



AYSCOUGHFEE HALL SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER: 06/03/26

Dear Parents,

What a delightful class assembly Year 1 put on for us this morning; it was lovely to see their confidence and joy in their performance. Mother's Day is a topic close to all of our hearts and Year 1 certainly did their Mummies proud today.

We had a wonderful time celebrating World Book Day in school this week. Thank you for your support in providing the children with such wonderful costumes; they all looked incredible! The activities in school were really enjoyed by everyone – especially the guest reader visits from other teachers. Thank you everyone for making reading such a focus in school.

With the first signs of Spring now appearing, and the weather beginning to warm up, I wish you all a lovely weekend.

KINDERGARTEN



This week we've been reading 'Rumble in the Jungle' in Kindergarten, and some of the animals seem to have escaped from the book and come into our classroom! On Monday morning, we identified lion 🦁 footprints on the floor. We measured them, took photos and learned some facts about lions in case it came back. On Wednesday there were different footprints. We still counted 4 toes, but these were a different shape and we found out they were from an alligator. 🐊

We looked on the map to see where alligators come from and learned a little more about them. On Thursday were the biggest footprints of all! We eventually discovered they were from a giraffe. 🦒



RECEPTION

Our World Book Day Mystery!



What an exciting and mysterious week we had in Reception as we celebrated World Book Day! When the children arrived at school, they discovered something very unusual - a **crime scene** in our classroom. Our books had gone missing! The children quickly became detectives and began searching for clues to help solve the mystery. As part of our current topic, "Fur, Feathers and Fangs," we discovered some mysterious fur that may have been left behind by the culprit. The



children carefully examined the fur, purple prickles and green goo talked about how it felt and decided it must have come from the Gruffalo!



Later in the day the EYFS staff performed a fantastic retelling of the story of The Three Little Pigs. The children loved watching the story come to life, especially when the Big Bad Wolf fell down the chimney and burnt his bottom! We also enjoyed a special guest story time from Mrs White, who visited our class to share her favourite story with us.



The mystery continued later in the week when the children arrived to find a snakeskin in our classroom! We had lots of fun investigating it closely. The children gently touched the skin and worked together to think of interesting adjectives to describe how it

felt and looked. We used words such as *smooth*, *bumpy*, *scaly*, *crinkly* and *shiny*. It has been a fantastic week full of stories, drama, investigation and curiosity. The children have shown wonderful imagination and enthusiasm as they explored clues, asked questions and developed their vocabulary. We are very proud of our brilliant Reception detectives! 🕵️ Thank you for your continued support.



YEAR 1



Year 1 have had an amazing week! They have been working very hard on their class assembly about Mother's Day and the children loved taking part in it. The class learnt all their lines and they sang so beautifully. It was lovely to see how proud the children were of themselves. Well done Year 1! In English, the children were shocked to discover that Paddington had gone missing! As a class we discussed what we could do and the children decided to make a 'missing' poster to find him. They wrote about :



Paddington's appearance, his personality and the things he likes. The posters look magnificent and the children made sure to include all their writing techniques in their work.

In maths, we have been continuing with our topic of place value. We have been exploring numbers to 50 and this week we have been focusing on using a number line to 50. The children have also been using different resources such as Dienes to represent numbers and they have also been partitioning two-digit numbers into tens and ones.



YEAR 2



Year 2 have had another busy and exciting week of learning!

In Maths, the children have continued their fun and practical sessions on measuring. They have been using rulers and metre sticks to measure in centimetres and metres and have been working hard to use mathematical vocabulary such as longer, shorter and equal. It has been wonderful to see their confidence growing as they apply these skills in practical activities.



In English, we have continued our work on the text 'Meerkat Mail'. This week there was great excitement when Sunny suddenly "visited" the children's homes! The children used their imaginations brilliantly to write detailed accounts about what happened when Sunny came to stay. We were so impressed with their creativity and enthusiasm.



In PSHE, the children took part in an important session about relaxation and wellbeing. They explored what can make us feel stressed and discussed different ways we can relax. It was lovely to see them sharing their ideas and recognising that we all relax in different ways.



On Thursday, we completed our science topic on materials with a fantastic experiment. The children investigated which material would best protect Humpty Dumpty. They carefully considered which materials would keep him comfortable while also offering the best protection. There was lots of thoughtful discussion and teamwork throughout!

We are very much looking forward to our visit to the Florence Nightingale Museum, The Great Fire of London monument and St Paul's Cathedral in London on Saturday. We cannot wait to tell you all about our adventures next week!



YEAR 3



This week, Year 3 had a fantastic time celebrating World Book Day. From dressing up as their favourite characters to dropping everything to read and sharing stories with friends, it was a day full of fun, creativity and imagination. The children enjoyed talking about their favourite books and authors and it was wonderful to see their enthusiasm for reading.

In English, the children have been busy researching and writing non-chronological reports about fascinating rainforest animals. They explored the different layers of the rainforest and discovered which creatures live in each one. The class was particularly interested in

learning about the animals' unique adaptations and how these help them survive in such a diverse environment.

In Maths, we tackled the tricky topic of unit and non-unit fractions, learning how to compare them and put them in order. Year 3 also took part in a fractions hunt, searching for fractions hidden all around our classroom and playground – and we found them everywhere! From half-stacked books on the shelf in the library to the fraction of a pencil remaining, we realised that fractions aren't just in our books – they are all around us in everyday life.

In Forest School, the children began learning about plants and the conditions they need to grow well. We discussed sunlight, water and soil and the children had the opportunity to get hands-on by creating seed bombs to plant around the school garden. They also planted beans in jars so we can observe how plants grow over time back in the classroom.



In Geography, we travelled through the different layers of the rainforest, learning about the animals and plants that live in each one. The children were fascinated by how each layer provides a unique habitat and how many species depend on the rainforest to survive.

All in all, it was a lovely week filled with excitement, curiosity, fun and plenty of learning!



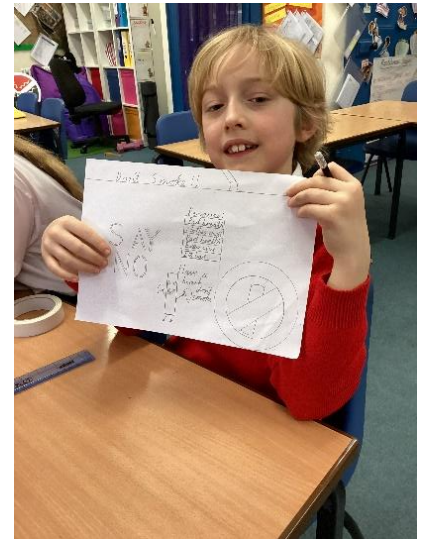
YEAR 4

Mathematics

This week in Maths, we have been mastering how to convert between improper fractions and mixed numbers. The children have worked hard to deepen their understanding by using visual models and explaining how the whole numbers and fractional parts are connected. We have been challenging ourselves with reasoning and problem-solving questions, working in pairs to explain and justify our answers clearly, using full sentences. We have also moved on to equivalent fractions, exploring how different fractions can represent the same value. We will also begin adding and subtracting fractions with the same denominator, applying our knowledge of numerators and denominators to solve calculations accurately and confidently.

English

In English, we are continuing our learning based on *How to Train Your Dragon* and the children have worked incredibly hard to write a first-person narrative set in a dragon's nursery. In their writing, they carefully included prepositional phrases, fronted adverbials, parenthesis, figurative language and conjunctions to add detail and depth. The descriptions were vivid and imaginative - truly a joy to read aloud and share with peers. We have also generated a rich bank of vocabulary to support our descriptive writing, including personification, alliteration, similes and metaphors about dragons. This has helped us begin crafting powerful and engaging descriptive poems, full of dramatic imagery and ambitious language. The creativity shown has been fantastic to see!



PSHE

In PSHE, we have been exploring the different roles people take on within a group, such as leaders and followers. We have discussed how these roles can change depending on the situation and reflected on the role we each take in different scenarios - whether that is leading confidently, contributing ideas or supporting others to succeed. We have also been learning about the dangers of smoking and vaping as part of our *Healthy Me* topic in Jigsaw. We discussed how these substances can harm our bodies and why it is important to make healthy choices. The children showed great maturity during our discussions and were able to explain how smoking and vaping can affect the lungs, heart and overall wellbeing. To finish the lesson, the children designed their own anti-smoking posters, using powerful slogans and eye-catching designs to encourage others to make healthy choices.

YEAR 5



This week in Maths, the children have been exploring decimals, focusing on place value and understanding the value of each digit up to three decimal places. They have practised comparing and ordering decimals with increasing confidence. A highlight of the week was our outdoor learning session, where pupils worked collaboratively to physically order decimal numbers across the playground. They also embraced our stretching challenge questions, applying their reasoning skills and pushing their understanding even further.

In English, the class enjoyed learning the playground game Pok-A-Tok, also known as the Mayan ball game. Playing the game helped them understand its rules clearly before planning and drafting their own set of instructions for this game. It was wonderful to see



such enthusiasm and teamwork! In a dramatic twist, the team captain was (symbolically!) beheaded — which certainly captured everyone's attention and sparked excellent discussion.

In History, the children have been analysing a range of historical sources to deepen their understanding of the ancient Maya civilisation. They have begun exploring what the Maya contributed to the wider world, including their advancements in mathematics, writing and astronomy. Using evidence to support their ideas, pupils have been considering our key enquiry question: Should we really remember the Maya?



YEAR 6



What a fantastic week Year 6 has had as we celebrated World Book Day! It was truly wonderful to see so many amazing characters come to life. The creativity and enthusiasm of the children was inspiring, and it was a joy to see their love for reading. From 'dropping everything to read', to taking part in engaging quizzes, a fabulous retelling of *The Highwayman* by Mrs Patman, to designing their own front covers, we all had a fun-filled day. It's clear that the wonderful world of books has truly captured their imaginations!

In addition to our literary adventures, Year 6 has been

busy wrapping up their science topic on evolution. The children conducted a fair test to investigate 'bird beaks', inspired by Charles Darwin's studies in the Galapagos Islands. They explored how different beak shapes can affect a bird's ability to find food. We're currently analysing the findings and drawing our conclusions, which have led to some fascinating discussions about adaptation and survival in the natural world.



Looking ahead, we're excited to dive into our next topic: the circulatory system. The children will learn about how blood circulates through the body and the important role the heart plays in keeping us healthy. We can't wait to see their enthusiasm as they explore this vital system!



Year 6 has been making great strides in their math learning, particularly in algebra. The students have been solving tricky equations and using formulae and it's fantastic to see their confidence grow in this area. They've tackled some challenging problems and they will soon be developing their knowledge of decimals and percentages. Well done, Year 6.

LANGUAGES

This week in Spanish has been another busy and enjoyable one across the school, with pupils showing great enthusiasm for learning and using new vocabulary.

Reception had lots of fun going on a bear hunt, reinforcing their number knowledge as they counted together in Spanish. The children practised their numbers while searching for the bears and were excited to use Spanish naturally through play and exploration.

In Infants, some classes learnt new songs and thoroughly enjoyed performing them together. Singing is a great way to build confidence with pronunciation and rhythm, and it was wonderful to hear pupils joining in with key words and phrases. Other classes combined language learning with maths, solving problems in Spanish and even creating their own questions for friends to answer.

In Juniors, pupils have continued developing their yoga sequences, practising how to give clear instructions in Spanish. They have also been learning vocabulary for clothing, including *la camiseta*, *los pantalones*, *el vestido* and *los zapatos*. Alongside this, pupils explored Spanish food culture, learning about *las tapas* — the small dishes often shared in Spain — and discussing foods such as *la tortilla* and *las patatas bravas*.

Finally, a reminder about our Language Ambassadors' poster competition for Junior pupils. The challenge is to design a poster that represents France and all things French. Please give completed posters to one of the Language Ambassadors or directly to me by Monday 17th March. We are looking forward to seeing your creative ideas — *bonne chance à tous!*



YEAR 1 PARENTS

We are very keen to develop independence in our Year 1 children, encouraging them to come into school by themselves and organise their own belongings in the mornings. We would like to ask for parent support in encouraging the children to start walking into the infant block in the morning on their own to help them develop these skills ready for Year 2. As always, if you have any concerns or wish to discuss anything, our door is very much open. Thank you for your support.

KIDS CLUB – KEY FOB ACCESS ENTRY AND EXIT

We kindly remind all parents dropping off and collecting their children from Kids' Club to use their key fobs for entering and exiting the school. In line with our safeguarding procedures, parents are not permitted to access the main school building unaccompanied. Thank you for your understanding and support.

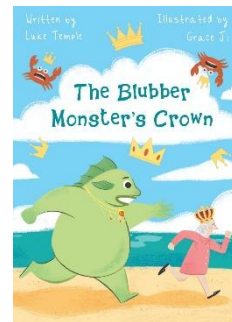
VISITING AUTHOR IN SCHOOL

We are excited to announce that on 18th March, the children's author Luke Temple will be visiting the school. Luke will spend the day in school with us and work with all children from Reception to Year 6.



The following day, Thursday 19th March, Luke will be back in school for book signing event, where the children will have the opportunity to purchase signed copies of his books. Details of this will be sent out nearer the time. If your child would like to find out more about Luke and his work, please feel free to explore his website together:

<https://luketemple.co.uk/>



SPORTS NEWS

Copthill Cross Country Event 4.03.2026



Some of our Junior children took part in a Cross-Country event this week at Copthill School. The weather was a little cool, but ideal conditions for running, although a little sticky underfoot. There were approximately ten schools taking part over the U9 and U11 age groups, with up to seventy runners in those races. For some of our children it was the first outing of this kind and so they were excited about the course; it really is a typical cross-country course with some fairly tough terrain and a combination of inclines and declines and wooded areas.

All our children worked hard to pace themselves and judge the distance they had to run. There were some very strong runners on the day, and all our children did exceptionally well, we were very proud of them all! Well done everyone, no medals this time but a big pat on the back for a great effort!

Thank you, parents, for helping with transportation and for your support on the day.



ECO CLUB

Eco Club have an excellent start to the term making and creating Mother's Day Cards using recycled parts of an egg box. We also spent some time planting seeds and seed potatoes – it's definitely feeling like spring!

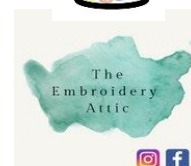


SCHOOL STATIONERY SHOP –

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.

PTFA MOTHER'S DAY POSTER – (see the attached details)
DEADLINE FOR ALL ORDERS TUESDAY 10TH MARCH.

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

The shop will be open next **Monday, 9th 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:

- **Friday 20th March – Family Bingo night – 6pm – 8pm (see the attached details)**



REMINDERS FOR NEXT WEEK:

TUESDAY 10TH MARCH – KINDERGARTEN & RECEPTION VISIT TO THE BAYTREE OWL CENTRE

- Reception – 9am – 11:30am
- Kindergarten – 1:15pm – 2:45pm

TUESDAY 10TH MARCH – PARENTS' EVENING – 15:30PM – 17:30PM – *If you require kids club please ensure you have completed the form or contacted the School Office.*

The following after school clubs will be cancelled due to Parents' Evening taking place on Tuesday 10th March and Thursday 12th March:

Tuesday clubs to be cancelled on 10th March:

- Infant Crafts
- Infant Singing
- Eco club

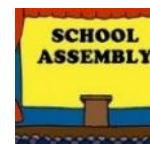
Thursday clubs to be cancelled on 12th March :

- Infant games
- Chess club
- Art club

Please note the above will be the only clubs that will be cancelled.

THURSDAY 12TH MARCH – PARENTS' EVENING – 18:00PM – 20:00PM

FRIDAY 13TH MARCH – RECEPTION CLASS ASSEMBLY – PARENTS INVITED TO JOIN.



FRIDAY 13TH MARCH – ALL MOTHER'S DAY GIFTS SENT HOME WITH CHILDREN

Dates for Your Diary

MARCH

Mon 9 th	Parents' Evening Week
Tues 10 th	Reception visit to Baytree Owl Centre – 9am – 11:30am Kindergarten visit to Baytree Owl Centre – 1:15pm – 2:45pm 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 gifts sent home with pupils Fixture: Away – Hockey at Surfleet – starts at 3:45pm
Mon 16 th	Clubs finish at the end of this week Summer Clubs bookings open at 10am via ParentMail
Tues 17 th	Vets in school visit to Kindergarten and Reception Class – 11am
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> Summer Clubs bookings close at 3pm
Mon 23 rd	Music lessons finish this week Year 5 Mayan Day – pupils come dressed in Mayan costumes. Governors Meeting – 5:15pm Infant Interhouse – Y1 and Y2 pupils will need PE kit and house t-shirts in school
Tues 24 th	Easter Assembly – starts 9am – Parents welcome Year 5 Mayan restaurant evening – 6pm – 8pm (details sent out via ParentMail)
Wed 25 th	House Event – Year 1 to Year 6 – pupils wear house t-shirts over uniform Fixture: Away – U9 Football at St Hugh's – starts 2:15pm
Thurs 26 th	Year 6 outing to Easter Cracked – Spalding Baptist Church Junior Interhouse cross country – junior pupils will need PE kit and house t-shirts in school
Fri 27 th	AHS has Talent event - 2pm performance (details sent out via ParentMail) Non-uniform Day - £1 donation to a charity of school councils choice Second hand book sale – breaktime / lunchtime Last day of term

STARS OF THE WEEK

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



Kindergarten: Vesna

Reception: Wyatt

Year 1: Elizabeth

Year 2: Carter

Year 3: Matthew

Year 4: Joshua

Year 5: Albie

Year 6: Teddy F

Kindness Awards: Lauchlan (Infant) Olivia (Junior)

Headteachers Award: Year 1

Golden Dustpan Award: Year 2

Lunchtime Award: Year 5

We have the following birthdays next week:

8th March – Oscar D. and Chloe N.

11th March – Theo

Best wishes,

Mrs Wright