



AYSCOUGH FEE HALL SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER: 09/10/26

Dear Parents,

As you will see below, it has been another action-packed week in school!

It was wonderful to celebrate our annual Harvest Festival with so many of you on Tuesday. It was a lovely occasion and the children all performed their songs and readings so well. A special thank you for the very generous Harvest contributions, which were all taken to Agape Foodbank. The Foodbank have asked me to pass on their thanks and deepest appreciation of these gifts.

This week I would like to especially commend the four Year 6 pupils, who attended a Coding Day Competition at The Peterborough School on Thursday with Mrs White. The children really were fantastic ambassadors for our school, demonstrating the values of respect, kindness and determination throughout the day. Their exceptional manners and conduct were remarked upon and for all these things we are immensely proud of them. On top of this, out of 20 schools competing, they came second, which was a fantastic achievement. Well done to you all.

REMINDERS FOR THE WEEK

Monday 12th October – Year 5 and Year 6 - Money Mules – in school workshop.

Tuesday 13th October – Year 4 Egyptian Day - To help bring our learning to life, the children are invited to come to school dressed as an Ancient Egyptian for the day. They could come dressed as a pharaoh, Egyptian god or goddess, mummy, archaeologist, scribe, servant or another character inspired by Ancient Egypt. Costumes do not need to be elaborate or expensive – homemade costumes are absolutely welcome!

Wednesday 14th October –

- **Year 1 and Year 2 interhouse games** – PE kit and house t-shirts needed on this day.
- **Reception visit from a member of Spalding Fire Safety and rescue.**
- **Year 4 Class museum** – We are delighted to invite parents to our **Year 4 Egyptian Museum** on **Wednesday 14th October, from 2:30–3:00pm.**
- Parents are invited to come along to the **Year 4 classroom** to view the wonderful Egyptian projects the children have created as part of their homework project. We can't wait to share their fantastic work with you!

Thursday 15th October – Junior interhouse netball / rugby – house t-shirts needed on this day.

Friday 16th October – PINK DAY – non-uniform day, children can come to school in their own clothes wearing an item of pink for a £1 donation to Breast Cancer Now.



DIARY DATES

SEPTEMBER

October	
Mon 12 th	Money Mules in school workshop – Year 5 and Year 6 pupils (details tbc.)
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 (see the attached poster) Last day of term
Mon 19th – Fri 30th	HALF TERM BREAK
November	
Mon 2 nd	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 4 th	HOME FIXTURE: U10/U11 NETBALL STARTS AT 2:15PM
Fri 6 th	Parents' Evening appointments close 12noon
Mon 9 th	Parents' Evening Week & Anti-bullying week
Tues 10 th	Parents' Evening 15:30 – 17:30
Wed 11 th	Online safety training – Year 2 to Year 6 AWAY FIXTURE: U9 TAG RUGBY AT ST HUGH'S STARTS 2:15PM
Thurs 12 th	Parents' Evening 18:00 – 20:00
Fri 13 th	AWAY FIXTURE: HOCKEY AT SURFLEET
Wed 18 th	Kindergarten and Reception to visit the Spalding Library – 10am HOME FIXTURE: U9 / U11 TAG RUGBY STARTS 2:15PM
Fri 20 th	Children in Need Day

STARS OF THE WEEK

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

Kindergarten: Arthur
 Reception: Reggie
 Year 1: Chloe
 Year 2: Jayela
 Year 3: Sophia
 Year 4: Iris
 Year 5: Joshua
 Year 6: Chloe
 Kindness Awards: Joshua (Infant) Henry (Junior)
 Golden Dustpan Award: Year 3
 Lunchtime Award: Year 5

BIRTHDAYS

The following pupils have
 birthdays next week;
 14th October - Jiya
 15th October - Isaac
 16th October - Aaran

Kids' Club End of Day Routine

As the number of children attending Kids' Club continues to grow, it is increasingly important that we can safely account for all children at the end of the school day and ensure that every child leaves with the correct adult.

To help us manage this safely, all children registered for Kids' Club at 3.20pm will remain in the club until we have completed registration. This will primarily affect parents who may arrive a few minutes after collection time.

We would be grateful for your patience while staff register all children and confirm who is leaving. Once this process is complete, children can be released safely to their parents or carers. This should be no later than 3.30pm. Where parents arrive before 3.30pm to collect their children, no charge will be made.

We would also kindly ask that parents come into Kids' Club to let a member of staff know when they are collecting their child, rather than signalling to them from across the playground. This helps us maintain accurate records and ensures that all children are handed over safely.

Thank you for your understanding and support in helping us keep all children safe.



CALLING ALL PUZZLE MASTERS



Our afterschool story & puzzle club and puzzle masters would love to give your unwanted puzzles and puzzle games a new home!

We are looking for items suitable for infant or junior-aged children. If you have any puzzles or puzzle games gathering dust at home, we would be very grateful for your donations. Donations can be dropped off at the school office. A big thank you in advance for helping us keep our young puzzle masters busy!

KINDERGARTEN

This week, we have been enjoying the wonderful story *Owl Babies* and have had lots of fun exploring owls through creative and imaginative activities. We became owls ourselves, perching on our 'branches' and using our arms to help us balance as we carefully walked across the benches. We worked together to collect sticks in groups of 1, 2 and 3, using our subitising skills to quickly recognise quantities and build our nests. We explored other animals and discovered the different types of homes they live in. This week, the children were also delighted to receive their very special Ayscoughfee Teddies to take home, ready to snuggle up with in their own homes!



RECEPTION

What a super week we have had in Reception!

Superhero Day was a huge success! We enjoyed a phonics Pass the Parcel with a special Super Reading Challenge, exciting bike, trike and scooter races and even received a very special surprise (messy) gift from Spider-Man! We certainly felt like superheroes for the day!



Our story this week has been A Tale of Two Feathers. We have had lots of fun exploring and investigating real owl feathers. The children used some fantastic vocabulary to describe them, including delicate, fragile, beautiful and fluffy. We talked about how feathers feel, look and what they might be used for.

Our creativity has really taken flight! The children used a variety of media, including pastels, blending colours carefully to create beautiful feather pictures. We also worked together to create huge owl and kingfisher pictures, experimenting with colour, pattern and texture.

In maths, we have been busy subitising and using our mathematical skills to recognise quantities without counting. The children have been developing their confidence with numbers and explaining how they know how many they can see.

What a wonderfully creative and action-packed week!



YEAR 1



Year 1 have continued to enjoy all their learning this week! It has been so lovely to see how well the children have been doing, and we are incredibly proud of how independent they are becoming. In maths, the children have been exploring part-whole models and focusing on our number bonds to 10. They have used a range of mathematical resources, including cubes and tens frames, to help represent and understand the different number bonds. We have also learnt a fun song to help us remember our number bonds to 10! A highlight of the week has been our Forest School sessions, where the children have enjoyed exploring a range of natural resources. They even had the opportunity to toast bread, which went down a treat! The children loved trying their delicious, toasted bread with jam. Well done, Year 1 — you have been absolutely amazing this week! We are so proud of you all!



YEAR 2



What a busy and exciting week we have had in Year 2!

This week in English, we continued our work on Goldilocks and the Three Bears by exploring the same story told in a different way by a different author — *Me and You* by Anthony Browne. The children were fantastic at spotting the similarities and differences between the two texts and gave thoughtful reasons for which book they preferred and why. It was wonderful to hear them sharing their ideas and explaining their opinions so confidently. In Maths, we continued our work on addition and subtraction. We have been learning about fact families, number bonds and how to add three numbers, using number bonds to help us work out our answers. The children have been working hard to explain their mathematical thinking and develop their understanding. Our recent Forest School sessions have linked beautifully with our English learning. Following on from our work with the Three Bears, Mrs Grew helped the children make some delicious porridge! The children really enjoyed getting hands-on and connecting our classroom learning with the outdoors. We have also had a very busy art afternoon! The children have been developing a range of artistic skills, including watercolour painting, sketching, drawing and collage. We are very excited to see their creations come together, and we hope you will enjoy seeing our finished artwork displayed in the entrance hall alongside the rest of the school's work after half term.



Well done, Year 2, for another busy and productive week! You have worked incredibly hard and should all be very proud of yourselves.

YEAR 3

What a busy and creative week we have had in Year 3!

Our English lessons saw us put the finishing touches to our instructions for cooking prehistoric fish. We worked carefully to include all the features of a successful set of instructions, from clear equipment lists and numbered steps to imperative verbs and time conjunctions. We are very proud of our finished work!

Adding and subtracting 1s and 10s kept us thinking hard in Maths, particularly when crossing tens and hundreds boundaries. Careful observation has been the key as we have spotted patterns and used them to help us calculate accurately.

Colour and creativity filled our Art lessons as we continued our Celtic knot project. We have been sharpening our cutting skills and marvelling at the bright colours as our designs take shape.

For PSHEE, we became recipe writers, creating beautiful recipes for a dream school! Our ingredients included kindness, friendship and plenty of joy. It was especially lovely to hear the children suggest that we already learn in a perfect school. What a heartwarming reflection on our school community!

Meanwhile, our journey along the History timeline brought us to the final period of prehistory: the Iron Age. We are thoroughly enjoying learning about the Celts who lived in Britain and excitement is building for our visit next week. Flag Fen, here we come!



The Harvest Assembly gave us even more reasons to feel proud of one another. A big well done to our classmates who read during the assembly and to everyone for singing so beautifully. We are all so proud of Zara-Maria for her wonderful contribution to the choir. It was a joy to celebrate together!



YEAR 4

Maths

Year 4 have been working incredibly hard in Maths this week! We have been developing our understanding of column addition, including calculations involving more than one exchange. We have also started learning the rules for column subtraction with exchange. The children have shown great determination when tackling these tricky calculations and are becoming more confident each day.

Science

In Science, we have been learning about conductors and insulators. We explored a range of different materials and carried out tests to find out which materials were good conductors and which were insulators. The children enjoyed making predictions, testing their ideas and discussing their results.

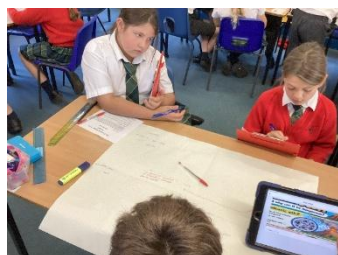
Handwriting

We have also been practising our handwriting and are making fantastic progress! The children have been working hard to improve their horizontal and diagonal joins, and it is lovely to see how much neater and more fluent their handwriting is becoming.

Well done, Year 4, for another fantastic week of hard work! ☀️



YEAR 5



In Maths this week, the children have been developing their mental calculation skills for addition and subtraction. They have explored a range of strategies, including partitioning and compensating, and have used practical resources to support their understanding. Throughout the week, the children have also tackled a variety of reasoning and problem-solving challenges, encouraging them to explain their thinking, choose efficient methods and apply their mathematical knowledge with increasing confidence.



In English, the children have been introduced to the features of a non-chronological report. They have enjoyed exploring examples and identifying the key features that make this type of writing effective. Their learning has focused on using technical vocabulary, selecting a range of suitable sentence openers and including parenthesis to add extra information. The children are now beginning to apply these features within their own writing as they develop their understanding of the genre.

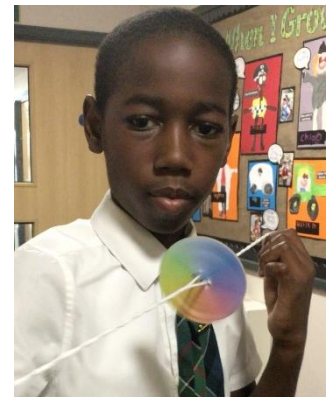
In our curriculum learning, the children have been exploring the five deadly features associated with volcanoes and the dangers they can present. They took part in a Mantle of the Expert activity, where they adopted the role of specialists and worked together to research different areas of the topic. The children then shared and taught their findings to one another, taking real ownership of their learning. They thoroughly enjoyed this collaborative and engaging approach.



YEAR 6



Year 6 have had a busy week following in the steps of Sir Isaac Newton and learning all about light and colour. They enjoyed creating a colour wheel and seeing light being split through a prism. The children made careful



observations and recorded what they noticed. They also explored refraction and discovered how refracted light can make objects appear to bend and learnt about the life of Isaac Newton, creating fact files to show his important work on light.

In Art, the children have begun their topic of exploring identity. They have been creating amazing backgrounds for their portraits, based on the work of Mike Barratt. They are looking forward to finding out more about amazing artists from around the world and exploring how they bring their culture and identity into their fabulous artwork.

In Maths, the children have continued their exploration of division and have taken on the challenge of long-division methods. They are showing great perseverance as they work hard to crack this tricky method. In English, they have been exploring what makes a fantastic recipe - they have been using their skills to identify the key features required, how to engage the reader and will be turning their Forest School curry experience into a fabulous set of instructions for Mrs Grew.

On Thursday, four pupils had the opportunity to take part in a maths coding day at The Peterborough School. The children worked really hard as a team to crack the codes based on the infamous Sherlock Holmes and really impressed with their behaviour, enthusiasm and teamwork – they even managed to achieve second place! Well done for being great ambassadors for our school!

Well done, Year 6 – a busy week!



MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES

This week, our language learning has embraced the autumn season and Harvest Festival, providing pupils with an opportunity to explore seasonal vocabulary and make meaningful links between language and the world around them.

Pupils have been learning about *la cosecha* (the harvest) and exploring autumn-themed vocabulary, including *la calabaza* (pumpkin). They have also been developing their ability to express preferences about food using the phrases (*me gusta* and *no me gusta*). Through a variety of games, speaking activities and vocabulary challenges, pupils have been putting their new language into practice and developing greater confidence in communicating in Spanish.



We were also delighted to hold our first Language Ambassadors meeting this week. The Ambassadors have already shared some exciting ideas for promoting languages across the school, and several new initiatives are now being developed. We look forward to bringing these ideas to life and sharing more with the school community over the coming weeks.

It has been lovely to see such enthusiasm for language learning throughout the school. ¡Feliz Cosecha!

MUSIC



Music this week- wow! What a week. A fabulous Harvest Festival with some wonderful songs. Well done to all pupils.

We are starting to learn Young Voices in our Junior classes but also keeping up with our other music learning- Year 3 have been busy doing 'question and answer' rhythms using improvisation.

SPORTING NEWS

Spalding Hockey Tournament 1 02.10.26

On a lovely warm sunny evening our new hockey team consisting mainly of Year 5's entered the fray in the Spalding School's Hockey Tournament for the first time.

Our players gave their full effort and started to link together as a team. They were confronted by Monkhouse, Tower Road and St John's. All of their games were challenging though improvement in play was made in every game. Our players found their favoured positions and started to pass effectively. It was a tough introduction to competition hockey which our players stepped up to. Well done to all that took part and thanks go to the parents that supported the fixture.



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.