



AYSCOUGHFEE HALL SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER: 24/04/26

Dear Parents,

It was lovely to welcome the children back this week for our summer term. It was also very nice to do so in the sunshine; it is still a little chilly but hopefully warmer days are now ahead.

The children have settled back into school life and are all enjoying new topics. I would like to congratulate our Year 6 children on completing their Bikeability training this week; the instructors have been very impressed with their behaviour, maturity and dedication and we are very proud of them all.

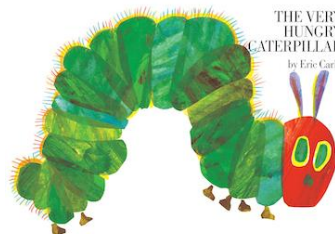
It will be a busy term, with lots of events coming up and I hope to see many of you in school for the various summer term activities.

Have a great weekend everyone.

KINDERGARTEN



Kindergarten have grown! After a lovely Easter break, our youngest children have come back to school taller, ready to learn and, most importantly, bearing enormous smiles! This term's topic is 'Minibeasts' and we have been reading lots of books to help us learn more about all the wonderful creatures inhabiting our gardens. We've already begun to use some excellent words like 'mandibles' and 'segments' to help us describe insects and we've been painting caterpillar segments with our fingers and printing symmetrical butterflies. We were really excited to take delivery of some very tiny caterpillars on Thursday. Now we're going to watch and see if they grow as quickly as 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar!'



RECEPTION



We are all so pleased with how well the children have settled back into school life after the Easter Holidays. They have returned with enthusiasm, positivity and a real readiness to learn, which has been wonderful to see.

This term, we have begun our exciting new topic: Minibeasts. The children have shown great curiosity and interest as we explore the fascinating world of small creatures. A particular highlight has been observing our real tadpoles. The children are already learning about the changes they will go through as they grow, and we are enjoying discussing the life cycle together. We are also eagerly awaiting the arrival of our caterpillars, which will give us another fantastic opportunity to observe change over time and learn about life cycles in a hands-on way.



Our bug hunters' corner has been very popular, with the children enthusiastically exploring and discovering a variety of creatures. They have been developing their observation skills and beginning to notice similarities and differences between the minibeasts they find. In drawing club, we have enjoyed drawing and writing about the different minibeasts we have heard of; slugs, snails, stag beetles, caterpillars and so many more. Our adventurous vocabulary this week has included mandibles and segments – if you see any Reception children ask them what these words mean!

It's been a brilliant start to the term, and we are looking forward to continuing our minibeast adventures!

YEAR 1



Year 1 have had a fantastic start to the term and it has been lovely to see how enthusiastic all the children have been! We have started our new topic 'Toy Town' and in our history topic we are looking at old and new toys. The children each bought in their favourite toy to show the class, speaking about why it is their favourite. We then compared their toys to older toys and spoke about the differences between them, such as the material they are made from. The children have also loved playing in our new role play area of a toy shop!

In English we are looking at the text 'That Rabbit Belongs to Emily Brown'. The children have used role play to act out being the different characters in the book and they have also worked in groups to decide whether Emily Brown should give her teddy Stanley to the Queen. The children demonstrated excellent teamwork by listening to one another and they all took it in turns to discuss their ideas, well done Year 1!



YEAR 2



It has been lovely to return to school in the sunshine, which is perfect for year 2 as we start our Terms 5 and 6 topic: The Seaside.

Year 2 are very excited to be “off to the seaside” with their learning this term. We have enjoyed discovering the different features of the seaside, as well as exploring the many things we can see and do when we visit. The children used Google Maps and atlases to help locate our nearest seaside destinations and shared their own experiences of visiting Skegness and Hunstanton. Our classroom has been transformed with a fresh seaside display, complete with interactive resources for the children to explore. We even have

some comfy seaside deckchairs, creating a relaxing space for reading our seaside-themed books. We are all looking forward to the exciting seaside activities planned for the rest of the term.



YEAR 3



The first week has simply flown by! Year 3 have begun their exciting new topic this week—World War II. The children have thoroughly impressed Mrs Periam and Mrs Li with their knowledge of the subject, as well as their eagerness and enthusiasm to share what they know with their classmates. This topic is particularly exciting for two members of our class, who have already shown themselves to be true WWII experts, confidently sharing their impressive knowledge with others.

We were also delighted to welcome two new girls into our class

this week. They have settled in wonderfully and we are so pleased to have such kind and lovely new members join our Year 3 family.

The children also demonstrated great empathy and thoughtfulness while learning about the lives of children during the war, especially when discussing the feelings and emotions evacuees may have experienced. Next week, Year 3 will be planning and writing their own letters in role, and Mrs Periam is very much looking forward to reading them!



In DT, we proudly completed our project, “Rainforest in a Box,” where we created and populated our own miniature rainforests using the knowledge we gained in our Geography lessons last term.

In Science, we have dived into the topic of “Light and Shadow.” We identified a range of light sources and took part in fun, practical activities to demonstrate that we need light in order to see. What a fun and engaging week it has been!



YEAR 4

English

This week, the children were introduced to *Breaker* by Anne-Marie Allan. We began by exploring the front cover, where the class made thoughtful predictions about the plot, setting and characters, using visual clues to support their ideas. As a class, we then read Chapters 1 and 2 together, pausing to identify and discuss unfamiliar vocabulary to deepen understanding. The children demonstrated strong engagement by making predictions and inferences, using evidence from the text to justify their thoughts. They showed increasing confidence in explaining their ideas and listening to the viewpoints of others.



Science

Year 4 investigated the items in their packed lunches to explore how much waste is produced. We carefully examined each item, identifying the materials used and discussing whether they could be **recycled, reduced or reused**. The children were thoughtful and engaged, recognising how everyday choices can impact the environment. We also explored alternative options for more eco-friendly packaging, such as reusable containers, paper wrapping and reducing single-use plastics. It was fantastic to see the children thinking critically about how they can make more sustainable choices in their daily lives.



YEAR 5

In maths, the children have been learning all about angles! We took our learning outside to explore degrees through practical activities, focusing on clockwise and anticlockwise turns. The children developed their understanding of quarter turns and key angle measures such as 90° , 180° , 270° and 360° . They showed great enthusiasm and engagement, using movement and discussion to deepen their understanding of these important concepts.

In English, the children have begun exploring a new class text, *Podkin One-Ear*. They have been introduced to the key features of narrative writing, including character, setting and plot development. The class have thoroughly enjoyed listening to the start of this exciting and adventurous story, engaging in thoughtful discussions and predictions. The class look forward to using this book as a writing stimulus this term!

In science, the children have been designing their own experiments to explore friction using cars. They identified independent and dependent variables, considering how changing different surfaces would affect the speed and movement of the cars. Working collaboratively in groups, they planned fair tests, carried out their investigations and recorded their findings. The children showed excellent teamwork and curiosity, using their results to answer their enquiry questions and deepen their understanding of how friction affects motion.



YEAR 6



Year 6 have been taking part in 'Bikeability' training this week and have been learning about how to stay safe when riding their bikes on the road. They have learnt all about road safety and the A,B,C,D checks – air, brakes, chain and direction - as well as how to manoeuvre carefully. The children have all been excellent participants and their listening skills, attitude and effort have been highly praised by the instructors. Well done, Year 6!



In our Art lesson this week, we have been busy with our 3D sculptures – they are really beginning to take shape. The children have been learning how to use and apply Modroc and have shown great care when applying the first layer. We can't wait to see the finished polar creations.

In maths, the children have been starting their new topic of area and perimeter. They have been looking at how to calculate the area and perimeter of rectilinear shapes and are now ready to move on to the area of different triangles. Well done, Year 6. A very busy, action-packed start to the new term.

LANGUAGES



This week in Languages, our Infants have embarked on a series of engaging new topics, including *Jack and the Beanstalk*, as well as explorations of the weather and the environment. These themes have provided rich opportunities for language development, storytelling and discussion, fostering both curiosity and communication skills.

Our Juniors have been making excellent progress in French, demonstrating notable proficiency in translation exercises and actively engaging with new topics such as summertime and aspects of French culture. Their enthusiasm and dedication have been evident throughout the week, reflecting a strong commitment to language learning and intercultural awareness.

REMINDER - 'NUT-FREE' SCHOOL

Please can we remind all parents that our school maintains a strict 'nut-free' policy. When preparing snacks and packed lunches for your children please ensure that they do not include any nut products, as we have pupils with severe nut allergies. Your support in this matter is greatly appreciated. Thank you for your understanding.



SCHOOL COUNCIL

Thank you to everyone who sent in donations to the school council's selected charity, the RSPCA, on the last day of term, helping us raise £100. Additionally, our second-hand book sale was a huge success, bringing in £230. This generous support will enable us to purchase new toys and games for the playground trolley, enhancing the play experience for all pupils.

DT ITEMS NEEDED

Our DT department is in need of the following items: buttons, ribbons and any offcuts of material. If you are able to help with any of the items, then please drop them off to the school office. 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.

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 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.

REMINDERS FOR NEXT WEEK:

Monday 27th April - After school clubs start today.

Tuesday 28th April – Mums’ and Dads’ Maths lessons – 9.30am – 10.30am (*for Year 5 and Year 6 parents who signed up*)

Thursday 30th April – Mums’ and Dads’ Maths lessons – 9.30am – 10.30am (*for Year 5 and Year 6 parents who signed up*)

Friday 1st May – Book Fair – (see the attached details)

Dates for Your Diary

APRIL	
Mon 27 th	All clubs start today
Tues 28 th	Year 5 and Year 6 – Mums’ and Dads’ Maths sessions – 9:30am – 10:30am
Wed 29 th	Book Fair (details attached) Home Fixture: U9 Cricket at AHS against St Hugh’s / 2.15pm start
Thurs 30 th	Year 5 and Year 6 – Mums’ and Dads’ Maths 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: Rocco

Reception: Poppy

Year 1: Psalm

Year 2: Ellie

Year 3: Laurelyn and Lori

Year 4: George L

Year 5: Rehna

Year 6: Teddee-Beau

Kindness Awards: Eliza (Infant) Ronnie-Rose (Junior)

Headteachers Award: Kindergarten

Golden Dustpan Award: Kindergarten

Lunchtime Award: Year 3

Best wishes,

Mrs Wright