



AYSCOUGH FEE HALL SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER: 13/03/26

Dear Parents,

It has been a busy week in school, with visits out for our youngest children and our annual cross-country inter-schools' event for the Juniors. Kindergarten and Reception had a wonderful time at Baytree Owl centre this week, meeting lots of feathered friends and visiting the shop. The opportunity to travel there in the minibus was also very exciting!

The cross-country on Wednesday afternoon was a wonderful event with the children representing the school beautifully. Well done to all of you who took part, including our Year 6 marshals, and thanks go to Miss Lawniczak and Mr Hutton for organising and running the event.

Finally, we had the lovely treat of another class assembly this morning. I have to say that our Reception children put on a fantastic performance. Their loud, clear voices really rang out in the big hall and they knew all their words off by heart. It was great to hear all about what they have been learning this term – Mrs Patman certainly does keep them busy! Well done Reception, you should all be very proud of your fantastic assembly.

KINDERGARTEN



Kindergarten enjoyed a wonderful visit to the Owl Centre at Baytree this week. We felt the whooshing air as a magnificent eagle owl flew right past our seats, which was very exciting! We also listened to the screeching call of the barn owl and loved watching Taco the caracara, who entertained us by running as well as flying while scavenging for food. During the visit we learned that owls with black eyes are nocturnal, while those with red eyes are diurnal, and that owls are carnivorous animals. A big thank you to Evie and Ben for such a fascinating and memorable afternoon.



RECEPTION



What an amazing week we have had in Reception as we continued our exciting topic "Fur, Feathers and Fangs." The children have been busy learning all about different animals, how they move, what they eat and the special features that help them survive in the wild.



Throughout the week, the children explored animals with fur, feathers and fangs, learning how these features help animals stay warm, fly, hunt and protect themselves. We read stories, looked at pictures, shared our favourite animals and had lots of wonderful discussions. The children showed great curiosity and asked some fantastic questions about the animal world.

The highlight of our week was our visit to the Owl Centre at Baytree Garden Centre. The children were very excited to see so many amazing birds up close. We learned interesting facts about owls and other birds of prey, including how they hunt and what they eat. One of the most memorable moments was watching the Red-legged Seriema, who entertained us with a fascinating demonstration of how it would deal with a snake in the wild. The children were amazed to see how this bird uses its clever hunting skills to protect itself and find food. The trip was a wonderful learning experience and the children represented the school beautifully. They listened carefully, asked thoughtful questions and showed great enthusiasm throughout the visit.



Well done Reception for such a fantastic week of learning! We are very proud of your curiosity, kindness and excitement for discovering new things about the animal world.



YEAR 1



Year 1 have had another fun and fantastic week! The children have been continuing to explore their history topic of 'The History of Schools' and they were very excited to have a special visitor come into school. Mrs Chester came into our class to talk to the children about the history of our school and she showed the children lots of pictures of how Ayscoughfee Hall School use to look. Then the children were history detectives and went around the school to see if they

could find any of the historical features that they saw in the photographs. A big thank you to Mrs Chester for spending the afternoon with Year 1, they all had so much fun being history detectives!



In maths we have been focusing on our topic of height and length. As a class we discussed how we could measure different objects and what we could use to do this. The children had a lot of fun using the building blocks to measure their own height and length. They all worked well as a team and it was lovely to hear the children use our key vocabulary when completing the task. Well done Year 1!





YEAR 2



Last Saturday, Year 2 met Mrs Jeffries, Mrs Wright and Mrs Chester in London for a very exciting day. Our first stop was the Florence Nightingale Museum. Florence Nightingale herself appeared to retell the story of her life and the incredible achievements she made while working in hospitals in Turkey during the Crimean War. The children were fascinated to recap what they had learnt; all about her important work and how she helped improve hospital care. Afterwards, we enjoyed some lunch before jumping on the tube. For some of the children this was their very first time travelling on the underground, which made the experience even more exciting. We then visited the Monument to the Great Fire of London. The children were in awe of the impressive monument and recalled lots of the information they had learned previously back in class. Next, we walked down to the River Thames, where Mrs Chester explained how many people escaped the Great Fire by fleeing along the river. After that, we walked along Cheapside all the way to St Paul's Cathedral, where we finished our day with a great big cheer and a group photo. The adults were incredibly proud of the children. They walked a long distance, shared their knowledge confidently and showed exceptional behaviour throughout the day. It was a pleasure to spend such a wonderful day with them all.



Back in class this week, in English we have started exploring the text Kai and the Monkey King, which we will be using over the next couple of weeks. The children have been fascinated by some of the new vocabulary in the story. We spent time discussing the meanings of these words and the children will be trying to use them in their own writing and stories next week.

We also spent one afternoon working on a very special job for some very special people, who we hope will have a lovely Mother's Day this Sunday.



YEAR 3

What a fantastic week it's been in Year 3! Our budding poets took a trip (in their imaginations!) deep into the heart of the rainforest, creating stunning sensory poems that brought the jungle to life. From the "raindrops dripping gently from the dewy leaves" to the "raspy croak of a jumping frog", their words transported us straight to the Amazon.

In Geography, we have been learning about how plants adapt to survive in the rainforest. Using this knowledge, the children designed their own rainforest plants, thinking carefully about features such as large leaves for collecting sunlight and drip tips for coping with heavy rainfall.

In Art, we explored the quirky and imaginative work of Henri Rousseau and created our own vibrant jungle scenes inspired by his style. The children enjoyed experimenting with bold shapes, rich colours and layers of foliage to capture the mysterious feel of the rainforest.

Finally, some of our energetic superstars took part in a cross-country run! They showed fantastic stamina and determination throughout the race. We are all so proud of them!

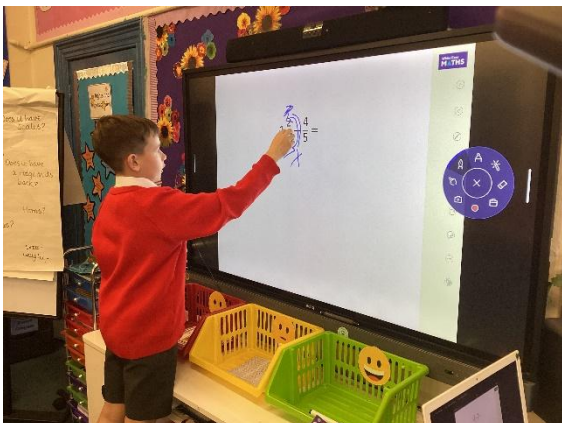


YEAR 4

English

In English this week, we have been exploring non-chronological reports. We read some excellent examples together and carefully analysed and annotated the texts to identify the key features such as headings, subheadings, factual language and technical vocabulary. After a thoughtful class discussion, we worked together to create a success criteria that will help us when writing our own reports.

To spark our imagination, Mrs Lane surprised us with a unique dragon egg each! The classroom was filled with excitement as we examined our eggs and began to imagine what type of dragon might hatch from them. We are now generating ideas and information about our own dragon creations, including their appearance, habitat, diet and special powers. Using this information, we will soon be writing our own detailed non-chronological reports about our unique dragons.



Maths

In Maths this week, we have been learning how to add and subtract fractions, mixed numbers and whole numbers. We have been working carefully to understand how fractions work and using our reasoning skills to explain our answers to our partners.

We have also been practising converting improper fractions into mixed numbers, and after lots of practice, we are now becoming real experts at this skill! Using our knowledge of division and times tables has helped us to confidently change improper fractions into mixed numbers and back again. The class has worked incredibly hard to explain their thinking and challenge themselves with different fraction problems.

PSHE

In PSHE this week, we have been learning about alcohol and the effects it can have on the human body. We began by completing a reading comprehension, where we discovered lots of interesting facts about alcohol and how it can affect the brain, liver and overall health.

We discussed why it is important to make healthy and safe choices and how alcohol can impact people's behaviour and decision making. To finish our learning, we used what we had discovered to design informative posters that shared key facts and encouraged others to understand the dangers of alcohol.

YEAR 5



In maths, the children have been focusing on fractions, decimals and percentages, and developing their understanding of how to convert between them. They have explored this particularly through fifths and quarters, applying their knowledge to a range of fluency, reasoning and problem-solving questions. The children have also been encouraged to represent their thinking visually by drawing out their ideas, helping them explain their reasoning clearly and deepen their understanding of how these concepts are connected.

In English, the children have been completing and editing the final drafts of their instructional writing based on the game Pok-A-Tok. They carefully edited their work to ensure their instructions were clear, well organised and engaging for the reader. Throughout this process, the children have been applying key grammatical features, including parenthesis, relative clauses and time adverbials, to improve the accuracy and detail of their writing while strengthening the overall structure of their final pieces.

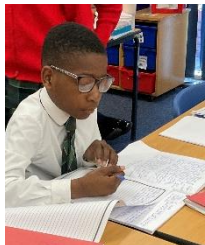


In the wider curriculum, the children have been designing persuasive leaflets encouraging people to visit Mexico. They researched interesting facts about the country, including its culture, landmarks and traditions and used this information to create convincing and informative writing. It was wonderful to see the children combine their research with creativity, producing some beautifully presented final pieces that included eye-catching artwork and carefully written persuasive language.



YEAR 6

It's been another busy week in Year 6, and the children have been working hard in all areas of the curriculum. In maths, the Year 6 children have been using their mathematical skills in our new topic of decimals. They've been diving deep into understanding place value within 1, rounding decimals and partitioning numbers. It's been wonderful to see their confidence grow as they tackle these concepts. To further support their learning, they've also been using Times Tables Rock Stars to help them with multiplying and dividing decimal numbers. A big well done to Year 6 for your dedication and effort – keep it up!



In English, the children have continued their work on biographies. They've been focusing on how to link sentences together effectively and have also been putting a lot of thought into their vocabulary choices and sentence structures.



In PHSE, we've been exploring ways to keep healthy and the children have really impressed with their thoughtful contributions to our discussions. They've shown a keen interest in understanding what it means to lead a healthy lifestyle. We'll be linking this learning with our science topic on the circulatory system, where we'll look at ways to keep our hearts and lungs healthy.

On Wednesday, the children were excellent ambassadors for our school in our AHS cross country event. Both the runners, and the children who were marshals, were incredibly supportive and encouraging to the other competitors - as always, Year 6, you made the staff extremely proud.

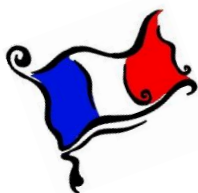
LANGUAGES

This week in Spanish lessons, pupils across the school have continued to develop their linguistic skills through a range of engaging and interactive activities.

In Infants, pupils have been consolidating their understanding of numbers and colours in Spanish through games, songs and structured role-play activities. These approaches support early language acquisition by encouraging pupils to practise key vocabulary such as *los números* and *los colores* in a meaningful and enjoyable context. It has been particularly pleasing to see the children using simple Spanish words and phrases with increasing confidence — *¡muy bien!*

In the Junior classes, pupils have been exploring their creative skills through a fashion design project. They have been learning to describe clothing and outfit choices in Spanish, applying vocabulary for clothes and colours while constructing simple sentences such as *llevo...*, *me gusta...* and *no me gusta...*. In addition, pupils have been introduced to elements of Spanish food culture, particularly *las tapas*, and have been developing their ability to express opinions about different foods and preferences.

Finally, this is a final reminder for the French poster competition organised by our Language Ambassadors. Junior pupils are invited to design a poster representing France and aspects of French culture. Please ensure that all entries are handed to a Language Ambassador or submitted to me before the deadline next Tuesday! Good Luck!



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.

SECOND HAND READING BOOKS NEEDED

Second hand reading books – if anyone has any old reading books at home that they would like to donate to the school council second handbook sale on Friday 27th March then please can you bring them to the Year 2 classroom.



CAREERS DAY – COMPLETE PARENTMAIL FORM

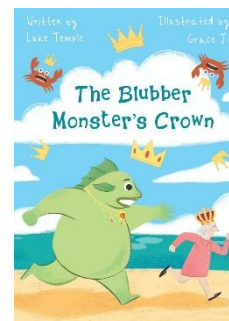
We are still in need of parents to come into school and talk to the junior children about their profession as part of our career's day on Tuesday 19th May. If there are any willing parents, then please complete the form on Parentmail or pop in and see Mrs Jeffries. We would very much appreciate all the support that we can get.

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

Ayscoughfee Hall School Cross Country Event Wednesday 11th March 2026



We hosted our Annual Cross-Country Event on Wednesday this week on the Grammar School fields across the road. There were four schools involved in the competition, St Hugh's, The Grantham Prep, The Peterborough School and us. We all competed over four races amongst the U9 and the U11 age groups and there were some very strong runners from all schools, which made for some great racing.

We came away with a bronze medal in the boys U9 race, well done Noah, and an U9 team first place trophy, well done to all the U9 boys. Some of our children who took part were running below age group and have another year next year, so all in, some great experience under their belts! Well done everyone, a great effort by all of you!

Thanks also go to our Year 6 marshals who did an incredible job helping the event run smoothly on the day, and to all our other adult helpers. Thank you all so very much!



SUMMER CLUBS – BOOKINGS OPEN MONDAY 16TH MARCH 10AM VIA PARENTMAIL FORMS

Today your children will be bringing home a copy of the Summer Term clubs and details for you to have a look over. The Club bookings will open **Monday 16th March at 10am** via ParentMail forms and will close next Friday, 20th March. This will enable teachers to get the clubs in the pupil school diaries for the last week of term and then parents will be able to see what clubs their children will be in when they start on Monday 27th April.

SCHOOL STATIONERY SHOP –

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



EXCITING NEWS - NEW WEBPAGE FOR THE EMBROIDERY ATTIC – SCHOOL UNIFORM SUPPLIER

Please note The Embroidery Attic (School Uniform Supplier) has a new webpage. All prices and items are up to date so if you need to order anything in future then please use this

link <https://the-embroidery-attic.myshopify.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 – (see the attached poster)

The shop will be open next **Monday, 11TH MAY– 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 FAMILY BINGO NIGHT

FRIDAY 20TH MARCH – 6PM TO 8PM (DOORS OPEN AT 5:45PM)

The PTFA invites you to join us for this fun family bingo night!

Play or watch, enjoy the company of family and friends, have fun and win some prizes.

£1 entry / £3 per book of 10 games.

Food and drinks available for purchase on the night.

Please remember to complete the form on Parentmail by Wednesday 18th March to confirm your place.



REMINDERS FOR NEXT WEEK:

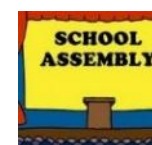
TUESDAY 17TH MARCH – KINDERGARTEN / RECEPTION VISIT FROM RIVERSIDE VETS – IN SCHOOL

WEDNESDAY 18TH MARCH – AUTHOR LUKE TEMPLE IN SCHOOL (BOOK SIGNING 19TH)

FRIDAY 20TH MARCH – KINDERGARTEN CLASS ASSEMBLY – PARENTS INVITED TO JOIN.

FRIDAY 20TH MARCH – RED NOSE DAY

We are raising money for Comic Relief next Friday 20th March. Children are to wear full school uniform along with any red nose items such as head boppers or a red nose or some funny/odd socks but please no hair dye. Please bring a £1.00 donation.



FRIDAY 20TH MARCH – PTFA FAMILY BINGO – (see details above)

Dates for Your Diary

MARCH

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 (see details above) <i>Class Assembly – Kindergarten – starts 9am – Parents welcome</i> PTFA Family Bingo – (see details above) 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: Elliott

Reception: Betty

Year 1: Vira

Year 2: Aaran

Year 3: Valentina

Year 4: George

Year 5: Afiyah

Year 6: Annabelle

Kindness Awards: James (Infant) Oliver (Junior)

Headteachers Award: Reception

Golden Dustpan Award: Year 6

Lunchtime Award: Year 1

We have the following birthdays next week:

22nd March – Arijus and Aubrie-Mae

Best wishes,

Mrs Wright