



# Fyling Hall Matters

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## The Retaking of Raqqa

For years, we've heard stories of the frightening expanse of the group who refer to themselves as the Islamic state, seemingly unstoppable in their conquest through Israel and Syria. With few stories of victories over the terror group, many are fearful of the group and so many lives have been destroyed by them, even though they are being driven back significantly. While I cannot say that the group has been defeated or even crippled, we at least have a story about a large victory over the group. The US-backed Syrian forces took the "IS capital" on Tuesday morning. With at least 3250 deaths in the last 5 months, many of them civilian, and about 270,000 people forced to flee from their homes the victory is much more hollow than many would have liked.

major victory for anti-IS forces, especially the Syrian Democratic Forces who took the city. It is reported that from Raqqa, the group is said to have planned their attacks abroad from the city, and while this is in no way a guarantee that targeted terror attacks will be reduced, there is hope that this will at least disrupt the organisation.

The group who refer to themselves as ISIS seem to be getting weaker by the day but the war is far from over and who knows how many civilian lives will be forfeited in the process. The question of whether peace is within the realm of possibility is now becoming more prominent. However this is a distant possibility would be a massive feat with the country so divided and unstable.

The retaking of Raqqa does not mark the turning point of the fight against the so called Islamic State, but it is a

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Look out for our  
Hallowe'en  
Review  
next week



### Monday 6th PTA Cake Sale

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### On this day in ...

...1945, the order to bomb Pearl Harbour in Hawaii was issued. This outwardly dishonourable act, carried out by Japan with no warning on a nation at peace, brought the United States of America into the Second World War. 2,400 Americans lost their life and eight Navy battleships and more than 100 planes were damaged or destroyed in the operation.

### Words of the Week

	This week	Next week
Tricky:	<b>friendly</b>	<b>provoke</b>
Trickier:	<b>gracious</b>	<b>incite</b>
Trickiest:	<b>benevolent</b>	<b>exacerbate</b>

### The Week Ahead

Sat	4 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am	Trip to Ice skating followed by bowling or cinema
Tues	7 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am	Senior Maths Challenge
		1:30pm	District Cross Country @ Duncombe Park
		2:30pm	U13 Hockey v Scarborough College (Away)
Wed	8 <sup>th</sup>	1:30pm	Under 13 District Hockey Tournament @ CCW
		2:30pm	1st XV Rugby v Scarborough College (Away)
		4:00pm	U15 7 a side Football tournament @ Malton
Thur	9 <sup>th</sup>	4:00pm	U14 Basketball @ CCW
Fri	10 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am	County Netball Round @ QE