

AUTUMN TERM ■ ISSUE 14 ■ FRIDAY 13 DECEMBER 2024



**AUTUMN TERM 2024**  
**Second Half**  
AUTUMN TERM DATES:  
Tuesday 3 September to Friday 20 December 2024



*Lothersdale*  
**LEGENDS** of  
the **WEEK**

There are no **Legend of the Week** awards next week.

**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:*

#### School Events:

- Mon 6 Jan 2025**
  - Staff Training Day
  - LEGENDS Holiday Club (please book your child's place by Wednesday 1 January 2025)
- Tue 7 Jan 2025**
  - School re-opens at 8:40am for the spring term
- Fri 10 Jan 2025**
  - Class 3 swimming lessons restart
- Wed 15 Jan 2025**
  - Deadline for online submission of application for a **primary school** place for September 2025
- Thu 16 Jan 2025**
  - Class 3 visit to The Royal Armouries, Leeds
- Wed 22 Jan 2025**
  - French Day
- Thu 23 Jan 2025**
  - KS2 Performing Arts Workshop at South Craven School (selected pupils)
- Wed 5 Feb 2025**
  - Class 3 & Class 4 Interfaith visit to Madni Mosque
- Tue 25 Feb 2025**
  - Young Voices Concert at Manchester AO Arena (selected pupils)
- Thu 6 Mar 2025**
  - Class 3 & Class 4 visit to Murton Park, near York
- Thu 24 Apr 2025**
  - LSA Bag2School Collection

## 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.*

ADDITIONAL LEARNING SESSIONS					Lothersdale	
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	REC	
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	Year 4 READING PLUS 8.20 to 8.45am	Class 4 READING PLUS 8.20 to 8.45am	Y1	MARTHA and EDDIE
-	-	Year 4 TIMES TABLES 8.20 to 8.45am	-	-	Y2	ALFIE and EVIE
<p>These clubs are for selected groups or pupils.                      All pupils attending these clubs must be registered for safeguarding and health &amp; 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.</p>						
					Y3	JUDE W and AVA
					Y4	HUGO and SOPHIE
					Y5	JOE and MAISIE
					Y6	AARON and SOPHIE
					<b>SCHOOL COUNCIL</b>	

### W/c 16 DECEMBER 2024 - NO EXTENDED SCHOOLS' ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

- Mon** - Deadline for bringing in Women's Refuge gifts by 9:30am
- Deadline for bringing in LSA Rainbow hamper donations
- Tue** - LSA Christmas Raffle – deadline for returning raffle ticket money and stubs
- **All children to bring a packed tea to school**
- Christmas Concert at Skipton Town Hall at 6.15pm ~ entry by pre-booked ticket only. Please ensure you bring your ticket with you to gain entry
- A collection for Manorlands Hospice will take place at the Christmas Concert
- Wed** - Christmas costumes to be returned to school (where applicable)
- Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day (no school sweatshirt today ~ wear a Christmas jumper to school and make a donation)
- John Froud: Christmas in a Day Workshops with all classes
- LSA Christmas Raffle Draw
- Christmas Lunch
- Thu** - Christmas Party Day (NON-SCHOOL UNIFORM)
- Fri** - Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day (no school sweatshirt today ~ wear a Christmas jumper to school and make a donation)
- No Class 3 swimming lesson
- School finishes at 3:15pm for the Christmas break

## 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.*

### Extended Schools' Activities ~ Autumn Term

All extended schools' activities have now finished for the autumn term. Please ensure all children are collected promptly at the normal pick-up time next week unless they are booked in to attend LEGENDS after school sessions.

### Keighley Women's Refuge – Christmas Gifts

Please continue to place gifts underneath the Christmas tree in the main reception on Monday 16 December 2024 ready for collection that day.

The presents already under the tree look amazing and we thank you for your help in supporting the families this Christmas at Keighley Women's Refuges.

This year, in conjunction with Christ Church Lothersdale, we are once again asking you to support the children (and mums!) who will be spending their Christmas at Keighley Refuge.

Your support is always amazing and we hope you will be able to give generously again.

Keighley Women's Refuge

# Christmas Gifts

Here is the current list of 11 children:

**8 boys ~ aged 12, 8, 7, 4, 3, 3, 1, 4 months**  
**3 girls ~ 1 aged 9 and 2 aged 18 months**

**At the time of writing there are no up to date numbers for mums and carers**

It would be really helpful if presents are wrapped and labelled with the gender and age of the person it would best suit eg. 'Happy Christmas to a 3 year old boy'.

Please leave your gift in the main reception area. In order to enable us to get the gifts to the Refuge in time for Christmas, please ensure gifts are sent in by 9.30am on Monday 16 December 2024.

Once again, many thanks for your support ~ you will be making Christmas more joyful for those having a difficult time.



Save the Children  
**CHRISTMAS  
JUMPER DAY**

### **Save the Children ~ Christmas Jumper Days**

Wednesday 18 December 2024 & Friday 20 December 2024

No school sweatshirts on both these dates ~ wear a Christmas or woolly jumper to school instead to help save children's lives. The payment has been set up on the SchoolGateway App, thank you to those parents/carers who have already made a donation.

If your child chooses to wear a Christmas jumper to school, we are requesting £1.00 per child towards this year's Save the Children Charity. Your child can come to school wearing a Christmas jumper on both dates but only one donation of £1.00 per child is requested. Many thanks for your support.



## CHRISTMAS CONCERT Skipton Town Hall Tuesday 17 December 2024

Our Christmas Concert will take place at Skipton Town Hall next Tuesday, 17 December at 6.15pm. The children have all worked hard in rehearsals this week and are really looking forward to performing for you.

Please remember that all children will need to bring in a packed tea on Tuesday morning to eat at Skipton Town Hall prior to the performance.

Up to two tickets have been allocated to each family for both parents/carers to attend (excluding Year 6). At the time of writing, a limited number of extra tickets have been offered to remaining year groups on a first come first serve basis via your School Gateway account. Tickets will be sent out via bookbags on Monday 16 December ~ please bring your entry ticket with you.

Please remember to bring some money if you would like to make a donation to Manorlands Hospice. LSA Raffle tickets will also be on sale.

Concert costumes: please note that children will go home after the concert in their costumes (where applicable). We would be grateful if you could ensure that all school costumes are returned to school on Wednesday 18 December 2024.

### **MOBILE PHONES AND PHOTOGRAPHS**

We would respectfully ask that all mobile phones are switched off to avoid any distractions and that photographs/videos are not taken during the performance.

Photographs have been taken of children, who are able have their photos placed on our website and social media sites, throughout the dress rehearsals and parents/carers will be able to view these via our Friday News or Facebook page.

### **Photos / Videos / Social Media**

Please remember that we have a number of children in school who, for security reasons, cannot be photographed. We must therefore insist that any photos or videos that are posted on social media should not include pictures of any children other than your own, unless you have asked permission from the parents/carers of the children involved.

Welcome to the  
Lothersdale **SCHOOL OFFICE**

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.

### 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

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.*

REMEMBER TO KEEP PUPIL CONTACT AND MEDICAL INFORMATION UP TO DATE!



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>



The Lothersdale School Christmas Postbox is now in the main entrance hall for children to post their Christmas cards to their friends at school. Children in Class 4 will be in charge of delivering the cards to classrooms once a day.

### LEGENDS Holiday Club ~ Monday 6 January 2025



School will be closed on Monday 6 January 2025 for Staff Training, but LEGENDS Holiday Club will be open for childcare. There are limited places available and booking and payment should be made via the SchoolGateway app by Wednesday 1 January 2025 to secure your child's place.

LEGENDS Holiday Club will be open from 8am to 6pm. Breakfast and a light snack will be provided but please send your child with a packed lunch.

### Pre-school Siblings

If you have younger siblings who are coming up to school age (particularly for September 2025 intake) and you have not yet pre-registered your child with school, we would be grateful if you could email the school office as soon as possible for a Pre-admissions form.

We have two Open Days coming up and it would be beneficial for us to have an up-to-date list of any siblings who are due to start school in September 2025. This will help us to support potential parents/carers by determining numbers for the next academic year's intake. Thank you for your support.

### 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 Wednesday 15 January 2025.



**LSA Bingo Night**  
**Wednesday 11 December 2024**  
 Thank you to everyone who was able to attend the LSA Bingo Night on Wednesday. The children had a fantastic time and you helped raise approximately **£250.00** towards school funds.



**LSA Christmas Raffle**

Please remember to bring in hamper donations for our raffle, which will be drawn on Wednesday 18 December 2024.

Ticket stubs and money should be returned to school by Tuesday 17 December at the latest. Tickets will be on sale at the Christmas Concert if you have not yet had chance to buy any.

**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.*

**CHRISTMAS EVENTS IN LOTHERSDALE & BEYOND**

**Sunday 15 December 2024 ~ 9:00am**  
**Carols and Crafts** at Christ Church, Lothersdale.

**Wednesday 18 December 2024 ~ 7:00pm**  
**Christmas Music and Carols with Giggleswick and Settle Brass Band.** At Christ Church, Lothersdale. Mulled wine and mince pies. Donations welcome.



**Tuesday 24 December 2024 ~ 6:00pm**  
**Christmas Service of Light with Nativity** at Christ Church, Lothersdale. Shepherds, Kings and Angels all welcome!

Tuesday 24 December 2024 ~ 11:30pm  
**Midnight Communion** at Holy Trinity, Cowling.



Wednesday 25 December 2024 ~ 9:30am  
**Christmas Day Family Communion** at Christ Church Lothersdale.

# PENDLE YOUTH & CHILDREN'S CHOIR

All welcome, no auditions

Meet every Friday 6pm-7:30pm during term time  
at Park High School, Venables Avenue, Colne, BB8 7DP

Facebook : Pendle Youth & Children's Choir

Conductor - Julie Townson 07983 528608

## Rock Climbing Clubs 2025

Since 2021, we've been teaching young people how to become independent climbers. From **knot tying** to **belaying, bouldering to lead climbing** we progress through the essential skills both Indoor and Out, developing self confidence to fitness in a long-term hobby.

**Novices:** Saturday - 9:30-12:30, Ilkley/Climbing Hub  
Saturday - 11:30-13:30 or 13:45-15:45, Ermysted's  
Sunday - 9:30-11:30 or 11:45-13:45, Ermysted's

**Advanced:** Saturday - 9:30-12:30, Ilkley/Climbing

**Ages:** 8-12 years (Ermysted's), 8-17 years (The Climbing Hub)

**Ilkley & Climbing Hub are OFSTED registered**

**"THE CLIMBING SESSIONS NOT ONLY HELP WITH PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT BUT ALSO ARE BRILLIANT FOR BUILDING CONFIDENCE."**

**£22.00-27.50 per session**

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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:**

- Tue 17 Dec 2024** - Whole School Christmas Concert at Skipton Town Hall
- Wed 18 Dec 2024** - Christmas Jumper Day
- 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 (non-school uniform)
- Fri 20 Dec 2024** - Christmas Jumper DAY
- Fri 20 Dec 2024** - School breaks up at 3:15pm for the Christmas break

