



AYSCOUGHFEE HALL SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER: 20/03/26

Dear Parents,

This morning Kindergarten gave us the last class assembly of the year, and what a fantastic job they did! It is incredible to see how a group of children aged 3 and 4 can show such confidence in front of a large audience. We all learned lots about 'animal magic' and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the performance. Well done Kindergarten, a show to be proud of! Thank you too, to all our wonderful teachers and teaching assistants who have worked with the children on all of the class assemblies this year; they have all been wonderful and I shall miss this lovely way to end the week.

Tonight, our PTFA are holding a bingo night to raise funds for the school. These are always lovely events and I hope to see many of you there.

Have a great weekend everyone.

KINDERGARTEN



This week in Kindergarten, we have continued exploring animals as part of our 'Fur, Feathers and Fangs' topic. The children had great fun creating their own owl babies through printing activities, as well as practising their counting skills with nocturnal animals. We were also very lucky to receive a visit from Riverside Vets, who taught us all about how to care for poorly animals. A highlight for everyone was meeting Rolo the friendly cocker spaniel!



The children continue to impress us with their phonics learning and have particularly enjoyed sorting objects by their initial sounds. Well done, Kindergarten, for another fantastic week of learning!



RECEPTION



We have had an interesting and exciting week of learning in Reception! Our drawing club book this week was *Giraffes Can't Dance* by Giles Andreae. The children really enjoyed the story and had great fun dancing different styles such as the Tango, Rock and Roll, and the Scottish Reel. We have learnt about the various carnivores, herbivores and omnivores that star in the story.



We have also been celebrating the National Year of Reading. Lots of guest readers have joined us to share their favourite stories with the children. A big thank you to all of our brave volunteers so far. If you haven't had a chance to come in yet, don't worry - there will be plenty of opportunities next term.



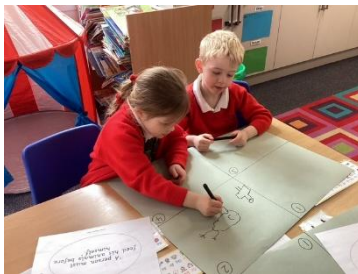
This week we also had a visit from Riverside vets, who taught us about the life of a vet and answered lots of the children's questions. The class really enjoyed learning about how vets help to care for animals, the various equipment they use and the kinds of things they treat animals for. A big thank you to them for coming to see us.



YEAR 1



Year 1 have been very busy this week! The children have been enjoying their swimming lessons and they have also been working very hard. The children have been continuing to learn our new phase 5 phonemes, and they have been able to practise writing the phonemes in different words and sentences. It has been lovely to see how resourceful all the children are becoming by using different resources such as our sound mats and they have also been using their new phonics learning across all areas of our curriculum.



In our RE topic 'Why should we care for the world?' the children have been discussing the meaning of stewardship and how this can be applied within religion. The children discussed the religions we have previously looked at and shared lots of our key vocabulary when talking about their ideas. The children worked together to sort images of living creatures into groups of why we should care for them and why we shouldn't care for them. The children then drew their own interpretation of quotes from Jewish and Christian scripture. All of the children worked very well together and it was lovely to see their great teamwork!



YEAR 2



This week in Year 2 has been full of hard work and enthusiasm!

In English, the children have thoroughly enjoyed exploring story ideas through role-play, inspired by Kai and the Monkey King. They used their imaginations to invent their own mythical creatures that were causing trouble in a forest village, before deciding how Kai would bravely defeat them. I was so impressed with the range of ideas and the effort put into their narrative writing—there have been some fantastic pieces of work produced!



In Maths, we have continued our learning about measuring. The children have been working with kilograms and grams to compare and calculate mass, as well as exploring volume and capacity using litres and millilitres. They have shown great confidence when solving problems and using the correct vocabulary.

In Geography, the class enjoyed sorting pictures and discussing the similarities between Beijing and London. They demonstrated thoughtful observations and are developing a good understanding of different places around the world.

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



YEAR 3



This week in class, the children have been busy exploring creativity, storytelling and some challenging new concepts across the curriculum. In Art, pupils completed their vibrant rainforest images inspired by the work of Henri Rousseau. They carefully combined painted elements with collage to create bold, layered landscapes, capturing the rich textures and striking visual effects that Rousseau was famous for. The results are wonderfully imaginative and full of life.

In English, we have begun an exciting new book based on a traditional South African tale about Noko, the African crested porcupine. Alongside enjoying the story, the children have been learning more about porcupines and developing their inference skills. They have been thinking deeply about what different animal characters might be feeling or thinking about Noko, using clues from the text to support their ideas.

In Maths, the focus has been on fractions of a set. This has been a challenging concept, but the children have shown great perseverance as they work towards a secure understanding of how to find fractions within groups of objects.

In Geography, pupils explored the importance of rainforests and why they need to be protected. They then applied their knowledge creatively by designing their own "Protect the Rainforest" T-shirts, combining powerful messages with eye-catching designs.

It has been a fantastic week of learning, with lots of creativity and enthusiasm.



YEAR 4

It has been another busy and exciting week in Year 4 with lots of fantastic learning taking place across the curriculum.

In Mathematics, we have started our Decimals learning block. The children have been exploring what decimals are and how they relate to fractions and place value. They have worked extremely hard to tackle a range of problem-solving and reasoning challenges, often working in pairs to discuss their thinking before attempting tasks independently. It has been wonderful to see the children supporting one another, explaining their methods and showing increasing confidence when approaching new mathematical concepts.

In English, the classroom has been filled with creativity as the children have begun writing their own dragon non-chronological reports. Last week, Mrs Lane surprised the class with mysterious dragon eggs which sparked lots of excitement and imaginative thinking! The children have designed their own unique dragons and are now writing detailed reports about them. They are carefully following our class success criteria, which includes using subheadings, fronted adverbials, conjunctions, adventurous adjectives, formal language, present tense and parenthesis to add extra information. It has been fantastic to see the children applying their writing skills and producing such detailed and imaginative pieces of work.



In History, we have been learning about the Viking timeline and exploring when the Vikings first arrived in Britain. The children enjoyed discovering where the Vikings travelled from and discussing why they chose to raid and settle in different parts of the country. We have also been looking at how the Vikings lived once they arrived, including their homes, daily life and settlements. The children showed great enthusiasm during our discussions and are beginning to build a clear understanding of this fascinating period in history. Well done to all of Year 4 for their continued enthusiasm, hard work and excellent teamwork this week. We are very proud of the effort they are putting into their learning!

YEAR 5

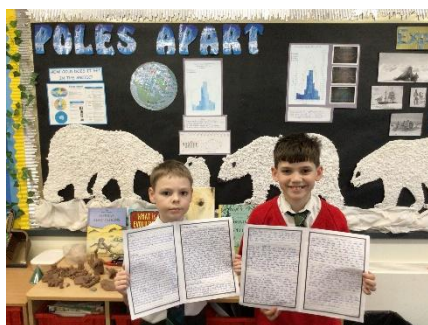
In maths this week, the children have been focusing on finding the area and perimeter of compound shapes. They have applied their times table knowledge to support their calculations, which has been essential in building both accuracy and confidence. Drawing out their ideas and breaking shapes into smaller, manageable parts has really helped deepen their understanding. It has been fantastic to see the children explaining their reasoning clearly and tackling increasingly challenging problems with resilience.

In English, the children have been drafting their own myth based on the Hero Twins. They have shown great creativity and enthusiasm, producing engaging pieces of writing. A strong focus has been placed on using a range of grammar techniques, including parentheses, relative clauses and varied sentence openers. The children have embraced the challenge of improving and refining their work, and it has been wonderful to see them taking pride in crafting detailed and imaginative narratives.

In our wider curriculum learning, the children have been exploring the four varnas and their roles within society. They have developed a clear understanding of how each group contributes and the importance of balance within a community. Alongside this, the children have reflected on these characteristics and qualities, considering how they contribute positively to society. These discussions have encouraged thoughtful reflection and meaningful connections to their own lives.



YEAR 6



It has been a busy time in Year 6 and the children have been working hard on their biographies. They have put in a tremendous effort to include all the key facts and have made sure to use formal language throughout. They should be proud of what they have accomplished!

In Science, we have started our new topic on the circulatory system. The children have been exploring the different parts of this vital system and learning how they transport oxygen and nutrients around the body. Next week, they'll dive deeper into understanding

the heart and its crucial role in keeping us healthy.

Over in Art, the children have been busy drawing their penguins and polar bears, focusing on getting the proportions just right. They've now started building the framework for their sculptures, ensuring that the dimensions are accurate and true to life. In History and Geography, the children have also been immersed in the polar regions; they've been learning about the history of polar exploration and the equipment used in those early expeditions. They have also discussed how climate change is impacting polar ice sheets. They are looking forward to Monday, when they will find out about modern-day scientists and explorers as part of our Arctic Day!



In RE, we have been enhancing our understanding of the Hindu faith. The children have been looking at how various communities practice their religion right here in the UK and it has been fantastic to see them drawing upon their knowledge from our Indian Day at the beginning of September.

Well done, Year 6 – another busy week.

LANGUAGES

This week in Spanish, pupils across the school have continued to build their language skills through engaging and meaningful activities.

In Infants, pupils have been learning about dinosaurs and habitats, while continuing to practise their knowledge of colours in Spanish. Through a range of interactive tasks, they have been developing their vocabulary in a fun and supportive environment — *¡muy bien hecho!* It has been wonderful to see their confidence growing as they describe different dinosaurs and their surroundings.

A particular highlight this week was in Year 4, where pupils presented their yoga sequences in Spanish. They demonstrated excellent use of instructional language while guiding their peers through the movements, resulting in some wonderfully calm and *muy tranquilo* sessions.

In Years 5 and 6, pupils have been creating Easter cards for our penpals in Trévoux. Their cards, featuring the message "*Joyeuses Pâques*", look fantastic and reflect a high level of care and creativity. We look forward to sharing these with our partner school!



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.

CAREERS DAY

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.

SPORTS NEWS



Spalding Schools Hockey Tournament 4 13.02.26

A good evening of hockey was had by all that attended. Our B team managed by Mrs Godderidge had four closely competed games. The players had spells of good passages of play and deserved more goals than they actually scored, unluckily missing numerous chances.

The A team captained by Ted had three very tough games. Our players worked

hard as a close nit team winning two and drawing one. Theo scored some excellent individual goals and all players supported each other throughout the matches producing their best performances to date. Well done to those that took part and thanks go to the excellent support pitch side.



U10 U11 Football v The Peterborough School 18.03.26

It was warm and sunny as we welcomed the two Peterborough teams. Our U10'S had the upper hand throughout their game maintaining most of the possession playing some lovely flowing football, captained by Isaac. Isaac also was awarded player of the match. The team worked hard together and deservedly won 4-3. On the adjacent pitch the U11's had a tough game against a very determined opposition. Play was end to end and we missed two chances

with the ball ricocheting off the upright. Scoring was even throughout and, on the whistle, it ended 2-2. Rupert was player of the match for his outstanding saves; Ted captained the team. All of our players gave their full effort and represented the school with good sportsmanship. Well done to the 14 and thanks go to the parents that supported the fixture.



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)

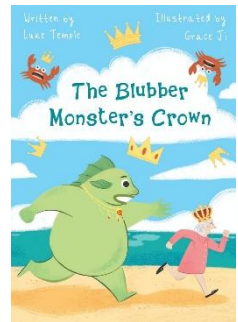
The shop will be open next **Monday, 11TH MAY– 3pm to 4.30pm**. If you are unable to make either of these dates you can arrange an appointment by emailing PTFA@ahs.me.uk.

RESCHEDULED VISIT – CHILDREN’S AUTHOR - LUKE TEMPLE

We have had to reschedule the children’s author(Luke Temple) visit this week due to illness. He will now be visiting Ayscoughfee on Wednesday 22nd April. Luke will spend the day in school with us and work with all children from Reception to Year 6.



The following day, Thursday 23rd April, 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/>



REMINDERS FOR NEXT WEEK:

MONDAY 23RD MARCH

– INFANT INTERHOUSE

Year 1 and Year 2 pupils need PE kit in school along with house t-shirt.

- YEAR 5 MAYAN DAY

Year 5 will be holding a Mayan Day to enhance their learning about the culture and way of life of this fascinating civilisation. The children will take part in a range of exciting activities and, to help bring the experience to life, we would like them to come dressed in Mayan-inspired clothing.

- YEAR 6 POLAR DAY

Next Monday, 23rd March, Year 6 will be taking part in an Arctic day where we will be looking at the life of an Arctic explorer and what it is like to live in this extreme climate. During the day, we will be taking part in lots of fun, practical and informative activities and we ask that the children come dressed in their own clothes - these need to be warm and suitable for outdoor activities. If possible, we would also like the children to bring in a pair of thick gloves, two pairs if you have them, as these will be required for some of the tasks.

As part of our day, we will also be making food for explorers and might even manage to sample a warming cup of hot chocolate – a must for every polar expedition!

(The children will still require their normal packed lunch/ school dinner.) Please let the school know if there are any dietary requirements that we are not aware of.

TUESDAY 24TH MARCH

- **EASTER ASSEMBLY - starts 9am in the School Hall. Parents welcome.**
- **MAYAN RESTAURANT**

On Tuesday 24th March, Year 5 will be hosting a Mayan Restaurant Evening to celebrate the success of this term's topic. The children will prepare and serve a three-course, meat-free Mexican meal for parents and carers. Please note that children will need to arrive at 6:00pm to allow time to set up and prepare. Parents are invited to enjoy pre-dinner drinks from 6:00pm, with the meal commencing at 6:30pm. The evening will conclude at approximately 8:00pm.



WEDNESDAY 25TH MARCH

- **HOUSE DAY IN SCHOOL**

On Wednesday 25th March the whole school will once again be coming together for our second 'House Day' of this academic year. All children from Kindergarten to Year 6 will be involved and will enjoy a day filled with lots of exciting activities with the other children and adults in their 'house'. **Children from Year 1 to Year 6 can wear their house T-shirt with their school uniform. Kindergarten and reception will wear just usual school uniform** and will be given a sticker to represent their house colour. The theme for this house day is 'what do our houses mean?' so the children will be finding out all about the meanings of their house; Romans, Normans, Saxons and Vikings. At the end of the day the whole school will come together to share the activities that they have been doing throughout the day.

THURSDAY 26TH MARCH

- **JUNIOR INTERHOUSE**

All junior pupils will need PE kit in school along with house t-shirts.

- **YEAR 6 OUTING TO EASTER CRACKED AT SPALDING BAPTIST CHURCH**
- **YEAR 2 OUTING TO CRYSTAL INN – LUNCHTIME**

As part of our China topic for this term I have organised a visit to The Crystal Inn, a local Chinese restaurant. This will enable the children to get a wonderful experience tasting a variety of food. This will include chicken chow mein, smoked chicken, spring rolls, sweet and sour sauce and some prawn crackers. We will be going to the restaurant for lunch on Thursday 26th March at 12 noon. As we will be there over lunchtime the children will not need to bring any packed lunch or order a hot meal at school on this day. If you are unsure whether your child will eat a sufficient amount at the restaurant then please feel free to send something in with them that they can nibble on when we get back to school at about 1.20pm.



FRIDAY 27TH MARCH

- **AYSCOUGH FEE HAS TALENT / NON-UNIFORM DAY (£1 DONATION)**

Non-Uniform Day

The school council have been very busy planning an exciting day for the last day of this term, Friday 27th March. It has been decided that this day will be a non-uniform day for the whole school for a £1.00 donation to a charity chosen by the school council from suggestions made from all the classes.

Second hand book stall – break time / lunch time

At break time and lunch time the school council will be holding a second hand book stall. The children will be able to purchase a book for a small charge ranging from 50p to £2.00. If anyone would like to donate any books for the school council to sell then please can you bring them to Mrs Jeffries' classroom. All money made will go towards purchasing new toys and activities for the games trolley that is used in the summer term on the playground by the whole school.



AHS HAS TALENT EVENT – YEAR 1 TO YEAR 6

Finally, in the afternoon we will be holding a very special AHS has Talent event.



Dates for Your Diary

MARCH

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 (see details above.)
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

APRIL

Mon 20 th	Inset training day
Tues 21 st	First Day of term – Music lessons start Bikeability Year 6 (Year 6 will need to have bikes in school all week)
Wed 22 nd	Rescheduled date: Luke Temple – Author – visit to work with Reception to Year 6 pupils in school Home Fixture: U9 & U11 Cricket at AHS against Grantham Prep / 2.15pm start Bikeability Year 6
Thurs 23 rd	Rescheduled date: Book signing – after school – Author Luke Temple
Fri 24 th	Bikeability Year 6

STARS OF THE WEEK

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



Kindergarten: Fergus

Reception: Zak

Year 1: Rupert

Year 2: Evie

Year 3: Iris

Year 4: Dacey

Year 5: Edith

Year 6: Libby

Kindness Awards: Aubrie-Mae (Infant) Benjamin (Junior)

Headteachers Award: Kindergarten

Golden Dustpan Award: Reception

Lunchtime Award: Year 2

We have the following birthdays next week:

23rd March – Sebastian

29th March – Mrs Forster

31st March – Tendekai

4th April – Chloe, Romily and Mr Roberts

6th April – Ronnie

8th April – Dacey

10th April – Arlo

11th April – Mr Clark

12th April - Fergus

13th April - Rocco

20th April – Teddie and Zara-Maria

21st April - Rollo

22nd April – Elizabeth F.

23rd April - Rhea

24th April - Zak

Best wishes,

Mrs Wright