



AYSCOUGHFEE HALL SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER: 25/09/26

Dear Parents,

Welcome to our 'new look' newsletter! We have decided to put key information at the top of the newsletter to make it easier to locate if you are in a hurry. Our usual class updates etc. are still there, as I know many of you love to see what your children have been up to during the week. There is always plenty to read about, and this week is no exception! The children have enjoyed their learning and have been working hard as always. Many of them are looking forward to our first PTFA disco of the year, which I hope you will join us for. The disco is always a lovely opportunity for our school community to come together and enjoy a fun night of music and dancing, whilst supporting the school. Thank you, as always, to our wonderful PTFA for the time you give to put on these events.

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

REMINDERS FOR THE WEEK

- **WEDNESDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER - HOME FIXTURE : U8 / U9 TAG RUGBY AGAINST ST HUGH'S STARTS 14:15PM – GRAMMAR SCHOOL FIELD.** *(For those parents wanting to watch the fixture please ensure you arrive at the field 10 – 15 minutes before the start to ensure entry.)*
- **FRIDAY 2ND OCTOBER – AWAY FIXTURE : HOCKEY AT SURFLEET – STARTS AT 15:45PM**

DIARY DATES

SEPTEMBER

Wed 30 th	HOME FIXTURE: U8/U9 TAG RUGBY AGAINST ST HUGH'S STARTS 2:15PM
October	
Fri 2 nd	AWAY FIXTURE: HOCKEY AT SURFLEET
Mon 5 th	Reception Superhero Day – (Reception children come in dressed as a Superhero.
Tues 6 th	Harvest Festival – parents invited – 9am Year 5 11+ Parent Information evening – 6pm
Wed 7 th	AWAY FIXTURE: U10/ U11 NETBALL AT PETERBOROUGH STARTS 2:15PM
Thurs 8 th	Coding Day at The Peterborough School (details to follow)
Fri 9 th	Year 3 Outing to Flag Fen
Mon 12 th	Money Mules in school workshop – Year 5 and Year 6 pupils (details t.b.c.)
Tues 13 th	Egyptian Day – Year 4 pupils come to school in costume
Wed 14 th	Year 4 class museum – (details to follow soon) Interhouse – Year 1 / Year 2 games (pupils will need PE kit in school along with house t-shirts on the day)
Thurs 15 th	Interhouse – Junior Interhouse Netball/Rugby (pupils will need PE kit in school along with house t-shirts on the day)
Fri 16 th	Pink Day Last day of term
Mon 19th – Fri 30th	HALF TERM BREAK



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



Kindergarten: Aria
Reception: Apollo
Year 1: Wyatt
Year 2: Aubrie-Mae
Year 3: Ryan
Year 4: Morgan
Year 5: Oscar
Year 6: Henry

Kindness Awards: Nancy (Infant) George S (Junior)
Golden Dustpan Award: Year 4
Lunchtime Award: Year 3

The following pupils have birthdays next week:
27th September – Mrs Boland
2nd October – Mrs Carr

KINDERGARTEN

We've continued to explore colours in Kindergarten this week and enjoyed sharing the story, 'How to Make a Rainbow'. Just like the main character in the book, we've been on colour hunts, exploring inside and outside to find all the colours of the rainbow. Our little fingers have been working hard to decorate our colour crowns ready for a Rainbow party at the end of the week. We've also started to look at different patterns, repeating colours and shapes through art and building.



RECEPTION

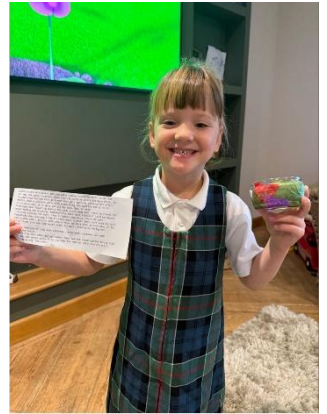
What a busy and exciting week we have had in Reception!

This week we have been measuring using templates of our feet. It was a tickly job drawing around and then cutting out our feet. The children enjoyed comparing the lengths of different objects and working out how many feet long they were. It was a fun way to develop our mathematical thinking, estimating and measuring skills!

Phonics has been full of letter hunts and musical writing which has really helped the children recognise and apply their letter and sound knowledge in a fun way. They are all becoming very clever readers and forming letters very well.

We have been loving our Drawing Club story, *Superworm* by Julia Donaldson. The children have been learning new vocabulary, joining in with the story and using their wonderful imaginations to create their own ideas and drawings.

We were very excited to see a real piece of honeycomb (like the one used to catch the villain Wizard Lizard) from Mrs Patman's daughter, whose very own bees had made it! The children were fascinated to look closely at the honeycomb and talk about bees, where honey comes from and how bees help our world. Alice was also super excited to show the Bee Bath that she made at Brownies– Super Work from everyone! Another wonderful week of learning, exploring and discovering!



YEAR 1

Year 1 have really enjoyed their learning this week and have taken part in lots of different and exciting activities.

We have been focusing on our text *Funnybones*, and the children have worked hard to develop their writing skills. They created fantastic 'wanted' posters for a character of their choice, including lots details of what their character looked like and explaining why they were wanted. It was fantastic to see the children using lots of the writing techniques we have been practising in class. They showed great creativity and enthusiasm and we were so impressed with the effort they put into their work.



The children have also really enjoyed our geography topic, Our Local Area. This week, we went on a local walk to identify the different human and physical features we could see around us. The children thoroughly enjoyed the walk and were fantastic at spotting the different features. A big thank you to Mrs Chester, Mrs Li and Mrs Murfet for helping us on our walk. We really appreciate your support!



Year 1 have also loved their forest school sessions, where they had lots of fun getting very muddy! The children used mud and paint to create their own handprints and enjoyed exploring and investigating the forest school area. It was wonderful to see them getting stuck in, having fun and enjoying the great outdoors!



Well done, Year 1! We are very proud of you! ☀️



YEAR 2



It has been an extremely busy and exciting week of learning in Year 2!

In English, the children have been exploring *The Magic Finger* by Roald Dahl. They were given the exciting task of writing their own sequel, imagining what might happen when the little girl uses her magic finger on another family. We have had some wonderfully creative ideas! The children imagined turning the Cooper family into gingerbread men, flowers, apples and even pieces of paper that the little girl could write on! Throughout the week, we shared and discussed lots of brilliant ideas, and it was fantastic to hear that many children continued talking about their stories and ideas with their parents at home. We have also been learning about subordinating and coordinating conjunctions and practised using these in our story writing on Thursday.

We have also been very excited to begin our new Design and Technology project. Our first stage has been to investigate structures and stability. The children thoroughly enjoyed experimenting with different shapes to discover which structure was the most stable. They then had to explain their reasoning and think carefully about why some shapes were more stable than others.

In Maths, we have been comparing numbers using the greater than and less than signs. We have also been practising counting in 2s, 5s and 10s, as well as beginning to develop our confidence with counting in 3s.

It has certainly been a busy week filled with creativity, curiosity and lots of fantastic learning. We are incredibly proud of the children's enthusiasm and the wonderful ideas they continue to share.





Year 3 have enjoyed a busy week of prehistoric adventures, scientific discoveries and mathematical magic!

In English, we continued exploring Stone Age life while developing our instruction writing. After analysing the features of instructions, we stepped into the shoes of prehistoric people through some enthusiastic role play. We imagined making weapons and tools, sharpening flint and preparing animal skins for tents and clothes. The children thoroughly enjoyed bringing the past to life! With plenty of ideas to draw upon, they then planned and wrote their own instructions.

In History, our journey through time is taking us into the Bronze Age as we discover what changed for people during this period. Meanwhile, in Science, we have been learning about igneous, sedimentary and metamorphic rocks and exploring how they form.

Our PSHEE discussions took an imaginative turn as we pictured what a “nightmare school” might be like. This helped us reflect on what makes our own school such a special place to learn and spend time together.

Next week, we look forward to using these thoughtful discussions to write our very own “Dream School Recipe”!

In Maths, we completed our place value topic. Our Year 3 “mathmagicians” have been developing their skills in comparing and ordering numbers up to 1,000, ready for their next mathematical challenge!



YEAR 4

We have been working hard in English, learning how to use adverbs of time, cause and manner to make our writing more detailed and interesting. We have also been creating sentences based on *Marcy and the Riddle of the Sphinx*. Along the way, we have recapped coordinating and subordinating conjunctions, practised using imperative verbs and adverbs, and reminded ourselves how to use commas in a list. All these skills will come together beautifully when we begin our instructional writing.

In Maths, we have been busy learning the rules for Roman numerals. We have even created our own rhyme to help us remember the value of each Roman numeral letter. Hopefully, our catchy rhyme will help those tricky numerals stick in our memories!

Science has been particularly exciting! We have been learning about simple electrical circuits and had the opportunity to build our own. The best part was seeing the results of our hard work - every single child managed to light up their bulb! There were lots of smiles and some very proud scientists in the classroom.



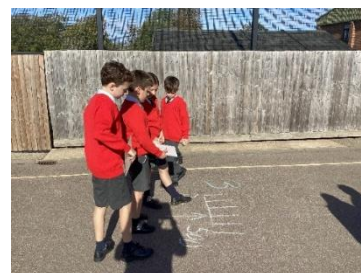
YEAR 5

In Maths, the children have been developing their understanding of number lines and using them to identify missing numbers and intervals. To put their learning into practice, they took part in an outdoor learning challenge where they were given a range of number lines to investigate. They had to carefully work out the value of each interval before using this information to calculate the missing numbers. It was a great opportunity to apply their mathematical reasoning in a practical way.

In English, we have been using *The Lost Thing* by Shaun Tan as a stimulus for writing our own short narratives. The children have been working hard to include a range of Year 5 writing features, including fronted adverbials and conjunctions to create cohesion between ideas. They have also been experimenting with adventurous vocabulary and using direct speech to reveal more about their characters.

We have been particularly focusing on making our writing engaging, descriptive and enjoyable for the reader.

In Curriculum, our Science learning has focused on thermal insulation. The children designed and carried out their own investigation to discover which materials are the most effective thermal insulators. They considered how to make their experiment fair, selected a range of materials to test and recorded their findings carefully. Afterwards, they compared their results and used the evidence they had collected to decide which material provided the best insulation, developing both their scientific enquiry and reasoning skills.



YEAR 6

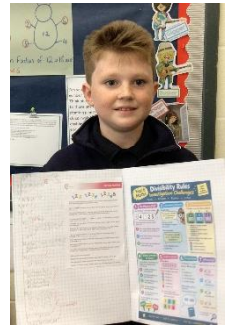
It has been another busy and engaging week for Year 6, with lots of exciting learning taking place across the curriculum.

In our science lessons, the children have been learning all about the parts of the eye and how our eyes work. They have been looking at how the size of the pupil alters due to light levels and have been securing their knowledge of how light travels. We are looking forward to learning about reflection next week.

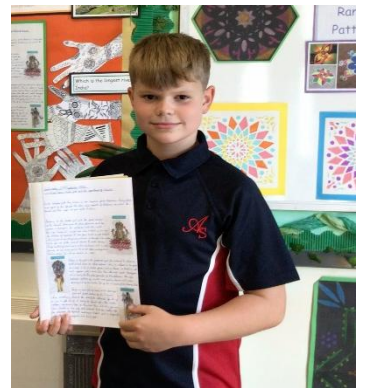
In English, the children have been continuing to develop their descriptive writing skills based on *Asha and the Spirit Bird*. They have really been impressing us with their powerful imagery and effective vocabulary choices. It has been fantastic to see them selecting words carefully to create vivid descriptions and engage their readers.



In maths, the children have been learning all about factors, multiples and prime numbers as well as rules of divisibility. They have also been taking part in some factor bug /division rules challenges, which have encouraged them to apply their knowledge while developing their problem-solving and critical-thinking skills.



In history, the children have been learning all about the Indus civilisation. They have been finding out about Indus towns and how they were built, considering the organisation, design and features of these early settlements. In RE, they have been continuing to develop their knowledge of the Hindu faith and have used their knowledge gained from Sunita on our Indian day, as well as additional research, to understand the importance of the Trimurti. Well done, Year 6 – another busy week!



MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES

It has been another exciting week in Modern Foreign Languages, with plenty of enthusiasm and curiosity across the school.

A huge congratulations to our new Language Ambassadors, who have officially joined the team this term! We are delighted to welcome them and are already looking forward to working together to develop some exciting new language initiatives and activities over the coming months. We are sure they will be fantastic ambassadors for languages across the school.

In Infants, our young language detectives have been busy exploring numbers and colours in Spanish. Through games and investigative activities, they have been spotting patterns, recalling new vocabulary and putting their language skills to the test. Their enthusiasm and excellent listening skills have been particularly impressive — *¡muy bien, language detectives!*

Meanwhile, our Juniors have been focusing on French, building their vocabulary and confidence through a variety of activities. They will soon be putting their listening and pronunciation skills into practice through some lovely French songs, so it is time to start warming up those singing voices! *À bientôt !*

SPORTING NEWS

U10 / U11 NETBALL - 23RD SEPTEMBER AT THE PETERBOROUGH SCHOOL



We were warmly greeted by The Peterborough School on Wednesday when our U10 and U11 girls arrived for their netball matches.

We played Stinger netball, playing only 5 players at a time who rotate positions at every quarter time. With three courts being played it gave us plenty of match time with all girls playing.



Our U10 team were evenly matched with Peterborough the whole way through the game. Both teams found their feet as they progressed through the game with only one goal being scored by both teams, well done U10s, a great result!

We had two U11 teams playing on the other courts. Our mid court players were slightly stronger than Peterborough's team and managed to creep ahead by a couple of goals. Our girls grew in confidence and began passing the ball fluently down the court, making good use of the space and passing and scoring opportunities that came their way. Our U11 team on the end court worked their socks off against a very strong Peterborough team. Both teams competed well, The Peterborough School were very organised with their set play, making good use of any opportunities. The girls worked so hard and never gave up, well done girls, we were very proud of your efforts and determination! Well done to all our teams and to our Captains Maddie, Rhea and Chloe, you all did a super job!



FOREST SCHOOL CLUB

Last week we took part in some citizen science and joined in with the Natural History Museum's Fat Spider Fortnight. We searched the school grounds for "gravid" females (ones carrying eggs) and were rewarded with a beautiful garden orb weaver safely hiding in the sage. We identified, took our photographs as evidence and left her in peace.



This week we're selecting the perfect apples from the tree in our garden and toasting them on the fire with a sprinkle of cinnamon. A perfect autumnal treat!

SCHOOL STATIONERY SHOP –

The school stationery shop will be open during breaktimes starting next week on Mondays and Thursdays for pupils to purchase pens, pencils etc.

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.

DATES FOR THE DIARY:

PTFA SCHOOL DISCO – FRIDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER – 5.30PM – 7.30PM IN THE SCHOOL HALL

(see the attached details)



PTFA PRELOVED SHOP – TUESDAY 6TH OCTOBER FROM 3PM – 4:30PM

This will be the last date that non branded trousers and shirts will be available from the shop and will be free of charge or for discretionary donation before they are donated to charity

PTFA THANK YOU

PTFA MACMILLAN ‘GRAB AND GO’ COFFEE MORNING – Thank you to all the parents / staff who supported this wonderful charity, we will let you know how much we made in the next newsletter.

