



# **AYSCOUGH FEE HALL SCHOOL**

## **NEWSLETTER: 13/02/26**

Dear Parents,

We have reached the half term break and it seems unbelievable that we are now half way through the school year – the time is flying past!

Yesterday, we welcomed back our Year 5 and 6 pupils from their residential visit to York. They had a wonderful time and have made many special memories which will stay with them. I would like to say a big thank you to the wonderful staff who accompanied the children; a very happy (if tired) bunch, who will be looking forward to a few lie ins next week!

Today it was the turn of our Year 4 children to delight us with their class assembly and what a treat it was. They gave such a confident and mature performance and we were all very proud of them. Well done Year 4, a perfect end to our half term.

I hope you all have a great week next week, however you are spending it.

### **KINDERGARTEN**



This week we have been learning about Chinese New Year in Kindergarten. We have read the story of 'The Great Race' to learn how the Jade Emperor chose the animals for each year. We used ordinal numbers to help with our maths learning and have been retelling the story with puppets. We really enjoyed making dumplings filled with healthy vegetables. We enjoyed eating them even more; they were delicious!



## RECEPTION



*The Great Race*

*We worked in teams to design and build a bridge to cross the river.*



10.2.26



PIC-COLLAGE

We've had a busy and exciting time in Reception, packed with learning, creativity and lots of hands-on fun. In maths, we've been exploring doubling using a variety of manipulatives such as Numicon and counters to help the children understand the concept in a practical, visual way. We've also been learning about Lunar New Year and discovering more about China, including locating it on different maps and globes. The children have enjoyed experimenting with Chinese writing and learning about some of the traditions linked to this celebration.



The class has been very busy creating Chinese lucky fish and colourful lanterns and they also had the chance to taste some delicious Chinese food and cook dumplings together. To help develop fine motor skills, the children practised using chopsticks to eat their dumplings and to pick up other small objects which was a fun but tricky challenge. It's been lovely to see how engaged and enthusiastic the children have been with all these activities.



## YEAR 1



Year 1 have had another fun week! The children enjoyed making their delicious smoothies and in English this week we wrote our own set of instructions on how to make a smoothie. We discussed the different features a set of instructions has and the children worked very hard to write these. The children included features such as a title, an ingredient list and used lots of imperative verbs in their sentences. A big thank you again to everyone who came to try our smoothies, the children had a lot of fun making them!



In our PSHE topic this term we have been focusing on our dreams and goals. As a class we discussed what goals are and how these can be achieved. We then drew around our hands onto paper and decorated them to make our own 'flower'. These represented goals we have chosen to achieve and on the flowers the children have drawn pictures of how they can achieve that goal. They all look amazing and we have created a class display in our window to remind us that we can achieve anything.



## YEAR 2



This week in English, Year 2 have been exploring non-chronological reports. The children really enjoyed investigating different examples and spotting the key features that make this type of writing successful. They became “feature detectives”, identifying which elements were present and which were missing. Using these skills, they went on to plan, research and write their own non-chronological reports all about St Paul’s Cathedral in London. This has been particularly exciting as it is one of the landmarks they are very much looking forward to seeing on our London trip next month.



In History, we are coming to the end of our learning about The Great Fire of London. This week, the children became history detectives, examining a range of objects and artefacts that might have been left behind after the fire. They used their knowledge and reasoning skills to work out what the items were and how they may have been used.



In DT, we completed the final stage of our term’s project by evaluating our Ferris wheels. The children reflected thoughtfully on what had gone well, what they found challenging and what they would change if they were to make them again.



We have been finishing this term’s PSHE topic of ‘Dreams and Goals’ by focussing on working as part of a team and understanding both the challenges and the benefits of being a team member.

The children worked brilliantly in their house groups to create a beautiful Garden of Dreams using a variety of resources. Their collaborative efforts are now proudly displayed in the hall for everyone to enjoy.

Have a lovely half term, everyone!

## YEAR 3



During past two weeks, Year 3 children have been busy researching the information about Ancient Roman theatre, gladiators, Roman baths and chariot racing and presented their findings to their classmates in shape of impressive posters, Minecraft videos and PowerPoints! All children held themselves confidently and researched the subject thoroughly. Mrs Periam is incredibly proud of them and would like to thank the parents for their support and encouragement!



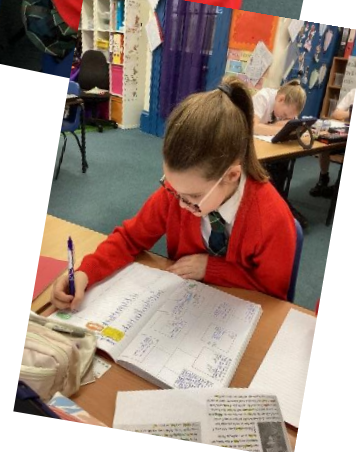
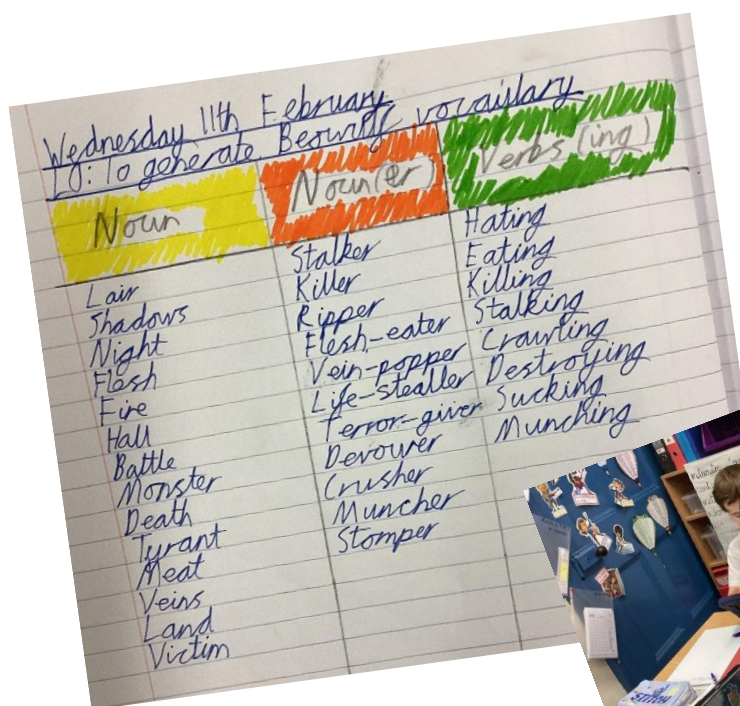


In English lessons, Year 3 planned and wrote their news reports about the fatal day of 24<sup>th</sup> August 79 AD, when Mount Vesuvius erupted, destroying the City of Pompeii. The reports were well written and thought through and it was inspiring to see how engaged and thoughtful our young reporters were as they brought the past to life.



In Maths, the children learned about the concept of perimeter and how to measure and calculate this for different 2D shapes.

#### YEAR 4



This week, Year 4 have been incredibly busy practising our class assembly, which we are very proud of. The assembly theme is Children's Mental Health Week 'Place2Be' and the children have shown great maturity and thoughtfulness while exploring this important topic. We spent time discussing what belonging means and how it feels to be part of a class, a school and a wider community. These discussions linked closely with our PSHE learning on Dreams and Goals, where we reflected on our aspirations, the challenges we may face and how supporting one another helps everyone to feel safe, confident and valued.

In Maths, we have been learning all about length and perimeter. We began by consolidating our understanding of rectilinear shapes before extending our learning to include polygons and irregular polygons. The children practised calculating perimeters accurately and worked hard to apply their knowledge to more challenging problems, including finding missing lengths. This required careful reasoning, use of known facts and checking answers systematically. It has been lovely to see the class growing in confidence and explaining their mathematical thinking clearly.

In English, we enjoyed reading the story of Beowulf and exploring its rich and dramatic language. We focused on generating word banks of nouns, nouns ending in -er and verbs ending in -ing, inspired by the characters and events in the story. This vocabulary work supported the children in writing their own kenning poems based on the monster Grendel. The poems were imaginative and powerful, with pupils experimenting confidently with descriptive language and poetic structure.

## LANGUAGES



This week, we wrapped up our learning across all year groups as we head into half term next week!

Reception have thoroughly enjoyed finishing *Goldilocks and the Three Bears*, building their confidence with key language along the way. Our Infants have been exploring the lifecycle of a butterfly in Spanish, learning lots of new vocabulary, drawing pictures and bringing the words to life with actions. In Juniors, pupils consolidated their French knowledge of weekdays and months, strengthening their recall and pronunciation.

It has been a fantastic term of language learning, with continuing links to our French and Spanish partner schools, as well as plenty of games, activities, translation work and fun along the way!

Juniors - don't forget to earn your XP points on Duolingo over the break!

Happy half term, everyone!



## WORLD BOOK DAY – TUESDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> MARCH

This year, we will celebrate World Book Day on **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**.

Once again, all children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite character from a book. This can be as simple as wearing a hat or a mask to represent the character or you can go top to toe! The choice is yours. You may want to discuss with your child different characters from their favourite books. The dressing up possibilities are endless: Postman Pat, Oliver Twist, Fantastic Mr Fox, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, James and the Giant Peach, Danny-Champion of the World, Matilda, Goldilocks, Jack and the Beanstalk, The Twits, Cinderella, Gruffalo, Elmer the Elephant, Three little Pigs, Harry Potter etc...



## SPORTS NEWS

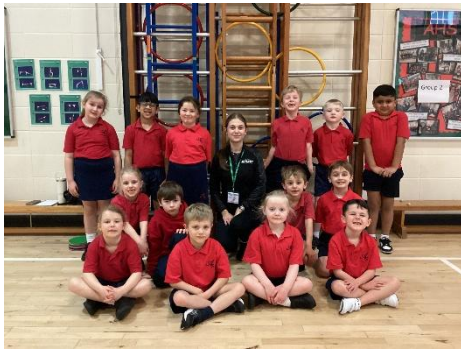
### 06.02.26 Spalding Schools Hockey Tournament 2



It was standard hockey weather, damp, drizzly and misty. Mrs Godderidge coached the B team and they played hard from the start. They were unlucky to lose their first match 1-0 to St Thomas's B, then faced a huge challenge against an on form Monkhouse B team. Our team gave their full effort but were just outperformed by the opposition. In their final game they kept playing with full effort and deservedly won against St Norbert's B, beating them 1-0. A good result to end on.

Our A team's greatest challenge was against Monkhouse A. The match was very evenly balanced, both teams having its chances. Monkhouse edged it beating us 1-0. We then beat St Thomas's 4-1 and by the time we got to the final game against St John's the team was on a roll and won comfortably 7-0. Well-done to all those who took part, Mrs Godderidge for coaching and to all the parents who supported the fixture.





Our infant children had a special treat for their PE lessons this week when Elite Sports covered for Miss Lawniczak while she was in York with the Year 5 and 6 children. We were particularly delighted to welcome back our former pupil, Amy Naylor, who led the Year 2 PE lesson. It is always lovely to see our past pupils and see how their careers have developed since leaving AHS several years ago. Thank you to Miss Naylor and Miss Stokes from Elite for their support this week.

### 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](mailto:info@theembroideryattic.com) **\*\*Please note Laura will be away for half term.**



### 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:PTFA@ahs.me.uk).

### PTFA Upcoming Events:

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



### REMINDERS FOR WEEK COMMENCING 23<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY:

**MONDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY – ALL CLUBS AND MUSIC LESSONS RESUME**

**THURSDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY – YEAR 4 PARENT MEETING FOR SACREWELL RESIDENTIAL – 6PM**

**FRIDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY – YEAR 3 CLASS ASSEMBLY – PARENTS INVITED TO JOIN.**



## Dates for Your Diary

### **FEBRUARY**

Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup>	School resumes / Clubs and Music lessons resume.
Tues 24 <sup>th</sup>	Class photos – taken in school – 9am
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Fixture: Home – U10 &amp; U11 Netball – starts 2:15pm</b> <b>Fixture: Away – U11 Football Festival at The Peterborough School – starts 2:15pm</b>
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Class Assembly – Year 3 – starts 9am – Parents welcome</i> Parents' Evening appointments open at 6pm via ParentMail

### **MARCH**

Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup>	World Book Day Maths Workshop for Year 2 to Year 6 Parents – starts 6:30pm
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Fixture: Away – Copthill Cross Country – U9 &amp; U11 – 1:15pm – 3:30pm</b>
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Class Assembly – Year 1 – starts 9am – Parents welcome</i>
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup>	Parents' Evening Week
Tues 10 <sup>th</sup>	Parents' Evening – 15:30pm – 17:30pm
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Fixture: Home – AHS Cross Country Event – 2pm to 4pm</b>
Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup>	Parents' Evening – 18:00pm – 20:00pm
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Class Assembly – Reception – starts 9am – Parents welcome</i> PTFA Mother's Day shop <b>Fixture: Away – Hockey at Surfleet – starts at 3:45pm</b>
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup>	Clubs finish at the end of this week
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup>	Luke Temple – Author – visit to work with Reception to Year 6 pupils in school (details to follow) <b>Fixture: Home – U10 &amp; U11 Football – starts at 2:15pm</b>
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup>	Book signing – after school – Author Luke Temple
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup>	Red Nose Day <i>Class Assembly – Kindergarten – starts 9am – Parents welcome</i>
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Music lessons finish this week <b>Infant Interhouse – Y1 and Y2 pupils will need PE kit and house t-shirts in school</b>
Tues 24 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Assembly – starts 9am – Parents welcome
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Fixture: Away – U9 Football at St Hugh's – starts 2:15pm</b>
Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Junior Interhouse cross country – junior pupils will need PE kit and house t-shirts in school</b>
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of term

## STARS OF THE WEEK

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



<b>Kindergarten:</b>	<b>Austin</b>
<b>Reception:</b>	<b>Lauchlan</b>
<b>Year 1:</b>	<b>Maggie</b>
<b>Year 2:</b>	<b>Sophia</b>
<b>Year 3:</b>	<b>Peter</b>
<b>Year 4:</b>	<b>Max</b>
<b>Year 5:</b>	<b>All of year 5</b>
<b>Year 6:</b>	<b>All of year 6</b>

**Kindness Awards: Freddie C (Infant) Olivia B (Junior)**

**Headteachers Award: Year 4**

**Golden Dustpan Award: Year 1D**

**We have the following birthdays next week:**

13<sup>th</sup> February – Miss Jacomb

15<sup>th</sup> February – Freddie

20<sup>th</sup> February – Iris

22<sup>nd</sup> February – Evie and Mrs Godderidge

24<sup>th</sup> February - Wyatt

Best wishes,

Mrs Wright