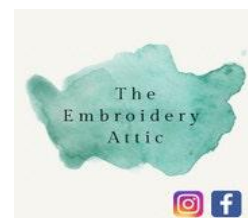
U9 U11 Rugby v The Grantham Prep School 03.12.25

We had lovely weather for our final Rugby fixture of the year. Both matches were very close, and some good rugby was played by all the teams involved. Sports values were maintained, our players supporting each other. The rugby improved as the games progressed, by the end defence and attack were strong and well organised. Albie and Joshua were players of the match. Well done to those who took part and thanks go to the parents who supported the fixture.



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



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.

REMINDERS FOR THE END OF TERM ARRANGEMENTS

Monday 8 th December	All day All day	Year 5 to Burghley House Infant Christmas party	Tudor Costumes Infant pupils come to school in their own clothes (i.e. warm clothes) and sensible shoes. Infant pupils will have ordered fish and chips for lunch or packed lunch from home <i>*Junior children will still have hot meals.</i>
Tuesday 9 th December	9.00-12noon 2pm	Junior children to the pantomime School Choir out to sing at Baytree	Blazers and coats needed Blazers and coats needed
Wednesday 10 th December	All day 10.30am	Junior Christmas party Reception pupils visit to Pennington's	Junior pupils come to school in their own clothes (i.e. warm clothes) and sensible shoes. Junior pupils will have ordered fish and chips for lunch or packed lunch from home <i>*Infant children will still have hot meals.</i> Blazers and coats needed

Thursday 11 th December	9.00-10.30 All day	Last Year 3 and Year 4 swimming National Christmas Jumper Day	All pupils can wear Christmas jumper and their school uniform
Friday 12 th December	All day	Please see details below	

Friday 12th December

On the last day of term, we will be walking the children to Broad Street Methodist Church for our school Carol Concert. There are a few logistical arrangements for this day.

Children will not need a snack or a water bottle as the school will be providing these. It is the school Christmas lunch so no lunch boxes will be needed, unless your child has not ordered Christmas lunch. If this is the case, then can you please send a **disposable** packed lunch to school.

All children will need to bring to school on Friday 12th December will be their school blazer - for Reception to Year 6 - and their school coat. **No school bags, book bags or reading folders will be needed in school on this day.** As we are all walking to the church, we will not be able to have anything in school which needs carrying to the church. If the children are bringing in Christmas cards, then these will need to be brought into school on Thursday 11th December.

The carol concert is due to start at 2pm and will last approximately 1 hour. All children will need to be collected from Broad Street Methodist Church at 3pm please. Afternoon Kids' Club will not be open on Friday 12th December.

STARS OF THE WEEK

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

Kindergarten: Eliza
Reception: Lorenzo
Year 1: Audrey
Year 2: Ellie
Year 3: Matthew
Year 4: Isaac
Year 5: Frank
Year 6: Olivia



Kindness Awards: Everett (Infant) Tendekai (Junior)
Headteachers Award: EYFS and Infant Children
Golden Dustpan Award: Year 4

We have the following birthdays coming up:

14th December – Arthur
15th December – Eliza M.
18th December – Orla and Jackson
21st December – Eva and Aarial – Amiah
23rd December – Mrs Kenneally and Frankie
26th December – Mrs Climo
27th December – Leo
28th December – Alice and Reggie
29th December – Miss Lawniczak, Amaya and Laith
1st January – Morgan and Jessica
3rd January – Ryan
4th January - Beatrix

Best wishes,

Mrs Wright