



AYSCOUGHFEE HALL SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER: 26/06/26

Dear Parents,

Well, it has certainly been a scorcher this week! Despite the challenges of remaining cool, the children have had a lovely week in school and have adapted well to the safety measures in place. We are very proud of them all! I would like to say thank you to the PTFA, who supplied ice creams and lollies for everyone on Thursday; a very welcome treat.

Looking ahead, next week looks much more manageable temperature wise, and we will look forward to hosting our postponed sports day on Thursday. I hope many of you will be able to join us for this.

Finally, I would like to thank all parents for their support this week, it has been very much appreciated as always.

KINDERGARTEN

Outdoor learning has continued to be a big focus this week. The children enjoyed using clipboards to complete work and recording their findings. We also took our phonics learning outside, using chalk to practise letter formation, write words, and complete exciting phonics challenges. Learning in the fresh air helped to keep the children motivated and engaged, and they loved having the opportunity to move around while developing their early reading and writing skills.



In Maths, our focus has been on shapes and measures. The children have been identifying and describing both 2D and 3D shapes, talking about their properties and spotting them in the environment around them. We have also explored different types of measurement through practical activities. The children used rulers to measure objects and compare lengths, developing their understanding of longer, shorter, taller and smaller. We have also been investigating capacity through water play and hands-on exploration. The children used a range of containers to fill, pour and compare amounts, learning vocabulary such as full, empty, half full, nearly full, and capacity. They enjoyed predicting which containers would hold more or less and testing their ideas through practical investigation.



RECEPTION



This week, we have made the most of the warm weather by taking our learning outdoors wherever possible. The children have enjoyed spending lots of time outside, keeping cool in the shade while taking part in a variety of fun and engaging activities. The children particularly loved blowing bubbles, paddling in water, and exploring ice through sensory play. These activities encouraged them to investigate how materials change, develop their communication



skills by sharing ideas with friends and work together cooperatively. They showed great curiosity as they talked about how the ice felt, what happened when it melted and how they could keep cool on hot days.

YEAR 1



Year 1 have been enjoying their learning this week. We have started our money unit in Maths and the children have been recognising different coins and notes. They have also been using role play to act out buying different items and working out how much money they would need. The children had lots of fun doing this, and it was lovely to see them using role play to further enhance their learning and develop their understanding of money in a practical and engaging way.

The children also loved their trip to the zoo! We saw many different animals and it was wonderful to see how well the Year 1s and Year 3s worked together throughout the day. To begin with, the children watched the lynx and tiger enjoy their breakfast before attending the amazing animal show. They also had the opportunity to see the penguins being fed and to meet a variety of reptiles. It was a fantastic trip, and all the children were incredibly polite and demonstrated kindness and respect throughout the day. We were so impressed with both classes – well done Year 1 and Year 3!



YEAR 2



This week, Year 2 have done a fantastic job of staying calm and focused despite the very warm weather. In English, the children completed their own stories inspired by The Secret Sky Garden. It was wonderful to see all their hard work come together in their final pieces of writing, with each child producing a story they could be proud of. In Maths, we have been consolidating our learning from across the year using the White Rose Infinity QR codes. The children have enjoyed revisiting and practising a range of topics, helping to build their confidence and fluency. Our history lessons saw the children become historical detectives as they



explored a variety of sources to discover what seaside holidays were like in the past. As sports day was cancelled, we started our Art Expressive Painting unit of work. The children explored how to mix tints and shades by adding black and white to colours. The children were very keen to find out about the work of the artist Charlie French and are excited to continue the painting next week.



YEAR 3

What a hot, hot week it has been! Despite the soaring summer temperatures, Year 3 have been staying cool, working hard and continuing to show fantastic enthusiasm in all their learning.

This week, we have been busy with a variety of activities. In Geography, we have been learning about the fascinating cities of Italy and discovering what makes each one unique. We also took part in a valuable Emotions Workshop, where we learned about different feelings and explored ways to regulate and manage our emotions and worries. Year 3 children discussed strategies such as talking to trusted adults, sharing concerns with

friends and using calming techniques when emotions feel overwhelming. One of the key messages we took away was that "a worry shared is a worry made smaller." The workshop reminded us that we are never alone with our worries and that asking for help is a positive and important thing to do.

Our Design and Technology project has been full of creativity and imagination as we finished working on our shadow puppet shows. The children made puppets with moving parts and experimented with colourful shadows to bring their stories to life.

In English, we have unleashed our imaginations by creating our own magical and fantastical beasts. The children have enjoyed developing detailed descriptions, unique powers and exciting habitats for their creatures, producing some truly imaginative pieces of writing.

The highlight of the week, however, must be our exciting trip to Lincoln Zoo! We enjoyed a fantastic day of learning about animals from around the world. Our adventure began with a guided tour of the zoo, followed by a fascinating Big Cat Talk where we watched the lynx and tigers enjoy their breakfast while learning about their lives both in the zoo and in the wild. We loved the Animal Show in the Barn Theatre, where we discovered incredible animal behaviours and adaptations. One of the most exciting experiences were our private "Meet the Reptiles" session and seeing the penguins. The day was packed with memorable experiences and we want to thank our Year 1 buddies, as well as all the staff who accompanied us on this visit, for making it such a great day!



YEAR 4

In Maths, we have been exploring the White Rose Year 4 units on Statistics and Position and Direction. The children have learnt how to interpret and answer questions about pictograms, bar charts and tables, using the information to solve a range of problems. They have also developed their understanding of position and direction by describing movements using coordinates, translating shapes and following instructions involving clockwise and anti-clockwise turns. It has been wonderful to see the children applying their mathematical reasoning skills and using accurate mathematical vocabulary with growing confidence.

This week in English, we have been polishing our reading comprehension skills using VIPERS. We answered a range of questions based on our class text, *Matilda*, focusing on the different VIPERS skills: Vocabulary, Inference, Prediction, Explanation, Retrieval and Summarising. The children used evidence from the text to justify their answers, discussed their ideas with their peers and worked hard to develop their reading confidence and understanding. It has been fantastic to see them becoming more thoughtful and reflective readers as they explore the story in greater depth.



YEAR 5

This week in Maths, Year 5 have been completing their learning on negative numbers. The children used number lines to support their understanding and explored how negative numbers can be applied in real-life contexts. They also developed their skills in converting between millilitres and litres, as well as grams and kilograms, using their knowledge of place value. Number lines were again used to deepen understanding before the children confidently tackled a range of challenging reasoning and problem-solving questions.

In Science, the children have continued their learning about living things by exploring Mrs Gren and the seven life processes. As part of an engaging active-learning warm-up, the children matched a variety of mammals to their correct gestation periods, discussing and justifying their choices. They then organised their ideas about the seven life processes and explored what each one means. It was fantastic to see the children using their scientific knowledge, reasoning skills and teamwork to deepen their understanding throughout the lessons.



YEAR 6

Year 6 have had another busy and exciting week, and it has been wonderful to see them throwing themselves into every activity with such enthusiasm. We are very proud of the hard work they have shown as they continue to rehearse for the play. This week, they began using props, and the children have really impressed everyone with their fantastic effort and acting skills. It is lovely to see their confidence growing more and more each day.



In geography, the children have been learning all about Japan, exploring both the human and physical features of this fascinating country. They have been comparing Japan to the other countries studied this year, thinking carefully about similarities and differences. To show their understanding, the children have been busy showcasing their knowledge by creating a double page spread. Their creative ideas have really stood out, and they should be



proud of the thoughtful way they have presented their learning.

Year 6 have also been working hard on their CAM designs. They have been measuring and drawing the background features carefully, and it has been brilliant to see how well they are applying their design skills. The children have been thinking carefully about their target audience when choosing colours and patterns, and they are thoroughly enjoying bringing these amazing mechanisms to life.



On Tuesday, the children took part in a fabulous theatre workshop, where they learnt about empathy and mental wellbeing. It was a valuable experience and gave them plenty to think about.

Another busy week has flown by, and we are already looking forward to next week's learning.

SPORTS NEWS

THURSDAY 2ND JULY – SPORTS DAY – MORE DETAILS ATTACHED.



Ayscoughfee Hall School Sports Day - Thursday 2nd July 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:

- THURSDAY 2ND JULY - PTFA 100 CLUB DRAW ON SPORTS DAY – DETAILS TO SEND OUT MONDAY
- FRIDAY 3RD JULY – LEAVERS DISCO – 5:30PM – 8PM (SEE ATTACHED DETAILS)

PRE-LOVED SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP

If you are in need of anything from our pre-loved school shop, then please email PTFA@ahs.me.uk and someone will get in touch with you.

REMINDERS FOR NEXT WEEK:

Monday 29th June – EARLY YEARS OUTING TO SKEGNESS AQUARIUM

- *Please send your child in normal school uniform on this day. A waterproof coat is advisable in case of bad weather. Can your child please bring a packed lunch and a drink in **their normal lunch box**. We find it much easier when they are asked to get their lunch they can do so quite independently as they know their own box. They will **not** need any money on the day.*
- ‘LIVES’ in school to do first aid training with Year 6 pupils.

TUESDAY 30TH JUNE – NEW INTAKE INFORMATION EVENING – YEAR 6 BOYS – SPALDING GRAMMAR SCHOOL

- NEW KINDERGARTEN & CURRENT KINDERGARTEN INTRO EVENING – 6PM (KINDERGARTEN & RECEPTION CLASSROOM)

THURSDAY 2ND JULY – RESERVE SPORTS DAY (SEE ATTACHED DETAILS)

FRIDAY 3RD JULY – YEAR 1 FARM VISIT

- *We will be leaving school at 9am, please ensure that your child arrives promptly before then. The children will travel to the farm by minibus, where they will have the opportunity to take part in a variety of exciting activities. Although our visit to the farm will last only a couple of hours, we will likely not return to school until after 12:20pm. Therefore, **please can the children bring a packed lunch on this day**. We will enjoy a class picnic together before taking part in a range of farm-themed activities during the afternoon.*
- Year 6 Induction Day at Spalding High and Spalding Grammar.
- PTFA – LEAVERS’ DISCO – 5:30PM – 8PM (SEE ATTACHED DETAILS)

Dates for Your Diary

JUNE	
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 New Kindergarten & current Kindergarten intro evening – 6pm
JULY	
Thurs 2 nd	Reserve Sports Day (see attached details)
Fri 3 rd	Year 1 Farm visit – all year 1 pupils will need a packed lunch 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: Joshua

Reception: Freddie

Year 1: Jayela

Year 2: Rex

Year 3: Beatrix

Year 4: Maddie

Year 5: Amelie

Year 6: Rupert

Kindness Awards: Vesna (Infant) Jessica (Junior)

Golden Dustpan Award: Kindergarten

Lunchtime Award: Reception

We have the following birthdays:

27th June – Katie

28th June – Bertie

Best wishes,

Mrs Wright
Head Teacher