AYSCOUGHFEE HALL SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER: 16/10/26

Dear Parents,

We have all really enjoyed our annual 'Pink Day' today, wearing something pink in aid of Breast Cancer UK. Thank you to all of you for the donations received, this is such a worthy charity and our pleasure to be able to contribute.

Half term is upon us already! We have had such a lovely start to the school year and the children have made us proud every single day. We are now all looking forward to the next half of the Autumn Term and all the excitement that brings. Thank you for your support this term and have a wonderful break everyone.

REMINDERS FOR AFTER HALF TERM

MONDAY 2ND NOVEMBER – ALL CLUBS/ MUSIC LESSONS RESUME

- ***FLU VACCINE ADMINISTERED IN SCHOOL TO RECEPTION TO YEAR 6 PUPILS***

WEDNESDAY 4TH NOVEMBER – FIXTURE (HOME) U9/U11 RUGBY STARTS 2:15PM
****Please note that parents who are watching need to arrive at the field 15 minutes before the start to gain access to the field.***

SCHOOL MEAL REMINDER
School meals for after half term – please remember if your child has hot meals that you have chosen for the start after half term.

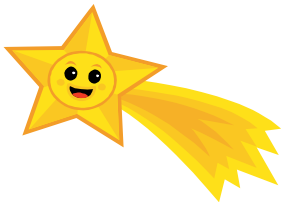
PARENTS' EVENING APPOINTMENTS
Parents' Evening appointments will go 'live' on Monday 2nd November at 6pm via ***ParentMail*** *for you to choose a 10-minute slot to meet with your child's teacher on either* ***Tuesday 10th November from 15:30pm – 17:30pm*** *or* ***Thursday 12th November from 18:00pm to 20:00pm****. We do encourage all parents to book an appointment to discuss their child's progress.*

DIARY DATES

SEPTEMBER

November	
Mon 2nd	**SCHOOL RESUMES** - Music lessons and Clubs resume School vaccination team in to deliver flu vaccination to Reception to Year 6 ****Parents' Evening appointments open via ParentMail at 6pm***
Wed 4th	**HOME FIXTURE: U10/U11 NETBALL STARTS AT 2:15PM**
Fri 6th	****Parents' Evening appointments close 12noon***
Mon 9th	Parents' Evening Week & Anti-bullying week
Tues 10th	Parents' Evening 15:30 – 17:30
Wed 11th	Online safety training – Year 2 to Year 6 **AWAY FIXTURE: U9 TAG RUGBY AT ST HUGH'S STARTS 2:15PM**
Thurs 12th	Parents' Evening 18:00 – 20:00
Fri 13th	**AWAY FIXTURE: HOCKEY AT SURFLEET**
Wed 18th	Kindergarten and Reception to visit the Spalding Library – 10am **HOME FIXTURE: U9 / U11 TAG RUGBY STARTS 2:15PM**
Fri 20th	Children in Need Day
Wed 25th	Fixture: Away Rugby CANCELLED due to Able, Gifted & Talented workshops hosted by The Peterborough School House Day (details to follow)
Fri 27th	Year 3 and Year 4 out to Methodist Church decorate Christmas trees PTFA Christmas Fete (further details t.b.c.) -5:30pm – 7pm
Mon 30th	Clubs and Music lessons finish this week Infant dress rehearsal to Juniors starts 10am
December	
Tues 1st	Year 6 outing to Christmas unwrapped The Baptist church – 10:50am Infant production for parents starts at 2.00pm
Wed 2nd	Infant production for parents starts at 2.00pm **HOME FIXTURE: U10/U11 TAG / TOUCH RUGBY STARTS 2.15PM**
Thurs 3rd	Year 6 Dragons' Den – more details tbc nearer the time
Fri 4th	PTFA Secret Santa Christmas Shop (in school)
Mon 7th	Year 5 Burghley House Tudor Christmas (details to be sent out via ParentMail) Infant Party / fish & chips
Tues 8th	Junior Panto Outing in town – am Reception outing to Pennington's
Wed 9th	Junior Party / fish & chips **Interhouse – Year 1 / Year 2 Interhouse games(PE kit and house t-shirts needed)**
Thurs 10th	Last day for Year 3 / Year 4 Swimming Year 6 readers rehearsal at Broad Street Methodist Church – 9.30am Whole School Christmas meal – Ideal Meals – last day of hot meals
Fri 11th	All children will need a disposable packed lunch. Christmas Carol Service at Broad Street Methodist Church – 2pm. Children will then go home with parents after the service. **SCHOOL TERM ENDS**
JANUARY	
Mon 4th	Inset Training day

STARS OF THE WEEK



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

Kindergarten: **Alistair**
Reception: **Joshua**
Year 1: **Minnie**
Year 2: **Sophie**
Year 3: **Edward**
Year 4: **Azra**
Year 5: **Noah**
Year 6: **Hetty**
Kindness Awards: Arnie (Infant) Ralph (Junior)
Golden Dustpan Award: Kindergarten
Lunchtime Award: Kindergarten

BIRTHDAYS

The following birthdays are during half term;

17th Oct. – Ezabel
22nd Oct. – Olivia B. & Noah
23rd Oct. – Henry
29th Oct. – Mrs Sear
1st Nov. – Mrs Patman, Sophie DC & Rafferty
3rd Nov. – Matthew
5th Nov. – Mrs Gibson

KINDERGARTEN

In Kindergarten, we have been taking a closer look at all the wonderful changes that come with Autumn. We enjoyed reading *Leaf Man* by Lois Ehlert and imagining the wind blowing leaves across the land. Inspired by the story, we created our own leaf people and thought about where the wind might take them on their adventures! We have also begun exploring 2D shapes and learning about their different properties. The children have been busy looking for shapes around the classroom and have discovered that they really are everywhere!











RECEPTION





Phonics has been lots of fun in Reception this week! We always try to make our learning as exciting and engaging as possible. The children have enjoyed playing Pass the Cauldron, reading Halloween-themed CVC words and joining in with a game of Musical Chairs Phonics. We used colourful pens and our chairs became tables! We even made the most of the beautiful sunshine by heading outdoors to practise forming our letters in chalk. Learning through play is such a wonderful way to build confidence and help our phonics skills stick!



In maths, we have been exploring 'one more' using practical resources to help us count and understand how numbers change. The children have been developing their understanding by adding one more object and counting the new total. It has been lovely to see them taking this learning into their independent play, using their new skills in different situations



YEAR 1

Year 1 have completed lots of fun activities this week! The children have been writing their own poems titled *'I Love'*, linking their writing to the five senses. Their writing was incredible, and they included lots of different writing techniques that we have been practising in class. All the children were so pleased with their work, and we could not have been prouder of them!

Year 1 also had lots of fun exploring the sense of taste in our Science lesson. The children tried different foods and recorded whether they liked them or not. The class were fantastic at trying the different foods, and it was wonderful to hear them using their scientific vocabulary to describe the foods they tasted. Unsurprisingly, chocolate was definitely a class favourite rather than the pickled onion!

We are so proud of all the children this term. They have worked incredibly hard to become more independent and have done a fantastic job of learning and following our classroom routines.







YEAR 2







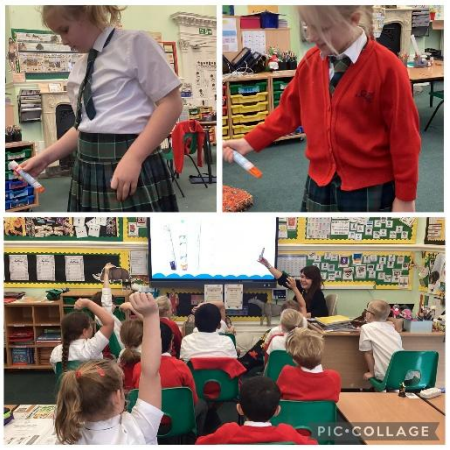


Year 2 have had a fantastic week, bringing our three-week English unit on Goldilocks and the Three Bears to a close. We explored the text Goldilocks and Just One Bear, in which Goldilocks and Baby Bear meet again as adults. Inspired by this story, the children wrote their own imaginative tales about what might happen if Goldilocks and the grown-up Baby Bear were to meet again. We had some wonderful ideas and were particularly impressed by the care, accuracy and detail in the children's writing. Well done, Year 2!

In maths, we continued to develop our addition and subtraction skills, focusing on using number lines to subtract and subtracting from multiples of ten. In science, we carried out our first investigation, learning to use the key scientific terms aim, prediction, results and conclusion. Our big question was: Do the oldest children in the school have the biggest feet? The children enjoyed exploring this question and beginning to understand the different stages of a scientific investigation. The highlight of the week was undoubtedly painting our Baby Bear chairs. The children worked brilliantly in their house teams to design, construct and decorate their chairs in their house colours. There was plenty of creativity and lots of fun along the way.

To finish our Design and Technology unit, the children tested the stability of their chairs and evaluated their finished designs, reflecting on what went well, what they found challenging and what they might change if they were to make them again. What a fantastic first term we have had in Year 2! We are so proud of the children's hard work, creativity and enthusiasm for learning.

YEAR 3



What a busy week Year 3 has had! From sharing book recommendations to weaving Celtic clothes, there has been plenty to keep our minds- and fingers-active!

Our budding book reviewers took centre stage in English as we wrote reviews of Stone Age Boy. The children thoroughly enjoyed the story and loved explaining what made it special and why others should read it too. It was lovely to see their enthusiasm for reading shine through their recommendations.

We are incredibly proud of our four language ambassadors who represented our class(and our School!) beautifully in the Zoom with the French School in Trevoux.

Maths kept our brains busy as we tackled addition and subtraction, practising carrying in addition and exchanging in subtraction. There was plenty of careful thinking as we worked through our calculations!

Our journey into the past introduced us to the fierce and formidable Queen Boudicca in History. Meanwhile, the Celtic theme continued in Art, where we practised weaving to make colourful Celtic clothes. Working the strands over and under, took patience, concentration and some nimble fingers!

An important PSHEE lesson helped us learn about allergies and the steps we can take to protect friends and loved ones who have them. We explored how care and consideration help us look after one another.

Our young scientists also got busy investigating different types of soil and exploring what soil is made of. There was plenty to discover beneath our feet on our own school grounds.

To top it all off, we had a wonderful time at our first Junior Interhouse! It was an exciting opportunity to join in, support our houses and enjoy being part of the Junior school. Year 3 would like to wish our amazing Ayscoughfee family a wonderful and, most importantly, restful, half term!

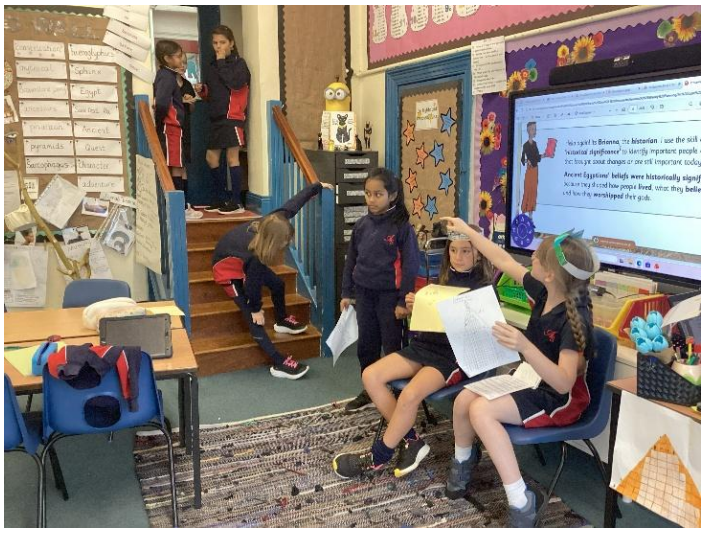






YEAR 4

What an incredible week we've had!
In maths, we have been learning how to subtract more efficiently. The children have been developing their skills in using compensation as a new strategy, as well as tackling subtraction calculations involving multiple exchanges. They have shown great perseverance in applying these methods and explaining their mathematical thinking.
Our Egyptian Day was a huge success! The children enjoyed designing their own crowns and headdresses, as well as making shadufs. Throughout these activities, they developed so many important skills, including teamwork, problem-solving and perseverance, as they adapted and improved their designs.
We also had an amazing time transforming our classroom into an Ancient Egyptian museum! We invited children from other classes to come and explore our wonderful creations. The children spoke confidently about what they had made and shared fascinating facts they had discovered during our research project. We were so proud of how enthusiastically they shared their learning!
A huge thank you to all the parents who took the time to visit our classroom. We loved sharing our hard work and achievements with you and we hope you enjoyed seeing everything the children have been learning about Ancient Egypt as much as we enjoyed creating it!





YEAR 5

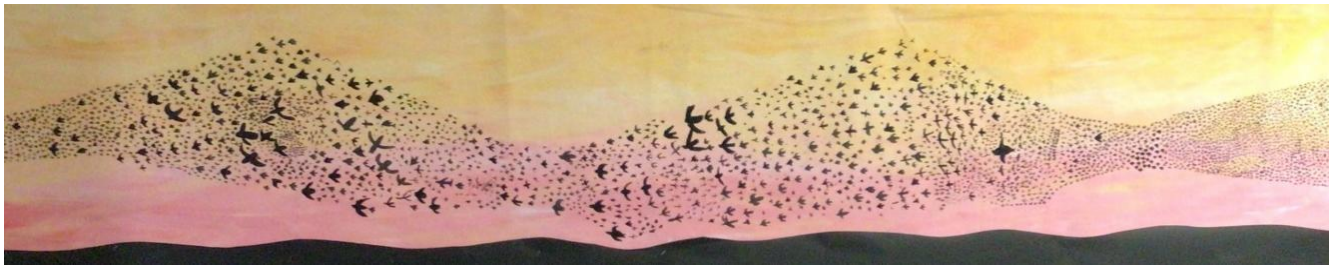
This week in Science, we have been busy investigating different methods of separating mixtures. The children explored evaporation, sieving, magnetism and filtration, discovering how each technique can be used to separate different materials. They demonstrated excellent scientific thinking by generating their own enquiry questions and considering which methods would be most effective. It was fantastic to see everyone working collaboratively, sharing ideas and supporting one another as they carried out their investigations with enthusiasm and curiosity.

In English, the children have been putting the finishing touches to their fantastic non-chronological reports inspired by *The Lost Thing*. They have worked hard to include technical vocabulary, varied sentence openers and a range of Year 5 writing techniques. They have since transferred their understanding of non-chronological reports into Geography, where they have been creating their own informative reports about volcanoes. This has been a wonderful opportunity to showcase everything they have learnt about volcanoes throughout the term!





YEAR 6



The children have been really busy this week creating poetry and artwork based on starlings and the mesmerising murmuration. Our classroom has been filled with imaginative ideas, thoughtful discussion and plenty of creativity.



The children have wowed everyone with their fabulous collaborative artwork and their imaginative poetry. We have loved reading their fabulous poems and are so proud of their amazing creations, based on the books *We Are Starlings* and *The Lost Words*. It has been lovely to see the children working together, sharing ideas and bringing their responses to the texts to life through words, colour and shape.

In maths, the children have been learning about division problems and the order of operations. They have been tackling tricky challenges and applying their knowledge of long division. The children have worked carefully to explain their methods, check their answers and decide which operation should be completed first. They have shown perseverance when solving problems and have enjoyed discussing different ways to approach each challenge.

On Monday, the children had the amazing opportunity to learn about online safety with a visit from Lincolnshire police. They found out how to prevent fraud and becoming a 'money mule'. Well done to all the pupils for their fabulous answers and excellent understanding of how to stay safe online. A huge thank you to the Lincolnshire School Safety Partnership and Lincolnshire Police for organising the visit.





MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES





As we reach the end of our first half term, it has been wonderful to reflect on the enthusiasm, progress and cultural curiosity pupils have demonstrated across Modern Foreign Languages.

A particular highlight this week was our Zoom exchange with our partner school in Trévoux, France. Our Language Ambassadors thoroughly enjoyed the question-and-answer session with their French counterparts, demonstrating confidence, excellent communication skills and genuine enthusiasm for sharing their experiences. They represented the school beautifully, and I am incredibly proud of the way they embraced this opportunity to use their language skills in an authentic context. *Félicitations à tous !*

Across the school, pupils have been completing their current topics, revisiting key vocabulary through games and reflecting on what they have learnt this term. These activities have provided a valuable opportunity to consolidate knowledge and celebrate the progress made.



Meanwhile, our Year 6 pupils brought their French cultural learning to life by presenting their “Culture in a Box” projects. The standard of creativity, research and attention to detail was fantastic, with pupils producing some wonderful representations of French culture and landmarks. Their projects were a fitting end to a half term filled with discovery and learning.

I wish everyone a restful half-term break and look forward to another exciting term of language learning, cultural exploration and new opportunities. *Bonnes vacances!*



MUSIC

This week in Music and Movement we have been singing and using scarves to show beat and pitch. The pupils really enjoyed it .

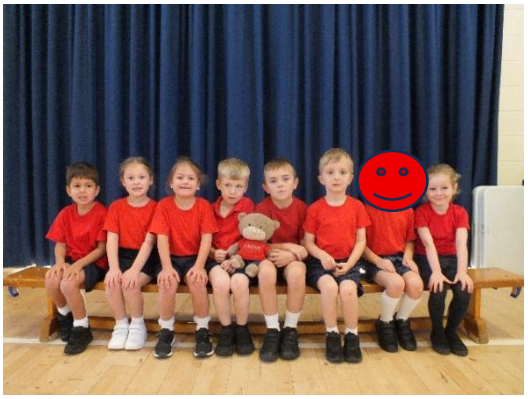


SPORTING NEWS









Interhouse Event - Year 1 and Year 2

Year 1 and Year 2 pupils took part in their Inter-house games event this week, Year 1's very first house event. It was extremely exciting and very noisy as the teams worked together to compete against the other houses in a variety of team activities. They worked on their dribbling skills, hurdling, hopscotch and speed bouncing. We were most impressed with their determination, effort and teamwork, and demonstrating our 'Sports Values' in abundance!

Well done all of you, it was great fun and thank you Year 2 for helping to record the results and for being so supportive to our Year 1 children! the results and for being so supportive to our Year 1 children!

1st place = Robust Romans
2nd place = Noble Normans
3rd place = Valiant Vikings
4th place = Super Saxons

Sports Values goes to the Valiant Vikings for their teamwork, honesty and perseverance.









Interhouse Events

Juniors

The children enjoyed the afternoon supporting each other and showing some amazing talent both on the netball court and the rugby pitch. Our House Captains supported their teams very well and gave lots of positive encouragement and helpful coaching along the way to some of our younger children. A super afternoon, thank you to all our staff for their help.

A special thank you to our House Captains Harry, Edith, Orla and Rhea, for their leadership and for being such good role models to others. Thank you to Jessica, Immanuel, Albie, and Henry for supporting our House Captains in their events.

ResultsResults

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
Junior Netball	**Vikings**	**Saxons**	**Romans**	**Normans**
Junior Rugby	**Normans**	**Vikings**	**Saxons**	**Romans**

Noble Normans for Sports Values in both Netball and Rugby

JEWELLERY REMINDER – PLAIN STUD EARRINGS ONLY

Please note that children should only wear plain stud earrings for school. Earrings should be removed for PE and swimming. If children are not able to remove earrings themselves, could parents please ensure they are taken out before school on these days.

PTFA NEWS

The PTFA would like to invite 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.

PTFA PRELOVED SHOP –



The preloved uniform shop got off to a great start for the school year raising nearly £200 and seeing some excellent quality items go to new pupils.

We have an abundance of tunics and skirts and are looking to downsize the quantity we have so if anyone is looking for new sizes please do get in touch. You can request access to uniform anytime via your PTFA rep and do not need to wait for the pop up.

We would like to remind parents that we no longer accept old style PE kits and from now on will also no longer be accepting trousers/shorts and junior shirts.

Otherwise, we continue to welcome donations of clean and good condition uniform, please dispose of anything at home you wouldn’t buy yourself.