AYSCOUGHFEE HALL SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER: 06/11/26

Dear Parents,

Welcome back for the second half of our Autumn term – the most exciting half term of the year for many of the children!

A big surprise lay in wait for everyone as they came onto the playground on Monday morning; a fantastic new addition to the front of the infant block. We are incredibly grateful for the donation of the sail, which will provide shelter in the winter and some much-welcomed shade in the summer. The sail should also protect the infant block somewhat from the full effects of the sun during the summer months, keeping it cooler and a more pleasant environment for all. Our deepest thanks go to all who made this possible.



Have a wonderful weekend everyone.



REMINDERS FOR NEXT WEEK

Tuesday 10th November – Parents' Evening appointments – 15:30pm to 17:30pm
Clubs cancelled – Infant crafts / Eco club / Healthy Minds and Healthy Body
(all other clubs will run as normal)

Wednesday 11th November – Fixture / Away – U9 Tag Rugby at St Hughs – 14:15pm start

Wednesday 11th November – Year 2 to Year 6 online safety training in school

Thursday 12th November – Parents' Evening appointments – 18:00pm to 20:00pm
Clubs cancelled – Rugby / Choir / Art (all other clubs will run as normal)

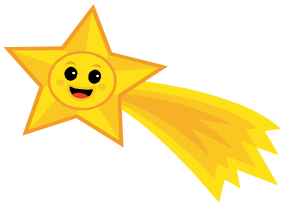
Friday 13th November – Fixture / Away – Hockey at Surfleet

DIARY DATES

SEPTEMBER

November	
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: Rosa
Reception: Arnie
Year 1: Freddie
Year 2: Rupert
Year 3: Thea
Year 4: Ronnie-Rose
Year 5: Dacey
Year 6: Afiyah
Kindness Awards: Laurence (Infant) Eco Club (Junior)
Golden Dustpan Award: Year 5
Lunchtime Award: Year 6

BIRTHDAYS

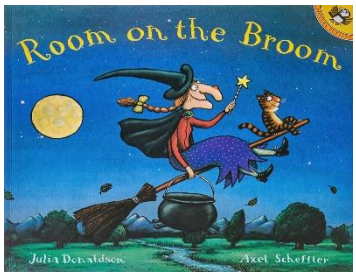
The following birthdays;
7th November – Thea & Harriett

KINDERGARTEN

RECEPTION







A Wonderful Week in Reception and Kindergarten!

What a wonderfully spooky week we have had in EYFS! The children have enjoyed a whole host of Halloween-themed activities, with spooky games, songs, phonics and crafts keeping everyone busy. Our creative activities included handprint witches, to which the children carefully added hats and features. Some made spiders threaded with wool and pipe cleaners through hole-punched holes, developing their fine motor skills and hand-eye coordination. We also made some very beautiful Halloween pictures, alongside plenty of scooping, exploring and pumpkin carving!





Our story of the week was Room on the Broom. The children loved joining in with the story and learning some fabulous new vocabulary, including magnificent, bounded and thunderous. We explored hidden words through colour-by-number activities and created some lovely paintings of pumpkins too.

There was lots of excitement as we dressed up for our EYFS Halloween party, which everyone thoroughly enjoyed! We became little bakers, making delicious pumpkin cupcakes using the flesh from the carved pumpkins. The children loved mixing the ingredients, following the recipe and watching their creations come together. A spooktacular week full of fun, creativity and fabulous learning!











YEAR 1



Year 1 have had a fantastic first week back after the break, and we have been so impressed with how well everyone has settled back into school life! All the children have remembered our classroom routines, know exactly where to put their belongings and, most importantly, have shown such positive attitudes towards their learning.



This term, we have begun exploring our exciting new topic, 'Inspiring Individuals'. The children thoroughly enjoyed their first History lesson, where we learned about the incredible Rosa Parks and the significant impact she had. The children were fascinated to discover more about her life and the important changes she helped bring about. They also took part in some incredibly thoughtful class discussions, sharing their ideas about why Rosa Parks is remembered as such an inspirational individual.

The children also had a very special guest arrive in our classroom this week! In English, we have started exploring our new text, 'Beegu'. The children were very surprised to discover that some mysterious letters had appeared in our classroom from Beegu, explaining that she had crash-landed at our school! Working together as a class, we followed the clues and discovered that Beegu was hiding right here in our classroom!
The children have welcomed Beegu so warmly and have loved getting to know her through our new story. They have already written lots of fantastic sentences about the places Beegu visited in the book, as well as some wonderful descriptive sentences about what she looks like. We have been so impressed with their creativity and enthusiasm!





Well done, Year 1, for such a brilliant start back after the break. We are incredibly proud of you all!

YEAR 2



It has been lovely to welcome the children back after the break. We have had a fantastic first week, with lots of exciting learning taking place. This week in English, we have been learning about the possessive apostrophe. The children chose objects from around the classroom, orally rehearsed their sentences, and then wrote them down to explain who each object belonged to. We focused on making sure our apostrophes were in exactly the right place. In maths we have been using Base 10 equipment to help us add two 2-digit numbers. The children then worked hard to record these calculations in their maths books, taking care to line up their numbers in the correct columns. Remembering to keep everything neatly aligned can be a little tricky, but everyone showed great perseverance! Our RE topic this term is Light and Candles. The children were very surprised when they returned from lunchtime to find our classroom in darkness. We spent time discussing our thoughts and feelings about being in the dark before exploring the different occasions when candles are used and why they are important. It was lovely to hear the children making links to their learning from last term, remembering that Hindu people use a candle on their puja tray when praying.

A fantastic first week back, Year 2! We are looking forward to another exciting and busy term of learning.







YEAR 3



What a lovely start to the new half term! Year 3 returned from the holidays happy, rested and full of enthusiasm. It has been wonderful to see their smiling faces and watch them settle back into our classroom routines!

In English, we focused on punctuating speech, practising writing sentences with inverted commas. There was plenty to remember as we worked on showing exactly which words our characters were saying!

In Maths, we finished our addition and subtraction topic and we are feeling rather proud of ourselves! We have become increasingly confident, even when exchanging across tens and hundreds. It has been lovely to see the children's hard work paying off as they tackle calculations with growing independence.

Our PSHEE discussions centred on families and why they are so important to us. The children thoughtfully shared their ideas about the love, care and support our families give us.

In Geography, we launched our new topic on world climates. The children impressed Mrs Periam with their enthusiasm and eagerness to discuss the different climates around our planet. Our "What is in my suitcase?" game was a particular highlight! We loved choosing suitable items to pack for journeys to countries with different climates and explaining our choices.

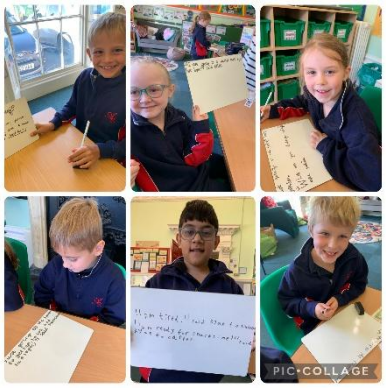
There was great excitement as we began our Forest School sessions, too. We put our scientific knowledge to work by investigating the soil in our school grounds and considering what type of soil we had found.

We know it is only the beginning of November, but our busy Year 3 elves have already been creating Christmas decorations! Soon, we will be decorating a tree at Broad Street Methodist Church and we cannot wait to see our creations on display.

What a happy, busy week of learning, investigating and creating together! Well done, Year 3!





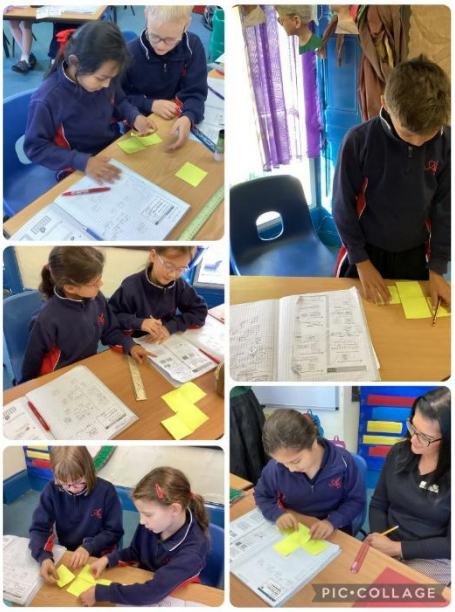


YEAR 4



Year 4 have had a wonderful start to the new half term and it has been lovely to welcome them all back, full of enthusiasm and raring to go.

In English, we explored the front cover of our new class text, Krindlekrax by Philip Ridley. We carefully examined the illustrations, title and other visual clues to make thoughtful predictions about what the story might be about. We discussed the possible genre, setting, characters and plot, using evidence from the front cover to support our ideas. We shared our predictions with our peers, listened carefully to different opinions and justified our answers using clear explanations.



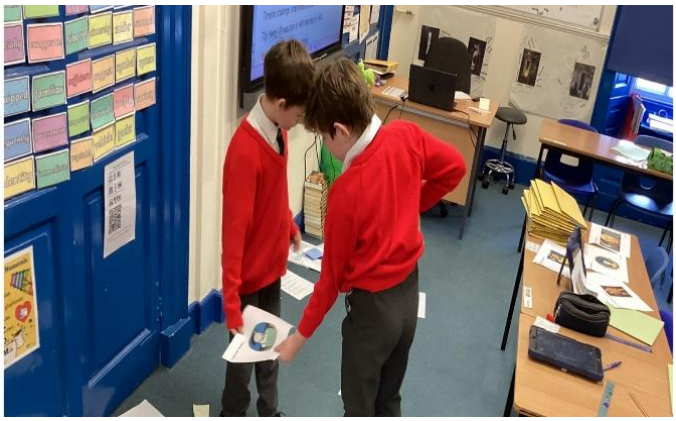
This week, we introduced our new maths topic, area. We began by discussing what area means and worked together to establish a clear definition: Area is the amount of space covered by a flat, 2D shape. We explored a range of examples and non-examples to deepen our understanding of area and how it differs from perimeter. We then took part in a practical investigation using four Post-it notes. We arranged and rearranged the notes to create different shapes, discovering that although the appearance of the shapes changed, the area remained the same because we were still using four equal-sized Post-it notes. This hands-on activity helped us understand that shapes can look different but still have the same area. We enjoyed discussing our findings and explaining our mathematical reasoning using the correct vocabulary.

YEAR 5

Welcome back, Year 5, it has been great to see you all returned from your break ready to continue with your learning this week.
In Maths this week, the children have been developing their understanding of multiples, using their times table knowledge to support their learning. They have enjoyed using practical resources, including cubes, to explore multiples and organise numbers into different groups. This hands-on approach has helped the children strengthen their understanding of this mathematical concept.
In English, the children have been introduced to our exciting new class novel, The Nowhere Emporium. They have already shown great enthusiasm and curiosity about the mysterious story and its characters. As part of our narrative writing unit, the children have been exploring how speech can be used effectively to reveal more about a character's personality and emotions.
In our Curriculum lessons, the children have begun exploring our new History topic, the Tudors. They have been learning about the famous artist Hans Holbein and how his portraits of Henry VIII helped shape the king's powerful image. The children have explored how Henry VIII wanted to be portrayed and why these portraits continue to influence how he is represented in textbooks today.









YEAR 6

Year 6 have made an excellent start to the half term and have begun their Victorian topic full of enthusiasm. They have been reflecting on what they already know about this period of history and using their detective inference skills to investigate a range of Victorian artefacts. By examining their appearance, materials and possible functions, the children have been developing ideas about how each object may have been used. They are looking forward to finding out whether their ideas are correct. Next week, we will be learning about the impact of the Industrial Revolution and considering how it changed people's work, homes and daily lives.









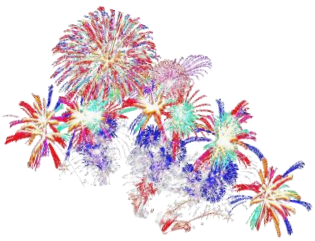
In science, the children have started their topic on electricity and have been learning about electrical safety. They have been identifying potential hazards and creating clear safety posters to remind people about the dangers of electricity. We are looking forward to creating different circuits, testing how they work and recording them using the correct scientific symbols.

In English, the children are using their descriptive skills to write sensory poems. They have been selecting carefully chosen vocabulary to describe sights, sounds, smells, tastes and feelings. We look forward to creating a class compilation of their work.

In maths, we are starting our fractions unit. Our TTRS skills are being used to help us crack equivalence and compare and order fractions.

It has been a busy week, with lots to be proud of in Year 6.

MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES



It has been lovely to welcome everyone back after the half-term break, and we have made a fantastic start to a new half term of language learning. This week, the whole school has been embracing Spanish, with pupils exploring a variety of exciting topics including autumn, fireworks, visiting Spain and sport.
There has been plenty of *diversión* (fun!) along the way, with pupils enjoying a wonderful mix of Spanish songs, interactive games, speaking activities and vocabulary challenges. From learning new words and practising pronunciation to joining in with songs and putting their language skills into action, there has been lots of enthusiasm and some excellent participation across all year groups.
Our new topics are also providing opportunities to explore Spanish traditions, everyday life and culture, helping pupils to make connections between language learning and the wider world.
It has been a pleasure to see everyone throwing themselves into their Spanish lessons with such energy and curiosity. We have lots more exciting activities ahead this term, and I look forward to seeing everyone's confidence continue to grow.
¡Buen trabajo a todos! (Well done, everyone!)

ECO CLUB



This week Eco Club were given the honour of planting a special Hibiscus bush which originally belonged to Mrs Wright's Grandad. They took on this role with great pride and are looking forward to seeing it grow and flourish at the front of the school over the years. We were also very dedicated and went on our usual litter pick despite the rather inclement weather; we sheltered under a tree for a little while until the rain had passed and then carried on filling our bags and cleaning the local streets!









SPORTING NEWS

U9, U10 and U11 Netball – Wednesday 4th November 2026





Our U9, U10 and U11 teams took to the courts this Wednesday for a home fixture against The Peterborough School.

Our U9 and U10 teams each played three short matches against Peterborough's U10 team, who proved to be well matched opposition. All three games showcased some lovely fluent netball, with some excellent interceptions and passages of play throughout. It was particularly pleasing to see the girls grow in confidence as the matches progressed, with both of our teams securing victories. Our two U11 teams also demonstrated some confident and determined netball. Team 1 made a fantastic start to their opening game, taking an early 7–1 lead, before the match became much more evenly contested. Team 2 worked hard to maintain their 1–0 lead for the majority of the game, only for TPS to find a late equaliser.

Well done to everyone who represented the school. We were particularly proud of the excellent organisation and teamwork shown off the court, alongside the fantastic sporting values demonstrated throughout the afternoon. A special thank you to our captains, Olivia, Dacey, Afiyah and Jessica, for their contributions. 'Players of the Match' were awarded to Olivia, Matilda and Katie. Well done, girls!





Finally, thank you to all our parents for their continued support and encouragement throughout the afternoon.

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.

HELP! WOOL NEEDED – YEAR 2

Does anyone have any thick wool that they would be able to donate to Year 2 please? Any colours would be much appreciated. Thank you for your help.

EARLY YEARS - A Little Christmas Clear-Out!

As we approach Christmas, we wondered whether any families might be having a little clear-out of toys and resources at home. If you have any unwanted outdoor toys, dolls, dolls' prams, easels or similar items that are still in good, usable condition, we would be very grateful for any kind donations to EYFS. We would also love any unwanted rolls of wallpaper, which are always useful for our creative activities!

Rather than throwing things away, we would be delighted to give them a new lease of life in our setting. Any donations, however small, would be very much appreciated. Thank you, as always, for your continued kindness and support!

KIDS' CLUB

Now that the darker evenings are here, Kids' Club would be very grateful for any donations of unwanted or outgrown board games or toys that your child no longer uses.

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 DIARY DATES

- **Tuesday 24th November – Non-uniform day in exchange for a tombola prize for Christmas Fete. (details to follow shortly)**
- **Friday 27th November – PTFA Christmas Fete – 5pm to 7pm (details to follow shortly)**
- **Thursday 3rd December & Friday 4th December – Santa's Secret Shop (details to follow shortly)**

PTFA PRELOVED SHOP –

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.