



AYSCOUGH FEE HALL SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER: 27/03/26

Dear Parents,

We have come to the end of our Spring term and it really does seem to have flown by! It has certainly been a busy one, with the last week in particular packed with events. Firstly, I would like to say well done and thank you to our wonderful Year 5 children, who put on the most fantastic Mexican Food Night for their parents on Tuesday. The children really were exemplary in all aspects of their input – from preparing the food, serving it to their guests and doing the washing up afterwards! You should be very proud of yourselves Year 5. Thanks too to Mr Roberts and Mrs Godderidge for all their hard work with cooking and organisation.

We have enjoyed several sporting events this week, including our Infant Interhouse Easter Games and Junior Cross Country events. Thank you to Mr Hutton and Miss Lawniczak for organising these.

Finally, our School Council and Mrs Jeffries have been very hard at work putting together our 'School Council Day' today. Thank you to everyone for the donation of books for the book sale and we are all looking forward to the grand final of AHS has talent this afternoon.

I hope you all have a wonderful Easter and look forward to welcoming everyone back for the summer term.

SAXONS



We had a fantastic whole-school House Day learning about the meaning behind our house, Saxons. The children were very excited to learn all about Saxon life. They explored how place names from Saxon times still exist today, discovering that “-ing” means “the people of” and “-borough / -bury” refers to a town or fort. This helped them understand how language can give us clues about the past.



Throughout the day, the children worked collaboratively in mixed-age groups and took part in a range of creative activities. They built impressive Saxon houses with thatched roofs, designed crowns and shields ready for battle and even tried their hand at rune writing. To finish the day, they learned a chant to reflect the bold and brave spirit of the Saxons.

Well done to all the children for working so hard and showing such enthusiasm. It was wonderful to see pupils from across the school coming together, supporting one another and enjoying their learning.



ROMANS



What a fantastic day we've had learning about the Romans! Our House really embraced the chance to dive into the history of their namesakes, exploring the expansion of the Roman Empire and the incredible legacy it has left behind. The children have been working incredibly hard to understand what life was like for the Romans in Britain. They started the day by creating stunning mosaics – from Roman soldiers to beautiful flowers and impressive sun designs, the children's creations would have been a showstopper in any Roman villa. They also made delicious honey biscuits, which would be perfect for any Roman banquet and would have certainly sustained a marching legion. A necessity for any invader, the children made shields for their legions; they really impressed us with their teamwork and creativity! Once the shields were ready, they learned about the highly effective formations used by Roman soldiers. From the tortoise formation to the oval, they practised marching in sync, and with their catchy song, 'Sin-dex Swing', they demonstrated just how a formidable opponent the Roman army would have been. To top off the day, the children crafted their own crowns, fit for any Roman emperor visiting the amphitheatre or forum and learnt all about the legacy the Romans left in a game of 'Roman, not Roman'. What made the day even more special was seeing our older pupils supporting the younger members of our school community. It's wonderful to witness such kindness and encouragement among the children.



As always, the Romans have made their teachers very proud, showcasing not only their creativity and hard work but also their ability to collaborate and support one another. We can't wait to see what else they'll achieve as they continue their journey through history!



NORMANS



Build it strong with stone so tall,
Normans rise - we conquer all!
Castles, courage, we stand proud,
Norman House - shout it loud!

Norman House had a fantastic and enriching House Day, filled with creativity, curiosity and practical learning. The children immersed themselves in history as they discovered who the Normans were, where they came from and learned about their famous leader, William the Conqueror.

The day was packed with exciting activities. The children designed and built impressive boats, fit for a fleet that would have made William the Conqueror proud! Their creativity and teamwork were truly on display.

One of the highlights of the day was the creation of a stunning version of the Bayeux Tapestry. The children worked collaboratively to illustrate the key events of the Norman invasion, producing a detailed and vibrant piece of artwork that captured the story beautifully.

At the end of the day, a special treat was enjoyed by all, thanks to Mrs Godderidge, who kindly made sweet balls, following a Norman recipe.



A big thank you to everyone who contributed to making Norman House Day such a success. It was a wonderful celebration of learning, creativity and teamwork - well done, Norman House!



VIKINGS



Our Viking House Day was a fantastic celebration of learning and teamwork, as students from all year groups came together to explore the fascinating world of the Vikings. It was wonderful to see such a mix of ages collaborating, sharing ideas and supporting one another throughout the day. The focus of the day was discovering who the Vikings were and where they came from. Students engaged enthusiastically with the topic, building their understanding through a range of creative and hands-on activities. We were all surprised to learn that mud, dirt and egg are all Viking words that we still use today and that Vikings did not wear horned hats!

Our favourite activity was definitely making Viking bread, following the recipe, stirring, measuring and kneading were all vital skills but the best part was trying the bread fresh from the oven with some delicious honey.

Another highlight was our brooch-making workshop. Using recycled materials, string and foil, students designed and created their own Viking-inspired brooches. These pieces were influenced by traditional Viking patterns and represented the jewellery and treasures that Vikings were known to wear using materials they had acquired during their raids. The creativity and effort on display were truly impressive and each brooch was unique.

Overall, the day was a great success, combining historical learning with creativity and collaboration. It was especially rewarding to see students of all ages working so well together and taking pride in their creations.



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.

SPORTS NEWS

Y3 Y4 Football v St Hughs and The Grantham Prep School

Our two teams were keen to get started on their arrival at St Hugh's. The Year 3s had a tentative start going down 0-1 in the first quarter, in the second quarter confidence grew and the score didn't alter. In the 3rd quarter our team got into the flow of things, and we scored a hard earned goal levelling the game 1-1. The game sprang to life in the final quarter, and we scored 5 fast flowing goals with only one scored in reply. A final score AHS 6 – 2 St Hugh's. Laith captained the team and was awarded player of the match. On the other pitch our Year 4s played in a triangular fixture against St Hugh's and The Grantham Prep School. We went into the first game with a positive and attacking drive from the start. The football flowed with good teamwork and a result which reflected this, a strong 5-0 win. In the second match Grantham caught us off-guard and on the backfoot, our play was slightly disjointed and chances weren't taken. We lost 2-0. Grantham replayed us in an extra match as time was available and our team flicked the switch and were again playing forward attacking football giving us another 5-0 win. Well done to our players and thanks go to the parents who supported the teams.



INTERHOUSE CROSS COUNTRY– YEAR 3, 4, 5 & 6.

Well done to all the children who took part in our Junior Inter-house Cross Country Event on Thursday afternoon this week. The U9 girls began the event with the first race, they set the standards high by running with determination and effort and set the tone for the afternoon. Our U9 boys had a flying start and soon began to settle into their own pace, all showing lots of perseverance. The U11 girls produced some excellent times, with many personal bests, as did the U11 boys which was a fantastically competitive race. In fact, we had numerous personal best times from our junior children which really goes to show their commitment to improving and the extra support from the other children also helped encourage them to run quicker, very proud of them all.

U9 girls 1st place – Matilda U9 boys 1st place – Noah U11 girls 1st place - Florence U11 boys – Theo

Well done, we were very proud of you all!

Thanks to our House Captains Oliver, Theo, Henry, Lucy, for all their help with the afternoon events.

Overall Results

1st Vikings

2nd Saxons

3rd Romans

4th Normans



PLEASE NOTE SPORTS CALENDAR DATE : HOME FIXTURE U9/U11 CRICKET AGAINST GRANTHAM PREP HAS BEEN CANCELLED.

SCHOOL STATIONERY SHOP –

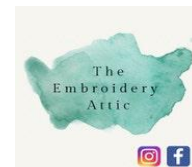
The school stationery shop will be open during breaktimes every Thursday for pupils to purchase pens, pencils etc.



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)

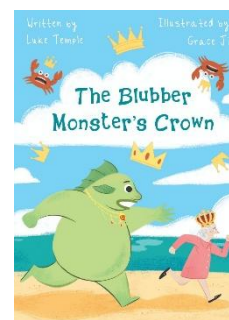
The shop will be open next **Monday, 11TH MAY– 3pm to 4.30pm**. If you are unable to make either of these dates you can arrange an appointment by emailing PTFA@ahs.me.uk.

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 WEEK COMMENCING 20TH APRIL 2026:

*MONDAY 20TH APRIL – INSET DAY – STAFF ONLY

*TUESDAY 21ST APRIL

YEAR 6 Bikeability (STARTS TUESDAY 21ST APRIL - FRIDAY 24TH APRIL 2026)

All Year 6 pupils will need their PE kit in school for the week.

The bikes can be left at school for the week if they are locked securely to the bike rack. I have attached the checklist reminder as the children will need their own bike, bike helmet and warm clothing whilst attending the sessions i.e. gloves, school tracksuit, school hoodie or school coat due to inclement weather conditions throughout the week. Any queries, please contact Mrs. Staples in the School Office.

Dates for Your Diary

APRIL	
Mon 20th	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
Mon 27 th	All Clubs start today
Tues 28 th	Year 5 and Year 6 – Mums and Dads Math sessions – 9:30am – 10:30am
Wed 29 th	Book Fair Home Fixture: U9 Cricket at AHS against St Hugh's / 2.15pm start
Thurs 30 th	Year 5 and Year 6 – Mums and Dads Math sessions – 9:30am – 10:30am
MAY	
Mon 4 th	Bank Holiday
Wed 6 th	Home Fixture: U9 & U10 Striking and Fielding against Grantham Prep / 2.15pm start
Mon 11 th	<i>Piano assembly – Miss Potter's pupils – starts 9am – Parents invited.</i> Escape room in school – Year 5 and Year 6 pupils (details to be sent on ParentMail) Governors Meeting – 5.15pm
Tues 12 th	<i>Singing/recorder/violin assembly – Miss Carr's pupils – starts 9am – Parents invited</i>
Wed 13 th	Away Fixture: U9 & U11 Cricket at St Hugh's / 2.15pm start
Thurs 14 th	Puberty workshops in school – Year 5 pupils only – 10am – 11:30am

STARS OF THE WEEK



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

Kindergarten: Reggie

Reception: Lorenzo

Year 1: Aubrie-Mae

Year 2: Milo

Year 3: Peter

Year 4: Isaac

Year 5: Rhea

Year 6: Zach

Kindness Awards: Harrison (Infant) James G (Junior)

Headteachers Award: Year 5

Golden Dustpan Award: Year 5

Lunchtime Award: Year 5

Best wishes,

Mrs Wright