



AYSCOUGH FEE HALL SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER: 19/06/26

Dear Parents,

It was lovely this week to be able to welcome some local schools to Ayscoughfee to take part in an art competition, organised by Mrs Lane and Mr Roberts. Using the theme, 'birds' children from each of the competing schools produced 2D and 3D pieces of art which were then judged by Mrs Wilson, Head of Art at Spalding Academy. The standard across the board was very high and we were very proud of the work our children submitted. Congratulations to both Florence and Katie who received prizes in their categories. All the schools taking part agreed that it was great to work together and we hope to make this an annual event.

This evening will be our Summer Fair, kindly organised by the PTFA, to whom we are all very grateful. The theme is 'Hawaii' and the weather has decided to comply with this. I hope to see many of you there for what promises to be a lovely event.

KINDERGARTEN



This week in Kindergarten, we have continued our ocean-themed learning through the pirate story *Pugwash and the Sea Monster*. The children loved using their imaginations to think about the sea monster's secrets, suggesting that it might sneeze glitter, fly to the moon, or even eat an entire pirate ship! As the weather has become warmer, we have also enjoyed making and smelling some refreshing lavender tea, which was a lovely way to explore new scents and seasonal changes. We also picked, washed and enjoyed eating some of our home grown strawberries - 🍓 delicious!



RECEPTION

This week in Reception, the children have enjoyed learning about the story *Only One You* by Linda Krantz. They have explored the strong messages within and loved making stone fish of their very own. In Maths, we have been learning about 3D shapes, exploring their properties and using mathematical language to describe them. The children enjoyed making their own 3D shape models, finding shapes in the environment, and taking part in fun feely bag challenges, where they used touch to identify hidden shapes and made some exciting discoveries.

In RE, we have been learning about special places and why they are important to different people. The children shared their own special places and learned about places of worship, showing thoughtful discussion and respect for the beliefs of others. It has been a fantastic week of learning and exploration.



YEAR 1



We have continued to learn lots this week in Year 1! The children have been producing fantastic pieces of work, and it has been wonderful to see how much progress they have made.

In Maths, we have been continuing our place value unit to 100. The children have been comparing numbers using the greater than and less than symbols and they have also enjoyed using resources such as Dienes blocks to compare numbers with the same tens. The children have also been working very hard on their reasoning and problem-solving skills in our lessons by giving explanations as to how they got the answers.

In our PSHE topic, *Changing Me*, the children had a lovely lesson where they each brought in a photo of themselves as a baby. At the beginning of the lesson, we sat in a circle and tried to guess who each baby photo belonged to. The children loved this activity and had great fun sharing their photos with the class. They then wrote about the different changes they have noticed from when they were babies to now, reflecting on how they have grown and developed over time.



YEAR 2



This week in Year 2, we have enjoyed beginning our new English text, *The Secret Sky Garden* by Linda Sarah. The children used descriptive phrases, extended noun phrases, similes and alliteration to create vivid descriptions of the garden. We also compared the two main characters, identifying their similarities and differences, before retelling the story in our own words. In Maths, we started our new unit on position, movement and direction. The children enjoyed practical activities that helped them understand positional vocabulary and directions. They demonstrated growing confidence when describing turns using clockwise and anticlockwise language. In Science, the children thoroughly enjoyed investigating seeds from a variety of fruits. They carefully observed and compared the seeds, considering their shape, size, colour and position within the fruit. We also dissected a seed to identify and discuss its different parts, developing our understanding of plant growth. In History, we continued our learning about the history of the seaside. This week, the children wrote postcards home from the seaside pretending they were there over 100 years ago, using the knowledge they have gained throughout the topic.



YEAR 3



What a busy and exciting week we have had! In English, we have been working on our Vocabulary Wizardry unit, exploring the rich and imaginative language used by J.K. Rowling. We have been amazed by the descriptive vocabulary she employs to bring characters, settings and magical moments to life.

In Design and Technology, there was a fantastic buzz of excitement as we worked on shadow puppet for our Shadow Puppet shows. These are based on the Children's Hour radio programmes that we produced during our History lessons last term. It was wonderful to see the children bringing their historical learning to life through creative design and teamwork. Our Forest School sessions have linked beautifully with our science topic, "Light and Shadow". The children have been exploring how light behaves in the natural world and have created some stunning sun catchers using natural materials collected outdoors. In RE, we explored the importance of water in Christian, Jewish and Muslim traditions.

The children learned about the significance of water as a symbol of life, cleansing and renewal and read stories from the sacred scriptures of each faith.

In PSHEE, we have been discussing how we change and grow as we get older. The children approached these lessons with maturity, thoughtfulness and respect. We were particularly impressed by the sensible discussions that took place and the confidence children showed in sharing their ideas and questions. Well done to everyone for another fantastic week of learning!



YEAR 4

This week in English, we have been using our imagination and creativity to invent brand-new tricks that Matilda could play on her mother and father from the story. We discussed the different personalities of Mr and Mrs Wormwood and thought carefully about how they would react to Matilda's clever ideas. We explored the emotions they might feel and considered what they would say and do when the trick was revealed.

Before writing, we carefully planned our ideas, breaking each trick down into clear steps from beginning to end. This helped us to organise our thoughts and ensure our playscripts made sense for the audience. We then transformed our plans into our own original playscripts, using all the correct features, including character names, dialogue, stage directions and speech punctuation. We worked hard to make our characters sound realistic and to create humorous reactions that reflected their personalities in the story.

It has been wonderful to see the children developing their understanding of playscript writing while showing great imagination and enthusiasm for the text. We have particularly enjoyed sharing our ideas with our classmates and performing parts of our playscripts aloud.



This week in Religious Studies, we continued our learning about the Bible and explored why it is such an important and special book for Christians. We discovered that the Bible is not just one book but a collection of many different books, written by different authors over hundreds of years.

During the lesson, we investigated the different types of writing found in the Bible, including stories, poetry, letters, laws and teachings. We discussed how these different texts help Christians learn about God, Jesus and how to live a good life. The children enjoyed exploring a range of Bible passages and identifying what type of text they were reading. We also considered why the Bible has remained so popular throughout history and why it continues to be read by millions of people around the world today. Through thoughtful discussion and reflection, the children demonstrated a growing understanding of how sacred texts can guide people's beliefs, values and actions. The class showed great curiosity and

respect when sharing their ideas, asking thoughtful questions and listening carefully to the opinions of others.

YEAR 5

This week in Maths, the children completed their learning on decimals by taking part in a White Rose Infinity Class Quiz, which allowed them to demonstrate and celebrate their understanding of the topic. They have now begun learning about negative numbers through practical activities using thermometers to match temperatures to the correct values. The children approached this new concept with excellent confidence before applying their knowledge to a range of challenging reasoning questions, explaining and justifying their mathematical thinking clearly.

In English, the children have continued developing their exciting short stories by exploring how authors create tension. They focused on using short, impactful sentences to build suspense and keep the reader engaged, as well as repeating key words and phrases for effect. It has been wonderful to see the children's creativity flourish as they carefully considered the language choices that would have the greatest impact on their audience.

In Science, the children were introduced to the seven life processes and have made a fantastic start to this new topic. They quickly began applying their new knowledge to identify the characteristics of living things and showed a strong understanding during class discussions. The children demonstrated great curiosity, asked thoughtful questions and contributed enthusiastically, creating a positive learning environment filled with engaging scientific conversations.



YEAR 6

Year 6 have been working hard on their maths this week and developing their understanding of statistics. They have been analysing dual bar charts, solving problems involving percentages with pie charts and using their knowledge of angles to create their own pie charts. Great work, Year 6.

On Wednesday, the children had the fantastic opportunity to learn about water safety during a special assembly. The children listened incredibly carefully and showed their understanding by creating fabulous information posters to highlight the key points. A big 'thankyou' to our visitors for taking the time to deliver this essential information.



In Science this term, we are learning about Carl Linnaeus and his system for the classification of plants and animals. The children have been learning all about the animal kingdom and the vertebrates group. They have been using their knowledge to decide which groups species should be placed into by looking at their key characteristics – who knew

that dolphins were covered in fine hairs! The children now understand the difficulties faced by biologists when encountering a new species.



In English this week, the children have been writing their concluding paragraphs to their balanced arguments and using emotive language to convey their opinions. They have also been writing their 'Ship's Logs' based upon the book 'Kensuke's Kingdom'. They are working hard and have used events from the text to help them create their own adventures for the main character in the novel. They have been writing in the style of Michael Morpurgo and have thought carefully about their language and punctuation choices. Well done, Year 6.

LEARNING LANGUAGES

This week in Modern Foreign Languages, pupils have continued to develop both their linguistic skills and cultural understanding through a range of engaging activities.



Our Junior pupils were delighted to receive postcards from their Spanish pen pals this week. There was great excitement as they read about their pen pals' lives, interests and experiences, providing a valuable opportunity to see language used in a real-life context. Pupils are already looking forward to writing their replies and continuing this rewarding international exchange.

Across the Junior classes, pupils have also been strengthening their grammatical understanding by focusing on plural forms in Spanish. Through a variety of speaking, reading and writing activities, they have been learning how nouns and adjectives change when referring to more than one item, helping to improve both the accuracy and sophistication of their language use. It has been wonderful to see pupils applying this knowledge with increasing confidence.

Finally, our Language Ambassadors have been busy preparing for the Summer Fayre and have created an exciting travel-themed game for visitors to enjoy. Be sure to visit their stall for some globe-trotting fun and the chance to put your knowledge to the test. We look forward to seeing many of you there — *¡hasta pronto!*

SPORTS NEWS

Water Safety Assembly



On Wednesday morning, we were delighted to welcome Elizabeth from The Castle Swimming Pool, who delivered an informative and engaging assembly on water safety.

Elizabeth spoke to the children about the potential dangers associated with different types of water, particularly those found in our local area. She encouraged the children to think carefully about how to stay safe around water and discussed what they could do if they or someone else found themselves in difficulty. The session also highlighted the dangers of cold water and the importance of making safe, sensible decisions

near rivers, lakes and coastal areas. Older pupils were further introduced to the risks associated with tidal waters and rip currents, helping to develop their understanding of how to stay safe in different water environments.

The assembly provided valuable life-saving information and reinforced important safety messages in an engaging and age-appropriate way.

We would like to thank Elizabeth and the team at Castle Sports Complex for giving their time to share these important lessons with our pupils.



Wednesday 17th June - U11 Cricket at Grantham Prep



On an overcast and humid afternoon our U11 Cricket team were excited to be playing together against Grantham. We lost the toss and were put into bat. Our strongest batting pairing were Tendekai and Ted, making 21 runs between them. We batted with thought and consideration, nothing wild, and in doing so only lost two wickets. Our score in the end a respectable 259/2.

Grantham were very similar to us and batted steadily. Our fielding was equal to Grantham's and kept their run rate to a minimum. Their last pair made a stand and over the last two balls of the match did enough to clinch it for them. They made 261/4 beating us by only 2 runs.

Our team played in good spirits supporting each other and following the sporting values. Theo was player of the match. Well done to all our players for a closely contested game. Thanks go to the parents who supported the fixture.

THURSDAY 25TH JUNE – SPORTS DAY – MORE DETAILS ATTACHED.



Ayscoughfee Hall School Sports Day - Thursday 25th June 2026
Spalding Sports Club, Grammar School Fields (old Rugby Club), St Thomas's Road.

PE11 2TT

Infant Sports Day 10.00am – 11.15am

Picnic lunch 11.45am – 12.15pm (in the school playground)

Junior Sports Day 1.00pm – 3.05pm

GENERAL REMINDERS:

SUNCREAM

A reminder to all parents as the weather is now warming up, please apply suncream to children before coming to school. Thank you for your support.

WATER BOTTLES

As the weather is now turning warmer each day, please ensure your child has water bottle in school.

STAFF CAR PARK

A polite reminder that parents should not be using the staff carpark at any time during the day, including for after school club collection. This is for health and safety reasons and we thank you for your support in this.

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.

UPCOMING PTFA EVENTS:

- **FRIDAY 19TH JUNE - SUMMER FETE – 5PM TO 7PM (DETAILS ATTACHED)**
- **THURSDAY 25TH JUNE - PTFA 100 CLUB DRAW ON SPORTS DAY – DETAILS TO SEND OUT MONDAY**
- **FRIDAY 3RD JULY – LEAVERS DISCO – 5:30PM – 8PM**

PRE-LOVED SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP

The shop will be displayed at the Summer Fete on **Friday 19th June – 5pm to 7pm**. If you are unable to make the date you can arrange an appointment by emailing PTFA@ahs.me.uk.

REMINDERS FOR NEXT WEEK:

- **TUESDAY 23RD JUNE – WELLBEING WORKSHOPS IN SCHOOL – YEAR 1 TO YEAR 6 PUPILS**
- **THURSDAY 25TH JUNE – SPORTS DAY FOR INFANTS AND JUNIORS – DETAILS ATTACHED**
- **FRIDAY 26TH JUNE – YEAR 1 AND YEAR 3 OUTING TO LINCOLN ZOO**
 - **WHAT YOUR CHILD WILL NEED ON THE DAY:**
The children will be required to bring a packed lunch in disposable containers.
Children must wear their full school uniform and blazer.
- **FRIDAY 26TH JUNE – Year 6 Community Skills**

Dates for Your Diary

JUNE	
Tues 23 rd	Wellbeing Workshops in school – Year 1 to Year 6 pupils
Wed 24 th	Away Fixture: U9 & U11 girls Cricket at Grantham Prep / 2.15pm start
Thurs 25 th	Sports Day for Infants & Juniors – starts at 10am – parents invited to attend picnic in the playground (details to follow nearer the time)
Fri 26 th	Year 1 and Year 3 outing to Lincoln Zoo Year 6 Community Skills

Mon 29 th	Kindergarten and Reception outing to Skegness Aquarium (details to follow nearer the time) 'Lives' in school to do first aid training with Year 6 pupils
Tues 30 th	Widdershins Theatre Company – in school (details to follow nearer the time) New intake information evening - Year 6 boys - Spalding Grammar School
JULY	
Thurs 2 nd	Reserve Sports Day
Fri 3 rd	PTFA Leavers Disco – 5:30pm – 8pm
	Year 6 Induction Day at Spalding High and Spalding Grammar
Mon 6 th	Junior Production Dress Rehearsal – 11am – whole school Junior Interhouse rounders pm: all junior pupils need PE kit and house t-shirts
Tues 7 th	Junior Production for Year 3 and Year 4 parents – starts 7pm
Wed 8 th	Infant interhouse am: infant pupils will need PE kit / house t-shirts Junior Production for Year 5 and Year 6 parents – starts 7pm
Thurs 9 th	Last day for swimming Stay safe workshops in school – Year 2/ Year 3 / Year 4 & Year 6 pupils
Fri 10 th	Last day of clubs and music lessons
Mon 13 th	Move up sessions – pupils have activities with next year's teacher - am
Tues 14 th	Last day of hot meals
Wed 15 th	Last day of term Kids Club only available before school, no afterschool care on this day. Leavers' Assembly for whole school and Year 6 Parents – 11.30am Kindergarten to Year 5 finish at 12.20pm Leavers' Lunch for Year 6 pupils and Year 6 parents

STARS OF THE WEEK



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

Kindergarten: Rory
Reception: Betty
Year 1: Ezabel
Year 2: Ralph
Year 3: Isla
Year 4: Isaac
Year 5: Franklin
Year 6: Eliza

Kindness Awards: Rory (Infant) Olivia B (Junior)
Headteachers Award: The art competition participants
Golden Dustpan Award: Year 3
Lunchtime Award: Year 5

We have the following birthdays:

21st June – Ellie B.
23rd June – Paisley
24th June – Afiyah
25th June - Edith

Best wishes,

Mrs Wright
Head Teacher