



AYSCOUGH FEE HALL SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER: 06/02/26

Dear Parents,

We have really enjoyed having so many of you join us in school this week for the various events that have taken place. Our Junior gym assembly, which was excellent, was very well attended yesterday and today we have enjoyed another class assembly – Year 5 this time – who gave us some fascinating number facts for Number Day. Well done Year 5, for a really well-presented assembly, you did a wonderful job.

This afternoon I am particularly looking forward to the Year 1 smoothie experience and no doubt their parents are too. The children are so excited to present their creations and I'm sure they will be delicious.

Despite the cold, wet weather, we have had a very busy and fun week in school. I hope you enjoy reading all about it below.

KINDERGARTEN

This term in Kindergarten, we have been exploring the idea of challenges and thinking about the future as part of our PSHE learning. This week, the children enjoyed discussing the jobs they might like to have when they are older and talking about the different challenges they could face along the way. In music, we have been developing our sense of rhythm by using our bodies as percussion instruments, as well as experimenting with claves and shakers to find and keep a steady beat. We have also been learning about pitch, using movement to show high and low notes, which has been a fun and active way to bring music to life.



RECEPTION



In Drawing Club, we have been reading the story *Boxitects*, which has been helping us design and become “blanketeers”, “sticketeers” and “bakeologists” inventing using different specialist materials. The class have loved making and creating huge towers and imagining what might happen if they fall.

We also loved our visit to Spalding Library and really enjoyed the craft, story and song sessions, but our favourite part was the scavenger hunt for book characters. The library has lots of activities planned for half term, and they are all completely free – please have a look online to check them out!



YEAR 1



Year 1 have had a fantastic week! The children were very excited to make their own smoothies and loved choosing their ingredients. All the children had lots of fun practising the skills they have learnt, such as safely cutting and juicing different fruits. The children also looked incredible in their chef hats and aprons! The class worked very well as a team and they all took it in turns to create their smoothies. It was lovely to see how proud the children were of their smoothie and all of them did an amazing job. Well done Year 1!



In our English lessons the children have been working very hard on writing a diary entry from the perspective of the main character from the text ‘The Squirrels who Squabbled’. The children all created a plan that sequenced the main events. They were very resourceful and used their sound mats and our working wall to help create their diary. They also worked very hard to include our writing techniques in their work and they even challenged themselves to include lots of adjectives!



YEAR 2



It has been another busy and exciting week in Year 2!

In Maths we have continued developing our understanding of multiplication and division. This week, the children began learning about early division and explored the idea that division means sharing equally. They practised sharing objects into equal groups and, importantly, learned how to record their work and explain their thinking clearly. We were very impressed with how confidently the children could talk about what they had done and why.

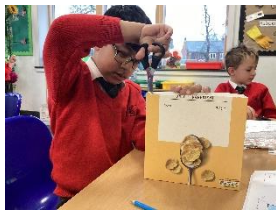


In Design and Technology, we were delighted to finally complete our fantastic 'Spalding' Ferris wheels, inspired by the famous London Eye. The children showed great understanding of how their models worked, confidently using the words wheel, axle and mechanism to explain how their Spalding Eye could turn. They also had lots of fun decorating their wheels to make them bright and inviting for lots of imaginary customers!



On Tuesday, we had a very special visit from Hayley from Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue. She spoke to the children about the importance of fire safety and what to do in an emergency. One of the children even took on the role of a fire officer, demonstrating how to stand smartly to attention for the class. It was a memorable and informative session that the children thoroughly enjoyed.

Well done, Year 2, for another fantastic week of learning!



YEAR 3

What a fun, exciting week! English lessons this week were tightly linked with our Year 3 History topic: Ancient Romans. Year 3 have started working on the new genre: news report. The children learned about the City of Pompeii and the eruption of Vesuvius. They became citizens of the ancient city, taking on roles such as bakers, shopkeepers, soldiers, gladiators, families and mosaic makers. As the story unfolded, they reenacted daily life before dramatically responding to the eruption of Mount Vesuvius and working together to "escape" the city safely. The children then recorded their "experiences" with excellent vocabulary and imagination.

In Art, children started working on their new project: Roman villas. The children are enjoying decorating the courtyards of their villas with fountains, mosaics and peacocks! Some villas even come with farmland, complete with sheep and cows! What an imaginative group of children!

In PSHEE this week, the children took part in an important learning session all about staying safe, both online and in everyday life. They explored different situations where things might become dangerous and discussed smart ways to prevent problems before they happen.

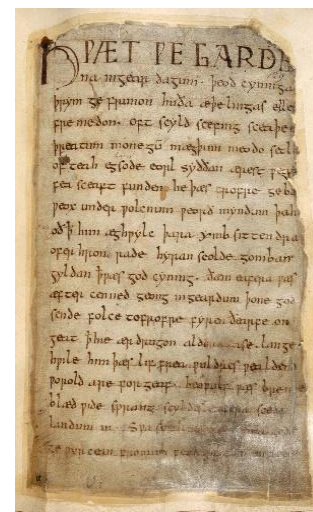


We have also carried out a fun science experiment this week to investigate whether people with longer femurs can jump further. They carefully measured leg length and recorded standing long jump distances before comparing the results. The children worked like real scientists, predicting results, spotting patterns, discussing fairness and thinking about what might affect their findings. It was a great way to learn about the human body measurement and drawing conclusions from data. What a fun busy week!



YEAR 4

This week in English, the children were introduced to an epic poem. We discovered that 'epic' means a very long poem about heroes and warriors. Beowulf is one of the first recorded stories we have in Britain, and it was written in old English. The story of Beowulf, first told around 800AD, tells of events around 200 years before that! It wasn't written down back then. Instead, the story was passed down orally by storytellers. We watched short films of Beowulf and worked in groups to orally retell the key events. Next, we



decided on 10 key events and created a timeline to help us remember the sequence.

In Maths, Year 4 have been learning about length and perimeter, focusing on rectangles and rectilinear shapes. The children used lolly sticks and tabletops as drawing surfaces to create different shapes and measure their sides. This practical approach helped them to understand that perimeter is found by adding together the lengths of all the sides. By building and drawing shapes themselves, pupils were able to visualise how each



side contributes to the total perimeter. They worked carefully to measure, record and calculate, showing good perseverance and growing confidence in their problem-solving skills.

In DT, Year 4 have been busy creating their own Anglo-Saxon helmets using paper mâché and balloons. The children carefully covered their balloons with layers of newspaper and paste, learning how to build a strong and sturdy structure. They showed great patience and teamwork as they worked, making sure each layer was smooth and secure. Once dry, they will be ready to decorate their helmets with traditional patterns and designs, inspired by Anglo-Saxon warriors. The class have thoroughly enjoyed this hands-on, creative project and are very proud of their efforts.

YEAR 5

In English this week, the children have been drafting their own diary entries and have absolutely loved writing in a chatty, informal style. They focused on engaging the reader through humour, personal thoughts and expressive language, making their writing feel natural and entertaining. It has been fantastic to see pupils growing in confidence as writers, experimenting with tone and voice and thinking carefully about how to hook their audience. The enthusiasm and enjoyment shown during these sessions has really stood out.

In science, the children explored day and night by investigating how the Earth rotates in relation to the Sun. Using a torch to represent the Sun, they identified which parts of the world were experiencing daylight while others were in darkness. This practical activity helped them develop a clear understanding of time zones and how different countries experience different times of day. Pupils asked thoughtful questions and demonstrated a strong grasp of these global concepts.



YEAR 6



This week, Year 6 had a fabulous visit from the Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue Service who came in to talk about fire safety. The children learnt about the role of the fire service and the vital work they do, as well as how to identify any potential hazards. This has linked well with their work on safety at

Warning Zone and has helped reinforce the key points. During the session, the children learnt different steps to stay safe and really enjoyed taking part in a range of activities to develop their understanding. The children had a fantastic, informative afternoon and we are extremely grateful to the Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue for coming in to promote fire safety. The children have subsequently made some fabulous posters to consolidate their learning and are now more aware of how to reduce the risk of fire. Well done, Year 6 – excellent effort.

In maths this week, the children have been completing the topic of ratio and have been solving tricky ratio and proportion problems. They have been using bar models effectively to help find the solutions and have really impressed with the excellent effort and determination they have shown in this area of mathematics. They have also been linking their maths, ICT and geography skills through climate data and statistics. They have been working hard to create their own graphs, answer questions and use excel to display information.

In English lessons, the children have been learning all about performance poetry and are busy creating their own raps to perform to the class. They have been looking at the poems of Rosen, Moses, Coelho and many others and have been identifying the features of great performance poets. Their own poetic creations are based upon the science topic of adaptation, and we are really looking forward to hearing about amazing animals in 'rap' form.



In Forest school, the children have also been developing their understanding of life in the arctic and the issues faced when living in these challenging extremes. They have been creating shelters to keep them safe from Arctic winds and have been thinking carefully about resources and the need for insulation. They are looking forward to creating their own adapted creatures in the next session. Well done, Year 6 – another busy week.



LANGUAGES



This week in languages, our children showed fantastic enthusiasm and confidence in both Spanish and French.

In Spanish, our Infants truly rose to the challenge. They became language detectives, recalling previously learned information and using their developing skills to decipher brand-new vocabulary. Watching them apply what they already know to unlock new meaning was incredibly impressive—such focused thinking and perseverance at such a young age!

Our Juniors in French focused on learning the months of the year, supported by a very catchy song titled *Quelle est la date de ton anniversaire?* The song was an instant hit and really helped embed new vocabulary in a fun and memorable way.

The highlight of the week was our exciting Zoom call with La Sidoine School in Trévoux, France. The pupils there presented a fascinating presentation all about the mountains, including Mont Blanc, mountain food, and wildlife. Our children were amazing listeners and asked thoughtful, curious questions throughout—what a wonderful example of international collaboration and confidence in communication!



SPORTS NEWS

U9 U11 Football v The Grantham Prep School 04.02.26

We were given a warm welcome on arrival at The Grantham Prep School.

Our Under 11s, managed by Miss Lawniczak, played two teams over 4 periods of play. The AHS Forwards dominated the games, and the defence supported them strongly. All players gave their full effort and were commended for their teamwork and exemplary behaviour. AHS 7 – 2 TGPS . Captain Ted, POTM Tendekai.



Our U10s also had the upper hand throughout their match over the 4 periods of play. We rotated our players and passed the ball around with good control, scoring some excellent team and individual goals. George, George and Rafferty were strong in defence. An excellent performance by the team. POTM Isaac. Thank you to the parents that came and supported the fixture.



Interhouse Event - Year 1 and Year 2

Year 1 and Year 2 pupils took part in their mid-spring term Interhouse games event this week. It was extremely exciting and very noisy as the teams worked together to compete against the other houses in a variety of team activities.

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 = Super Saxons

2nd place = Robust Romans

3rd place = Valiant Vikings

4th place = Noble Normans

Sports Values goes to the **Valiant Vikings** for their Honesty, Teamwork and Determination, however all the houses demonstrated outstanding 'Sports Values'. Super, well done all of you!

Junior Gymnastic Display Thursday 5th February

Well done to all of our children who took part in our Junior Gymnastic Display this Thursday. They demonstrated an incredible amount of confidence to perform in front of the school. All the junior children have been working hard over their four lessons to create their own routines, communicating collaboratively with others to choreograph and finally perform in front of an audience. A super effort everyone, well done! Special thanks go to our music maestros on the sound system and for the PTFA for supplying hot drinks afterwards.



SCHOOL STATIONERY SHOP –

The school stationery shop will be open during breaktimes every Thursday for pupils to purchase pens, pencils etc.



THE EMBROIDERY ATTIC – SCHOOL UNIFORM SUPPLIER

Please contact Laura from The Embroidery Attic our school uniform supplier 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.

COSY FRIDAYS – PTFA members will be selling hot chocolate at the end of the school day every Friday throughout this first half of Spring Term.

PRE-LOVED SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP – (see the attached poster)

The shop will be open **Monday 2nd March – 3pm to 4.30pm**. If you are unable to make either of these dates you can arrange an appointment by emailing PTFA@ahs.me.uk.

PTFA Upcoming Events:

- PTFA Meeting – 3:30pm on Monday 23rd February.
- Friday 20th March – Family Bingo night – 6pm – 8pm (details to be sent out nearer the time).



REMINDERS FOR NEXT WEEK:

MONDAY 9TH FEBRUARY – YEAR 5 AND YEAR 6 PUPILS / STAFF – LEAVE FOR YORK –

- PUPILS NEED TO BE IN SCHOOL FROM 8:15AM – 8:30AM AT THE LATEST

THURSDAY 12TH FEBRUARY – YEAR 5 AND YEAR 6 PUPILS /STAFF – RETURN FROM YORK

FRIDAY 13TH FEBRUARY – YEAR 4 CLASS ASSEMBLY – PARENTS INVITED TO JOIN.



FRIDAY 13TH FEBRUARY – YEAR 3 OUTING TO PETERBOROUGH MUSEUM

- Year 3 pupils will be visiting The Peterborough Museum on Friday 13th February 2026. The children will explore the fantastic collection of Roman finds which also ties in with the current topic in class. Travelling by coach, we shall leave school at 9.00am and return for the end of school.

WHAT YOUR CHILD WILL NEED TO BRING AND WEAR:

Your child will need a packed lunch, including a drink. To make the experience even more authentic we would like children to come dressed as Ancient Romans.

Dates for Your Diary

FEBRUARY

Mon 9 th	Early Years Open Week – new prospective parents to look round between 11am – 12noon & 2pm – 3pm.
Thurs 12 th	Year 5 and Year 6 pupils leave for the York residential
Fri 13 th	Year 5 and Year 6 pupils return from York residential <i>Class Assembly – Year 4 – starts 9am – Parents welcome</i>
Mon 16 th – Fri 20 th	Year 3 outing to Peterborough Museum – Roman Day FEBRUARY HALF TERM
Mon 23 rd	School resumes / Clubs and Music lessons resume.
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Tues 24 th	Class photos – taken in school – 9am
Wed 25 th	Fixture: Home – U10 & U11 Netball – starts 2:15pm Fixture: Away – U11 Football Festival at The Peterborough School – starts 2:15pm
Fri 27 th	<i>Class Assembly – Year 3 – starts 9am – Parents welcome</i> Parents' Evening appointments open at 6pm via ParentMail

MARCH

Tues 3 rd	World Book Day Maths Workshop for Year 2 to Year 6 Parents – starts 6:30pm
Wed 4 th	Fixture: Away – Copthill Cross Country – U9 & U11 – 1:15pm – 3:30pm
Fri 6 th	<i>Class Assembly – Year 1 – starts 9am – Parents welcome</i>
Mon 9 th	Parents' Evening Week
Tues 10 th	Parents' Evening – 15:30pm – 17:30pm
Wed 11 th	Fixture: Home – AHS Cross Country Event – 2pm to 4pm
Thurs 12 th	Parents' Evening – 18:00pm – 20:00pm
Fri 13 th	<i>Class Assembly – Reception – starts 9am – Parents welcome</i> PTFA Mother's Day shop Fixture: Away – Hockey at Surfleet – starts at 3:45pm
Mon 16 th	Clubs finish at the end of this week
Wed 18 th	Luke Temple – Author – visit to work with Reception to Year 6 pupils in school (details to follow) Fixture: Home – U10 & U11 Football – starts at 2:15pm
Thurs 19 th	Book signing – after school – Author Luke Temple
Fri 20 th	Red Nose Day <i>Class Assembly – Kindergarten – starts 9am – Parents welcome</i>

Mon 23rd Music lessons finish this week
Infant Interhouse – Y1 and Y2 pupils will need PE kit and house t-shirts in school

Tues 24th Easter Assembly – starts 9am – Parents welcome

Wed 25th **Fixture: Away – U9 Football at St Hugh’s – starts 2:15pm**

Thurs 26th **Junior Interhouse cross country – junior pupils will need PE kit and house t-shirts in school**

Fri 27th Last day of term

STARS OF THE WEEK

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



Kindergarten: Nancy

Reception: Chloe

Year 1: Ezabel

Year 2: Edward

Year 3: Valentina

Year 4: Harry

Year 5: Benjamin

Year 6: Libby

Kindness Awards: William (Infant) Harry F (Junior)

Headteachers Award: Year 5

Golden Dustpan Award: Year 3

We have the following birthdays next week:

10th February – Miss Herbert

11th February – James G.

13th February - Valentina

Best wishes,

Mrs Wright