

FRIDAY NEWSLETTER



AUTUMN TERM ■ ISSUE 8 ■ FRIDAY 25 OCTOBER 2024





We wish you all a very relaxing half-term holiday and look forward to seeing you again at 8.40am on Monday 4 November 2024

Lothersdale LEGENDS of the WEEK

FRIDAY 8 NOVEMBER 2024

Reception ~ Ella

Year 1 ~ Anya

Year 2 ~ Alfred

Year 3 ~ Jude W

Year 4 ~ George

Year 5 ~ Peter

Year 6 ~ Sophie





Well done everyone!

Message from Mrs Tyson

Dear Parents and Carers

As we reach the end of this half term, I would like to thank you for your continued support and involvement in your child's learning journey. Your encouragement and feedback has been invaluable, and we are grateful for all that you do to help us provide the best educational experience for your children.

This half term has been incredibly productive, with significant progress made in both curriculum development and updates to our school website. We have been working hard behind the scenes to ensure that the learning experiences we offer are engaging, relevant, and impactful for all of our pupils.

After the break, we are excited to launch a new initiative: the 'Lothersdale Learning for Life' curriculum. This new curriculum is designed to promote and celebrate metacognition—helping children to understand their own learning processes—as well as the development of positive learning behaviours and essential life skills. Our aim is to equip the children with the tools and strategies they need to become resilient, reflective, and independent learners.

In the first week after half term, you will receive a letter with further details about the 'Lothersdale Learning for Life' curriculum, outlining how it will be implemented and what you can expect in the coming months. Please keep an eye out for this important information.

Finally, we would like to wish you all a restful and enjoyable half-term break. We look forward to welcoming the children back, refreshed and ready for the exciting new initiatives ahead.

Thank you once again for your support, and we wish you a lovely break.

Melanie Tyson Headteacher

SAVE THE DATE

Please note there may be circumstances in which these dates are subject to change. More information will follow at a later date about events listed below:

Tue 26 Nov 2024 Thu 28 Nov 2024

- Tue 26 Nov 2024 Open Day for prospective parents/carers for September 2025 Reception Intake
 - Open Day for prospective parents/carers for September 2025 Reception Intake

DEADLINES & REMINDERS

It would be really helpful if requested reply slips/payments etc. could be completed/paid by the stated deadlines to enable us to process the paperwork effectively this week. Thank you.

GDPR: NO MOBILE PHONES POLICY PHOTOGRAPHY/VIDEO RECORDING ~ INTERNET AND SOCIAL MEDIA



Please note that the school has a **No Mobile Phones in School Policy**, and therefore, unless prior permission has been given, parents/carers are not allowed to use mobile phones or take photographs/videos in school.

There are some children in school who, for security reasons, cannot appear in photographs or video recordings and therefore do not have consent in place for photographs to be taken.

Whilst we want to allow you to record special moments in your children's lives at events organised by school off-site (eg participating in Sports Day, Christmas Concert etc), we must insist that any digital images or recordings taken from cameras and mobile phones do <u>not</u> include pictures of any children other than your own, unless you have asked permission from the parents/carers of the children involved. This includes the sharing of images electronically e.g. via the internet and social media sites.



EXTENDED SCHOOLS ACTIVITIES ~ AUTUMN TERM 2024 ~ SECOND HALF				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Soccer Tots 3.15 to 4.15pm	French Club 12.45 to 1.15pm	No clubs	Diversity Defenders 12.45 to 1.15pm	Football 3.15 to 4.15pm
-	Ball Games 3.15 to 4.15pm	on 6 Nov 2024	Supers ports 3.15 to 4.15pm	-
			Young Voices Choir 3.15 to 4.15pm	•

at the end of each session to ensure a safe handover to parents/carers

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
Class 4 Year 4 READING PLUS 8.20 to 8.45am Year 4 READING PLUS 8.20 to 8.45am		Class 4 READING PLUS 8.20 to 8.45am	Year 4 READING PLUS 8.20 to 8.45am	Class 4 READING PLUS 8.20 to 8.45am	
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Lothersdale			
REC	MARTHA and EDDIE		
Y1	ANYA and JAMES		
Y2	ALFIE and EVIE		
Y3	JUDE W and AVA		
Y4	HUGO and LAILA		
Y5	JOE and MAISIE		
Y6	AARON and SOPHIE		

All pupils attending these clubs must be registered for safeguarding and health & safety reasons.

Please note: the sessions start promptly at 8:20am so that children can complete the relevant tasks without disruption from any late arrivals. Late arrivals beyond 8:25am will not be able to attend the session. In this instance, please ensure that your child is supervised until the start of the school day.

Many thanks for your support.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

W/c 28 October 2024

- Wed Deadline for confirming a FREE Extended Schools Activity place for your child
 - Deadline for booking a PAID Extended Schools Activity via SchoolGateway
- **Thu** Deadline for online submission for a **secondary** school place ~ September 2025

W/c 4 November 2024

- Mon Poppies on sale during breaktimes this week to support the Royal British Legion
 - School Council deadline for Sunday's Remembrance Service (see below)
 - School re-opens at 8.40am after the half-term break
- Wed Deadline for completing and submitting the Y5-6 Clay Workshop online consent
 - Winston Plowes visit
- Fri Class 3 swimming lesson
 - Deadline for returning Class 1 completed Induction Questionnaires
- **Sun** Remembrance Sunday Service at Lothersdale War Memorial (see below)

GENERAL SCHOOL
UPDATES

Please find detailed below general updates for your information. If you have any queries regarding any of the content below, please contact the school office.

Legends of the Week

Following on from the letter sent out to parents/carers on 15 October 2024, our new 'Legends of the Week' awards start after half-term.

When the chosen child comes to school on Monday 4 November 2024, their name will be announced during the Monday morning assembly, and they will receive a 'Legend' badge to wear for the week. Throughout the week, the child will have various opportunities to demonstrate their strengths and achievements, not just inside the classroom but also in areas like sports, artwork, hobbies, or other interests. This will give them the chance to showcase why they have been chosen as an exemplary pupil. Parents/Carers of the children listed above are invited to attend our Legends assembly on Friday 8 November 2024 at 8:55am.

Please ensure you check the Friday News each week to confirm if your child will be the following week's Legend. This will enable you to make any necessary arrangements to enable you to come along to the Legends assembly the following Friday to celebrate your child's achievements and accomplishments.



School Chickens

You may have noticed that our School Garden has been transformed over the last few months and this is because we are welcoming chickens after half-term! This is such an 'eggs'citing opportunity for our children to develop many skills.

Cleaning the coop, putting down feed and water and generally caring for the chickens is a daily task that the children very much enjoy. Caring for chickens can help children to make connections with the natural world and animals. The work involved with keeping them can also be linked in with a wide-range of curriculum units.

Please note that, as the chickens are ex-battery, they will be tucked away re'coop'erating for a while, so don't worry if you don't see them around initially.

Thank you to Carrs Billington for their generous donation of chicken feed.

School Garden

The transformation of our gardening space is almost complete, and we will soon be ready to sow and grow!

We would like to thank the following for generously supporting us by providing donations to help us to get our new garden space up and running:

Twinlocks Garden Centre ~ compost, seeds and gardening equipment
Thompson and Morgan ~ herb, flower and vegetable seeds
The Pendle Stitches ~ greenhouses



We must also say a big 'thank you' to Mrs Allen for prepping the garden over the summer and organising donations for our new areas.

Class 1 Induction Questionnaire

An induction questionnaire has been sent home via bookbags this week to parents/carers of children in Class 1.

We would be grateful if you could take the time to complete and return the questionnaire by <u>Friday 8</u> <u>November 2024</u>. This will help us further improve the induction process for our future pupils and their parents.

Y5/6 Girls' Football Tournament ~ Wednesday 13 November 2024

Unfortunately, we are unable to take part in the Y5/6 Girls' Football Tournament after half-term as it coincides with Class 4's residential visit to Marrick Priory.

Y5/6 Visual Arts Clay Lantern Workshop ~ Wednesday 27 November 2024

A letter has been emailed this week to parents/carers of Y5/6 children who have expressed an interest in taking part in the South Craven Cluster Clay Lantern Workshop on Wednesday 27 November 2024. Please ensure the online form is completed and submitted by <u>Wednesday 6 November 2024</u> to enable us to confirm our participation at this event with the organisers.



Class 3 & Class 4 ~ Rotary Young Writer Competition ~ English Homework

All children in Class 3 and Class 4 have been set their English homework task to produce a written or typed story in prose (maximum of 550 words) or a poem (of

not more than 40 lines), entitled 'Wonderful Water' for entry into the Rotary Young Writer Competition.

<u>The completed entry form and typed or written entry must be returned to school by Monday 2 December 2024 at the latest.</u>

This National Young Writer Competition is a well-established and successful competition promoted by Rotary International in Britain and Ireland to support and encourage the development of writing skills and to write with imagination and creativity.

We would be grateful if parents/carers could encourage their child(ren) to complete this homework task by the stated deadline. Thank you for your support.



Extended Schools ~ Autumn Term 2024 Second Half

The activity flyer including booking notes to parents/carers was sent out via email yesterday for extended schools' activities taking place after half-term. A copy is also available to view on the school website. *Please ensure you read the bookings information before applying for a club place.*

<u>FREE Clubs</u>: Please email the school office (<u>lothersdale@ycatschools.co.uk</u>) by <u>Wednesday 30 October 2024</u> to book a FREE activity place for your child. It would be helpful if you could include the name of the club(s) in the subject header to help us identify the replies easily. Activities will be allocated on a first come first serve basis.

<u>PAID Clubs</u>: the deadline for payment for children taking part in paying clubs is <u>Wednesday 30 October</u> <u>2024</u> to enable your child to continue with his/her chosen club. Your child's name will only be entered on the activity lists once payment has been made. The extended schools' accounts will be removed from SchoolGateway once the deadline has passed so it is important that payments are made promptly.

<u>French Club</u>: next half-term we are excited that Madame Gander is returning to resume French Club over Tuesday lunchtime. This a fantastic opportunity for our KS2 pupils to improve their French language skills and to become confident French speakers.

All extended schools' activities finish on Friday 13 December 2024 and children should be collected from school at the normal time of 3.15pm week commencing 16 December 2024.

The Activity lists will be emailed out to parents/carers by Monday 4 November 2024. **As Soccer Tots takes place on Monday 4 November, please assume your child is attending if you have emailed to request a place and you have not had an email from us to say the club is fully booked.

We are unable to add your child to an activity list once the deadline has passed and the lists have been distributed to providers. It is therefore important that you help us to avoid your child missing out on an activity by adhering to the stated deadlines.

At the time of writing, there will be no clubs on the following dates:

Local History Club & Story Club - Wednesday 6 November 2024 & Wednesday 11 December 2024 Young Voices - Thursday 21 November 2024

Remembrance Service at Lothersdale Village War Memorial ~ Sunday 10 November 2024



We would like members of the School Council to represent the school at the Remembrance Ceremony at the village war memorial on Sunday 10 November 2024, along with staff members. A letter was emailed to parents/carers of School Council members on Thursday 17 October, and we would be grateful if you could email school by Monday 4 November 2024 if your child is not able join us.

All children in school, along with their families, are also more than welcome to join the School Council and staff at this service and we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible. Please meet in the school playground from 10.30am and we will walk over to the Memorial at 10.45am in time for the service. The School Council have been asked to attend in their school uniform and other children from school who would like to attend can also wear their uniform if they wish.



POPPY APPEAL

We will be selling poppies and other poppy related items in school week commencing Monday 4 November 2024 through to Friday 11 November 2024. Everything is £1.00, apart from the ruler snap bands, which are £1.50, and all the proceeds will go to the Royal British Legion.

We will be selling them every day at playtime and lunchtime.

Thank you for your support.

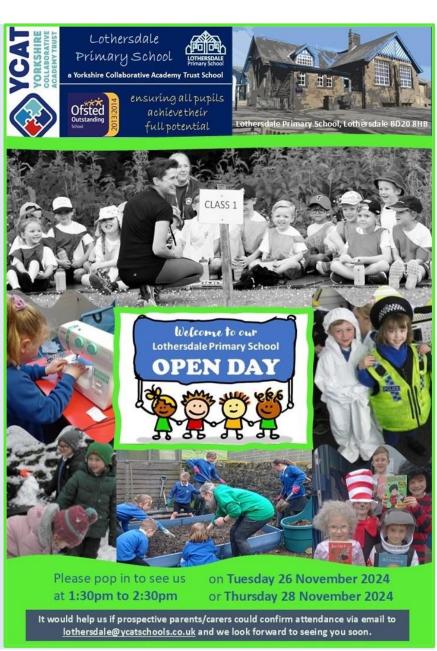
Prospective Parents Open Day Events:

Tuesday 26 November and Thursday 28 November 2024

We will be holding Open Day Events for new prospective parents/carers who have children due to start in Reception in September 2025 and would like to look at Lothersdale Primary School as one of their options.

Choosing a school for your child can be a daunting prospect and we look forward to welcoming prospective new parents/carers on Tuesday 26 November and Thursday 28 November 2024 from 1:30 to 2:30pm.

We attach the Open Day flyer below and if you have friends or relatives who have children approaching school age next year, we would be grateful if you could pass on this information.



welcome SCHOOL to the Lothersdale OFFICE

SCHOOL OFFICE TERM TIME HOURS

	Morning	Afternoon
Monday	8:00-12:15	1:15-4:00
Tuesday	8:00-12:15	1:15-4:00
Wednesday	8:00 - 12:15	1:15-4:00
Thursday	8:00 - 12:15	1:15-4:00
Friday*	CLOSED	CLOSED

Telephone: 01535 632510 Email:

lothersdale@ycatschools.co.uk

Access into school (parents/carers/contractors/visitors) is via prior appointment only, in line with the school's Health & Safety and Child Protection Policies.

Please telephone the School Office during the hours listed to make an appointment to speak to a member of staff.

*Please note that Mrs Ellison is not in school on Fridays and emails will be checked on her return on Mondays. Urgent messages should be left on the school answer machine, which will be checked at intervals throughout the day.



Please refer to the Friday Newsletter and the school website prior to emailing or contacting school, as most of our day-to-day information can be located within these communication portals. The school website address is https://www.lothersdaleschool.org.uk

SchoolGrid ~ Menu Autumn Term 2nd Half



Over the last few weeks we have been making changes to our menus and these changes will come into effect after half-term.

You may have noticed already that there are currently no meal choices available to pre-book from 4 November 2024. We will be loading the meals onto SchoolGrid over the half-term week and ask you to bear with us whilst we navigate this time consuming process.



Parent Consultations ~ Tuesday 19 November & Thursday 21 November 2024 Letters will be sent out early next week confirming your allocated time slot(s) for the forthcoming Parent Consultations.

Every effort will be made to meet requests but, if you are unable to make the time allocated, please ensure you contact the school office as soon as possible to arrange an alternative time.



Leave of Absence Requests

We are receiving a number of leave of absence requests. We would like to remind you that, unless there are <u>exceptional circumstances</u>, leave of absence requests will not be authorised. This is following the latest updated guidance.

<u>All</u> leave of absence must be requested via the *Pupil Leave of Absence in Exceptional Circumstances During Term Time* form. This form can be found on the school website and should be completed as far in advance as possible and preferably at least 6 weeks before the first date of the period of leave being requested. Please note this also applies to half-days and taking children out of school before the normal end of school day.

Year 6 Application Form for a Secondary School Place ~ September 2025

Please remember that the deadline for the submission of application for a secondary school place in September 2025 is on <u>Thursday 31 October 2024</u>. If you have not already completed the online application form, please do so as soon as possible.

Primary School Admissions ~ September 2025

Online applications can now be made via the Local Authority for reception places at Lothersdale Primary School for September 2025. The online common application form must be submitted by no later than <u>Wednesday 15 January 2025</u>. Letters from North Yorkshire Council regarding applying for a school place have been issued this week to all those families who are on the school's pre-admissions list for September 2025. If you are the parent/carer of a child, or know of a child, who is eligible to start primary school next September and whose name is not on the school's register of interest, please contact the school as soon as possible.

Pre-admissions Register of Interest

The school Pre-admissions Register of Interest list for a potential reception place at Lothersdale Primary School is starting to fill up for next year's September 2025 admission group.

LOTHERSDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL	Admission Year	Entry Date	Date of Birth Range	No. of Places Available	Registrations of Interest received to date
	2025/2026	Sept 2025	1.9.2020 to 31.8.2021	15 (tbc)	10
	2026/2027	Sept 2026	1.9.2021 to 31.8.2022	15 (tbc)	9
光光光光	2027/2028	Sept 2027	1.9.2022 to 31.8.2023	15 (tbc)	4
Pre-admissions Register	2028/2029	Sept 2028	1.9.2023 to 31.8.2024	15 (tbc)	0

It is important that parents/carers register their interest for a reception place for their child as soon as possible (even if you live in the village) to enable us to determine potential numbers and the impact it will have on the future school roll.

Please be aware that entering your child's name on this list does not constitute the offer of a Reception place.

If you have a pre-school child and have not yet registered your interest for your child on any of the above school lists, please download a copy of the school's register of interest form available from the school website or, alternatively, contact Mrs Ellison, in the School Office, via email on lothersdale@ycatschools.co.uk as soon as possible for a form. If you have friends or relatives of children who also fall within the above categories, we would be grateful if you could pass on this information.

LEGENDS Updates

Please remember that all bookings <u>must</u> be made in advance via the SchoolGateway App to secure your child's place at one of our LEGENDS sessions.

Booking Deadlines

Afterschool Club – bookings to be made by 1:30pm on day of the session. Breakfast Club – bookings to be made by 4:30pm on the school day prior to the morning session (eg. If a Monday, then the deadline is Friday at 4:30pm.)

Childcare Vouchers

Please note that you can use childcare vouchers towards the cost of LEGENDS sessions. If you wish to use one of the childcare vouchers listed below to pay for LEGENDS sessions and you have not already informed us, please ensure you contact the school office prior to making any bookings or payments so that your account can be correctly set up on the system.







LEGENDS

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Forthcoming Events

LSA Bag2School Collection ~ Wednesday 20 November 2024 LSA Christmas Fair ~ Saturday 30 November 2024 LSA Christmas Bingo ~ Wednesday 11 December 2024 More details will follow nearer the time

LSA Movie Night ~ Wednesday 23 October 2024



Thank you to all those children who were able to attend Wednesday's Movie Night in school. The children had a wonderful time and we would like to thank the members of the LSA who were able to help out on the night.

We will be able to confirm how much was raised towards school funds in due course.

LSA Christmas Card Project 2024

Your child has been busy this half-term drawing artwork to be professionally reproduced as high quality Christmas cards, gift tags and mugs.

An envelope was sent home via bookbags this week with a letter, sample of your child's Christmas Card, and an order form. Please ensure the completed order form and <u>cash only</u> is returned to school sealed in the envelope. Please speak to a member of the LSA if you would prefer to pay via bank transfer.

Please return to school by <u>Tuesday 5 November 2024</u> to help us meet the printer's deadline for the cards to be sent back to school in time to send to family and friends for Christmas.





LSA Bag2School Collection ~ Wednesday 20 November 2024

Our next fundraising event is the Bag2School collection, which takes place on Wednesday 20 November 2024. Please see the list below of accepted items.

Please use the half-term break to have a big clear out of anything that is no longer required and can be sent to Bag2School. The more bags we collect, the more money the LSA will earn for their funds. Thank you for your support.

✓ Household bedding (sheets, pillow)

cases and duvet covers)

BAG 2 SCHOOL

FREE FUNDRAISING FOR SCHOOLS

In partnership with your school or organisation



Lothersdale Primary School



Bag 2 School is a company that specialises in the reuse and recycling of good quality secondhand clothing and we have arranged to make a collection from your school. All the bags will be weighed and you will be paid for the total weight collected. Remember, the more you collect the greater the benefit to your school.



By using this paper leaflet we are helping to reduce unnecessary extra plastic. Please use your own bag or bags (there is no limit). The leaflet is FSC accredited, please recycle it.

When the clothes have been removed from the bag the plastic will be packed and sent for recycling.

We are collecting good quality items for RE-USE:

Men's, ladies' & children's clothing, paired shoes, handbags, belts & accessories.

(No uniforms, workwear, pillows, duvets or pieces of fabric please)

The more we weigh the more we pay! Extra bags are welcome - there's no limit

Please return your Bag2School on:



WEDNESDAY 20 NOVEMBER 2024 in the Parent Shelter before 9.30am







BAG2SCHOOL COLLECTION ~ WEDNESDAY 20 NOVEMBER 2024

The next Bag2School Collection will be held on Wednesday, 20 November 2024. Please start collecting 'good quality' unwanted items for re-use to raise money for school. Bags will be issued shortly but please use bin bags too.

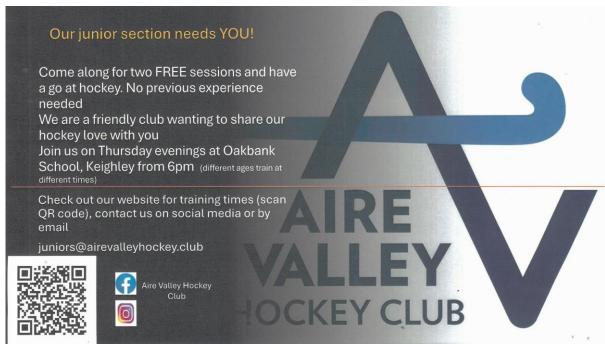
Remember the more bags you send to school, the more the school will earn!

They accept the following 'good They DO NOT accept: quality' items for RE-USE: x Duvets and blankets Men's, Ladies' and Children's clothing x Pillows and cushions Paired shoes (tied together/elastic X Carpets, rugs and mats band around) (including bath, shower and √ Handbags / hats / bags toilet mats) Scarves and ties x Soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing ✓ Jewellery X School uniforms with and ✓ Lingerie without logo Socks x Corporate clothing and workwear Belts X Textile off cuts, yarns or √ Soft toys threaded material ✓ Household linen / curtains / towels

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

We are delighted to be able to promote community events in our Friday News that may be of interest to our families and friends. If you would like us to promote a local event, please pass the details to the school office by Wednesday to be included in the Friday News of that week.





DIARY OF EVENTS

If you wish to promote a community event in our diary below, please contact the school office. Please note there may be circumstances in which these dates are subject to change:

School Events:

Thu 31 Oct 2024 - Deadline for online submission for a secondary school place

Fri 1 Nov 2024 - Diwali

Mon 4 Nov 2024 - School re-opens for Autumn 2nd Half
 Wed 6 Nov 2024 - Winston Plowes (Poet) in school pm

Sun 10 Nov 2024 - Remembrance Sunday at the Village Cenotaph (School Council pupils)

w/c 10 Nov 2024 - Inter Faith Week
Mon 11 Nov 2024 - Remembrance Day

w/c 11 Nov 2024 - Class 4 residential visit to Marrick Priory

w/c 11 Nov 2024 - Anti-Bullying Week
Tue 12 Nov 2024 - Odd Socks Day
Wed 13 Nov 2024 - World Kindness Day

Wed 13 Nov 2024 - Winston Plowes (Poet) in school pm

Fri 15 Nov 2024 - BBC Children in Need w/c 18 Nov 2024 - Road Safety Week

Tue 19 Nov 2024 - Parent Consultations (2.15pm to 6pm)

Wed 20 Nov 2024 - LSA Bag2School collection

Thu 21 Nov 2024 - Parent Consultations (2.15pm to 6.30pm)
 Wed 27 Nov 2024 - Y5/6 South Craven Cluster Clay Workshop

Sat 30 Nov 2024 - LSA Christmas Fair Tue 10 Dec 2024 - Human Rights Day

Wed 11 Dec 2024 - LSA Christmas Bingo (3:15pm to 5:30pm)
Fri 13 Dec 2024 - Last Autumn Class 3 swimming lesson

Tue 17 Dec 2024 - Whole School Christmas Concert at Skipton Town Hall
 Wed 18 Dec 2024 - John Froud: Whole school 'Christmas in a Day' workshops

Wed 18 Dec 2024 - Christmas Lunch
Thu 19 Dec 2024 - Christmas Party Day

Fri 20 Dec 2024 - School breaks up at 3:15pm for the Christmas break



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