

AUTUMN TERM ■ ISSUE 15 ■ FRIDAY 20 DECEMBER 2024



*Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year*

from all the
Staff and Governors of
Lothersdale Primary School

School reopens
on
Tuesday 7 January 2025



~ Thank You ~

Staff and Governors would like to thank parents/carers for the amazing support you have given school, again, this year.

We have all had a very busy term leading up to Christmas and now hope all our families (and staff) have a wonderful Christmas break.

Thank you also for the kind gifts staff have received at the end of term ~ they are greatly appreciated.



FRIDAY 10 JANUARY 2025

Reception ~ **Odin**

Year 1 ~ **Leo**

Year 2 ~ **Jax**

Year 3 ~ **Laren**

Year 4 ~ **Adam**

Year 5 ~ **Annabelle J**

Year 6 ~ **Jude**

Well done everyone!

Two adults are invited to attend the next
Lothersdale Legend Assembly on Friday at 8:55am

Message from Mrs Tyson

Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils,

As we reach the end of the Autumn term, I want to take a moment to reflect on what has been a wonderfully busy and productive few months at Lothersdale Primary School. This term has been full of achievements, exciting developments, and rich experiences for our children, and I am incredibly proud of all that we have accomplished together.

Our key focus this term has been on curriculum and website development. We are now confident in the curriculum offer we have created, which has been carefully tailored to meet the needs and interests of our pupils, ensuring it is both inspiring and engaging. Alongside this, we have undertaken a significant renovation of our school website, which we are pleased to say is now much clearer, more informative, and up-to-date. I encourage you to visit the website to explore the curriculum and discover more about our school's offerings.

Thanks to the hard work and dedication of our staff, this term has been a great success for the children. They have enjoyed an array of opportunities that have enriched their learning and school life. Highlights have included exploring the newly renovated EYFS outdoor area, spending time in the memory garden with its new additions of chickens, and participating in poetry workshops with Winston Plowes. The introduction of Rocksteady music lessons has brought a new creative dimension to their learning, while events such as World Space Week, complete with a planetarium visit and science fair, have sparked curiosity and excitement. The residential visit to Marrick Priory was a fantastic experience, as were the road safety workshops delivered by our local PCSO team and the fire safety workshops led by North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue. These opportunities have not only supported their learning but also contributed to their personal growth and development.

I am deeply grateful to all our parents and carers for your continued support this term. It has been a pleasure to connect with many of you during events such as Grandparents' Day, parent consultations, the Harvest Festival, our Christmas Craft Afternoon, and, most recently, the wonderful Christmas performance at Skipton Town Hall. Your involvement and encouragement mean so much to us and help to strengthen our school community. I would also like to extend a special thank you to our class representatives for raising questions, communicating messages, and offering thoughtful suggestions for improving communication between parents and the school.

I would also like to acknowledge the valuable contributions of our school governors, whose dedication and support have been instrumental in the success of the school. In particular, I would like to thank Ruth Smith, whose tenure as a co-opted governor ends in January. Ruth has given so much to the school community over the years, both as a governor and as a parent, and we wish her every success, health, and happiness for the future.

Above all, I would like to express my gratitude to the children of Lothersdale Primary School. They are the heart of everything we do, and it is an absolute privilege to work with them. Their hard work, excellent behaviour, kindness, and friendship inspire us every day and serve as a constant reminder of why we do what we do. Each and every one of them is a credit to their families and to the school community.

Looking ahead to next term, we have much to look forward to. We are excited to officially launch our 'Lothersdale Learning for Life' curriculum with families, following its soft launch this term. There will also be a range of exciting school trips and further curriculum developments in consultation with the trust. Early in January, I will be sending out a parent survey to capture your views, and I encourage you to share your feedback as it is invaluable in helping us improve and grow as a school.

Finally, I would like to thank all those who have generously given Christmas gifts to staff this year—your thoughtfulness is truly appreciated. On behalf of everyone at Lothersdale Primary School, I wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We look forward to seeing you all in the Spring term and continuing this exciting journey together.

Warmest regards
Melanie Tyson

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 & safety reasons. Please note: the sessions start promptly at 8:20am so that children can complete the relevant tasks without disruption from outside arrivals. Late arrivals beyond 8:25am will not be able to attend the sessions.</p>					Y3	JUDE W and AVA
<p>HAVING FUN GETTING FIT</p> <p>PHYSICAL EDUCATION</p> <p>WEEKLY TIMETABLE</p> <p>Class 1 – Tuesday & Friday</p> <p>Class 2 – Tuesday & Thursday</p> <p>Class 3 – Monday & Friday</p> <p>Class 4 – Monday & Friday</p>					Y4	HUGO and SOPHIE
<p>CLASS 3 & CLASS 4 ~ MONDAY PE SESSIONS</p> <p>Class 3 & Class 4 will be doing Tag Rugby on a Monday with Hedley Verity from Wharfedale Rugby Club after Christmas. Please send your child into school on a Monday with additional warm/waterproof PE clothing and football/rugby boots in a separate plastic carrier bag, as they will be going across to the playing field in all weathers!)</p>					Y5	JOE and MAISIE
<p>EXTENDED SCHOOLS' ACTIVITIES ~ SPRING TERM</p> <p>All extended schools' activities will start again on Monday 13 January 2025.</p> <p>Information will be sent out the first week of term.</p>					Y6	AARON and SOPHIE

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.

W/c 6 JANUARY 2025 ~ NO EXTENDED SCHOOLS ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

- Mon** - School closed for Staff Training Day
- LEGENDS Holiday Club (please book your child's place by Wednesday 1 January 2025)
- Tue** - **School re-opens at 8:40am for the spring term**
- Wed** - Rocksteady Peripatetic Music Lessons re-start (pre-bookable via Rocksteady)
- Winston Plowes visit (Poet in Residence)
- Thu** - Deadline for returning Class 3 Royal Armouries consent form & payment deadline
- Fri** - Legends of the Week Assembly
- Class 3 swimming lesson

Christmas Presents for Keighley Women's Refuge

A massive thank you to those parents/carers who kindly donated Christmas gifts for families who are spending their Christmas in the local Women's Refuge.

Your gifts will make a huge difference to these families over the Christmas period and your generosity is amazing at this busy and expensive time of year.

Please see the response from the Refuge regarding the donations sent by Christ Church, Lothersdale and Lothersdale Primary School, for your information.



Hi all, I am writing to say a huge thank you to all the kind people who have collected toiletries and gifts for the people in refuge this Christmas. Although an enormous amount, all gifts will be put to good use. As well as giving all the clients and children gifts this Christmas, we also give presents throughout the year. We celebrate birthdays and special events, and every child receives a present when they enter refuge; your generosity allows us to do this.

Any money that is collected now goes towards client engagement, we call this fund the Phoebe fund, as many of you know she was we an avid supporter of our Charity. Activities help promote self-esteem and wellbeing and are for children and adults alike, these include play sessions, writing groups, going for walks, trips out, gardening, arts and crafts and cook and eat.

Thank you again for your continued support, we really appreciate your kindness.

Kind regards

Kath Tarpy

Accommodation and Resettlement Team Leader



CHRISTMAS CONCERT
Skipton Town Hall
Tuesday 17 December 2024

Thank you to everyone for coming along to support the children in their Christmas Concert on Tuesday evening. The children were fantastic and put on a brilliant performance ~ we are very proud of them all. Thank you to all the school staff who collectively produced a superb Christmas Concert, and we are very grateful for all their hard work, not only over the last few weeks of rehearsing, but over the whole term.

We have received very kind and positive comments about the concert from parents/carers, which are very much appreciated by all the staff and children.

We would also like to thank our parents/carers for supporting us again with our ticket allocation. We understand entirely that it is difficult not being able to bring along other family members, but we only have a certain amount of seating at our disposal to meet the Town Hall's health & safety requirements.

We also thank Skipton Town Hall for all their support leading up to, and during, the concert.

Our collection following the concert raised approximately **£60.00** towards Manorlands Hospice in Oxenhope, and we thank our parents/carers and family members for contributing towards this worthwhile cause.

Concert costumes: thank you for returning concert costumes to school. If you have not yet had chance to return your child's school Christmas costume, we would be grateful if you could ensure it is returned to school on Tuesday 7 January 2025.

Photography/Video Recording ~ Internet and Social Media

Whilst we want to allow you to record special moments in your children's lives e.g. participating in the Christmas concert, please remember that we have a number of children in school whose photos cannot be circulated.



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.



Tuesday
17 December 2024







On Wednesday, 18 December, we welcomed John Froud into school for the day. John started the day with a whole school assembly and then worked his way around each class throughout the day, teaching the children songs and actions.

At the end of the day, the children came together again and performed all the songs and actions they had learnt. They were all very enthusiastic and sang brilliantly. Thank you John and well done everyone!

Save the Children ~ Christmas Jumper Day ~ 18 & 20 December 2024

Everyone looked fantastic in their Christmas jumpers this week and so far, you have helped raise a total of **£102.00** for Save the Children. If you still wish to contribute, and have not yet done so, please make payment via the SchoolGateway app today.



Christmas Party Day ~ 19 December 2024

All the children had a wonderful Christmas Party Day on Thursday, and we had some amazing Christmas outfits. The hall looked very festive again at lunchtime and Rachel and Dayle produced some lovely cakes and cookies for dessert. Party games followed the lunch break, and the children had lots of fun playing games in their respective classrooms.

Lothersdale Catering Team
CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES 2024



A BIG 'THANK YOU'
to Rachel and Dayle, our catering team.

They produced an amazing Christmas lunch on Wednesday,
and we loved the festive cakes and cookies at our
Christmas Party Day on Thursday.

Thank you for all your hard work this term.

Class 3 visit to the Royal Armouries Museum ~ Thursday 16 January 2025

A letter and consent form was emailed to parents/carers of children in Class 3 on Thursday 19 December 2024 regarding the class visit to the Royal Armouries Museum in January.

We would be grateful if completed consent forms could be returned by Thursday 9 January 2025. A voluntary payment has been set up on the SchoolGateway app and we would be grateful if contributions could be made by this deadline to enable us to confirm if the visit can go ahead.

Class 3 Swimming Lessons ~ Spring Term First Half



Class 3 will be restart their swimming lessons at Craven Pool on Friday mornings for 6 weeks, from Friday 10 January to Friday 14 February 2025 inclusive.

Please note that the deadline for payment of voluntary contributions towards your child's swimming lessons is Friday 7 February 2025. Swimming is an important part of the curriculum but, unfortunately, the school receives no extra funding for swimming and relies on parental contributions to enable the children to take part in this activity. To date, we have received 40% in contributions towards this activity and require 100% to make this activity viable. No child will be excluded if his or her parents/carers do not contribute, but if insufficient voluntary contributions are received then regrettably, the school will not be able to continue providing this activity. Many thanks in advance for your support.

Welcome to the **SCHOOL OFFICE** Lothersdale

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>

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.

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 Christmas Raffle Prizes 2024		
	Winner	Ticket
☆☆☆ STAR PRIZES ☆☆☆		
One night weekend overnight stay including evening meal voucher and breakfast, The Devonshire Fell	KAR POHNS	207
Fire lit meal and Stargazing for two, Broughton Hall, Skipton	KONNIE ROOY	276
Ticket for a family of four, Thornton Hall, Barnoldswick	ANDY PARSONS	135
Afternoon Tea for two, Rudding Park, Harrogate	LAURA LUNSDEN	42
Food and Drink		
£30 Voucher-Le Bistro, Skipton	ALISON SCATER	693
£20 Voucher Coffee and Crumbs, Kildwick	DUDE CHAPMAN	361
Afternoon tea for two, Beck Hall, Malham	FORINNE LAMBERT	28
£20 voucher, The Old Tea Rooms, Hebden	KATIE LURWIGAN	74
Bottles of wine and chocolates, Regal Interiors, Crosshills	FRED BRAYBROOK	29
Bottles of wine and chocolates, Regal Interiors, Crosshills	MICHAEL EDDISON	591
Bottles of wine, Regal Interiors, Crosshills	JOHN	267
Main meal for two, The Craven Arms Appletreewick	JUDITH NORTH	195
Coffee and cake for two, The Hedgerow, Threshfield	LOTTIE BOY	466
£50 voucher, The Hare and Hounds, Lothersdale	DOM BINNY	211
Kids		
£25 voucher for holiday club - High Adventure, Cowling	OLIVER BILGERS	57
Family pass for two children and two adults, Fundaland	J BURNHOPE	77
Three free tutoring sessions, Tailored Tuition	MICHAEL SHARDING	764
Half a term's lessons, Ambition's Gymnastics, Crosshills	LIZ NELSON	160
Family voucher, Stump Cross Caverns	AURA KING	48
Home & Motor		
Car Valet £50 voucher, Craven Valeting	LILA	66
Hair, Beauty & Fitness		
Personal Training voucher for one free session, Vic Baldwin	DONNA LAUOOCK	95
Reiki treatment at the wellbeing lodge, Holostic House	APRIL HORN	195
Four yoga classes, Roots of Tolos	LEE CUTLER	208
Voucher for gel fingers or toes, Elixir White with Tace	KATIE FOX	386
Gel manicure or pedicure, Willow Avenue Beauty	JENNY SMITH	133
Free 5K event, Tough Mudder	PENNUNGTIAM	382
6 group coaching sessions, Skipton Tennis Club	HEATHER BELL	642
Hair beauty box, Neal and Wolf	LUCY REEDY	191
50% off new patient appointment, JAI Chiropractic	POSTMAN!	225
Gifts		
£25 voucher - Blush Florists	MARC SIEWART	388
£30 voucher, The florist by wildfire	KONNIE WOODWARD	15
Four travel vouchers, Keighley and Worthvalley Railway	VIC BALDWIN	72
£20 Special event gift voucher, Elsworth at the Mill	RUSSELLINGHAM	113
Sticker by number set, Morrison's	LIZ BRONIN	376
Children's books set, Morrison's	MAISIE YOUNG	262
Rainbow Raffle		
Pink box	CATH	676
Red Box	HEIDI	15
Purple Box	DARCEY	24
Blue Box		
Green Box	HEIDI	86
Yellow box	WILLIAM	226
Orange box	COL	195



LSA Christmas Raffle

Thank you to everyone who supported this year's Christmas Raffle via donations and purchase of raffle tickets.

Please see below for the list of raffle prize winners. Most of the prizes have been given out via school. If you, a relative or friend, have won a prize and have not received it, please call into the school office.



GUESS THE NAME OF THE PANDA

Congratulations to Felicity Bridges who guessed the correct name, which was number 57, **Elsa**.

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

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.

NEW YEAR HOLIDAY CAMP
Friday 3rd January 2025
Sandylands, Skipton
10am-3pm
FROM £15 FOR THE DAY
EARLY DROP AND LATE PICK UP AVAILABLE, PLEASE SEE WEBSITE FOR MORE INFO
BOOK NOW
WWW.SOCCERHUB.ORG.UK/CAMPS/

Wild CATS GIRLS' FOOTBALL
The perfect way for girls aged 5-11 to get involved with football
Play Football
Wednesdays 17:00 - 18:00 (starting 8th January)
Sandylands, Skipton
Head to www.soccerhub.org.uk/book-now/ to book your first sessions, or contact us to find out more, Olivia.soccerhub@gmail.com
#LET GIRLS PLAY

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

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)

