

SPRING TERM ■ ISSUE 17 ■ FRIDAY 17 JANUARY 2025



SPRING TERM 2025

SPRING TERM DATES:
Tuesday 7 January to Friday 4 April 2025

February half-term:
Monday 17 February to Friday 21 February 2025
Staff Training Day: Monday 24 February 2025
School reopens on Tuesday 25 February 2025



Lothersdale LEGENDS of the WEEK

FRIDAY 24 JANUARY 2025

Reception ~ William

Year 1 ~ Petra

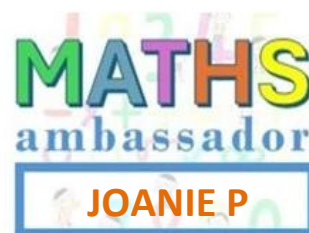
Year 2 ~ Vesper

Year 3 ~ Frankie C

Year 4 ~ Jamie

Year 5 ~ Florence

Year 6 ~ Lizzy



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

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.

HAVING	FUN	GETTING	FIT
PHYSICAL EDUCATION			
WEEKLY TIMETABLE			
Class 1 – Tuesday & Thursday			
Class 2 – Tuesday & Thursday			
Class 3 – Monday & Friday			
Class 4 – Monday & Friday			

EXTENDED SCHOOLS ACTIVITIES ~ SPRING TERM 2025 ~ FIRST HALF

Tuesday	Thursday	Friday
French Club 12.45 to 1.15pm	Supersports 3.15 to 4.15pm	Football 3.15 to 4.15pm
Ball Games 3.15 to 4.15pm	Young Voices Choir 3.15 to 4.15pm	-
The member of staff/activity provider will bring the children out to the playground at the end of each session to ensure a safe handover to parents/carers		
LEGENDS After School Club is available for childcare after school from 3:15 to 6:00pm		

ADDITIONAL LEARNING SESSIONS

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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
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REC	MARTHA and EDDIE
Y1	ANYA and JAMES
Y2	ALFIE and EVIE
Y3	JUDE W and AVA
Y4	HUGO and SOPHIE
Y5	JOE and MAISIE
Y6	AARON and SOPHIE

SCHOOL COUNCIL

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 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.

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:

6 Feb 2025 - Class 2 'Astronauts in Training' Themed Day (see below)

W/c 20 JANUARY 2025

- Mon** - Deadline for completing & submitting the KS2 Performing Arts consent (*selected pupils*)
- Wed** - French Day
 - Smartsafe Parent Information Evening in school (*see below*)
- Thu** - KS2 Performing Arts Workshop at SCS
- Fri** - Legends of the Week Assembly
 - Class 3 swimming lesson

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.

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

Children in Class 3 had a brilliant day on Thursday at the Royal Armouries Museum, where they took part in an Ancient Greek workshop to enhance this term's history topic. Thank you to Lee Cutler, Hayley Harrison and Sharon Harding for giving up their time to support Mrs Knight, Mrs Binns and Mrs Huddy on this trip.



French Day ~ Wednesday 22 January 2025

Next Wednesday, 22 January 2025, it's French Day in school. This is a **non-uniform day**, and we encourage children to come to school dressed in red, white, and blue – the colours of the French flag. Alternatively, they can opt for attire with a French theme, such as berets or mime costumes.

This promises to be a day of fun and learning where children will take part in French dance workshops, and cultural traditions, along with practicing their speaking, reading, and writing skills in French.

We are looking forward to a day of French culture.

Smartsafe Parent Information Evening ~ Wednesday 22 January 2025

We are excited to announce that Anna Sarjantson of screen-safe.co.uk will join us on Wednesday 22nd January from 7pm to 8.30pm to talk about how to keep our children safe online and answer any questions you may have about specific apps and parental controls. Anna led a session for Year 5s and Year 6s at the end of last term as part of our online safety curriculum.

This is a session for parents and carers (adults only) due to the nature of some of the content and we would love to see as many of you there as can make it. This is an open and inclusive environment, and we encourage those with all perspectives around this topic to attend and contribute to the discussion. It is clear that there is no one solution and each family will make their own decisions based on what is right for them. The aim of this initiative is to give each family as much information as possible to facilitate that decision making.

If you are able to attend, please can you let your class reps know as soon as possible if you have not done so already. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on Wednesday.

Class 3 and Class 4 Performing Arts Festival at South Craven School ~ Thursday 23 January 2025

A letter was emailed yesterday to parents/carers of children in Class 3 and Class 4 who have expressed an interest in representing the school at this year's KS2 Performing Arts Festival at South Craven School, which will be attended by other local schools. Please complete the online form and submit by Monday 20 January to enable us to confirm our attendance with the organisers. Five children from each class have been chosen – if your child is unable to attend, please ensure you complete the form by return so that we can offer the place to another child.

Class 1 PE Lessons ~ Thursdays

Please note that from week commencing 20 January 2025, Class 1's PE lesson will change from a Friday to a Thursday afternoon.

Online Safety Assembly ~ Online Gaming

Mrs Bateman took a whole school assembly this week to remind children of the importance of keeping safe online and not sharing personal information. They watched a short video from the NSPCC and discussed what they would do if someone they didn't know tried to chat to them whilst gaming or contact them via social media.

The children knew to tell a trusted adult and they also watched the video link below which explains to parents how to make gaming safer for children.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SI9wSVjl710>

We also attach the National Safety Online leaflet regarding setting boundaries around gaming to help support this topic.

Class 2 ‘Astronauts in Training’ Themed Day ~ Thursday 6 February 2025

A letter was emailed to parents/carers of children in Class 2 on Wednesday 15 January with details of the ‘Astronauts in Training’ Themed Day scheduled to take place on Thursday 6 February 2025, for your information.

National Child Measurement Programme ~ Reception & Year 6



A letter was emailed on Thursday 9 January 2025 to parents/carers of children in Reception and Year 6 from the Harrogate & District NHS Foundation Trust, regarding this year’s National Child Measurement Programme. This is an NHS led initiative and parents/carers can withdraw their children if they wish to do so. You do not need to do anything unless you wish to OPT OUT of this programme. Please follow the instructions in the letter if this is the case.

Children’s Health Service App



All parents/carers can access information to support the health and development of children, young people and adults via an NHS app, which has been developed and managed by your Local Health Visiting and School Nursing Teams.



Please click on the appropriate link to access this free 0-19 children services APP offering lots of resources and links to promote healthy child development and local public health services.

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>

Pupil Absence Reminder

Please remember parents/carers must contact the school by telephone or email, preferably by 8:30am, with an explanation for the absenteeism on the first day of absence (messages can be left on the school absence line and are picked up as soon as our administrator arrives in school at 8:00am). If your child is ill, please leave a specific reason for the illness as opposed to ‘not feeling well’. This will help the school identify any patterns of illness.

Please avoid telling a member of staff that your child is ill when on the school playground as these messages may not be passed on to the school office.



LEGENDS Holiday Club ~ Monday 24 February 2025

School will be closed on Monday 24 February 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 19 February 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.

School Meals ~ Menu Change

Please note that we have made minor amendments to the current school menu following pupil feedback.



Week 1:

Monday – Breaded Chicken Goujons instead of Chicken Curry (w/c 27 January 2025)

Week 2:

Thursday – Beef, Onion & Potato Pie instead of Sweet & Sour Chicken (w/c 3 February 2025)






The menus can also be found on SchoolGrid. If you have pre-ordered school meals in advance, please check your account as amendments to the school menu will remove any pre-orders.

LOTHERSDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL ~ MENU WEEK 1 (JAN 27, FEB 10, MAR 3, 17 & 31 March 2025)					
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
THE MAIN EVENT	Breaded Chicken Goujons with Barbecue Sauce (optional) Jacket Potato with a selection of fillings	Tasty Sausages with Gravy Wrap with a selection of fillings	Roast Chicken with Yorkshire Pudding & Gravy Quorn Roast with Yorkshire Pudding & Gravy	<i>Alternate Weeks:</i> Meatballs with Pasta / Pasta Bolognaise Garlic Bread Jacket Potato with a selection of fillings	Meat Feast Pizza Baguette with a selection of fillings
ON THE SIDE	Noodles Mixed Vegetables	Mashed Potatoes Carrots Peas	Roast Potatoes Carrots Broccoli	Sweetcorn Carrots	Chips Baked Beans
TO FINISH	Ice Cream Jelly	Chocolate Sponge & Chocolate Sauce	Celebration Cake	Apple Pie & Custard	Flapjack
AVAILABLE DAILY	Available Daily: Yoghurt & Fresh Fruit				



MENU

LOTHERSDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL ~ MENU WEEK 2 (FEB 3 & 24, MAR 10 & 24 March 2025)

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
THE MAIN EVENT	Chicken Burger  Jacket Potato with a selection of fillings	Cottage Pie  Wrap with a selection of fillings	Roast Chicken with Yorkshire Pudding & Gravy  Quorn Roast with Yorkshire Pudding & Gravy	Beef, Onion & Potato Pie  Jacket Potato with a selection of fillings	Alternate Weeks: Fish Fingers / Breaded Fishcakes  Baguette with a selection of fillings
ON THE SIDE	Potato Wedges Baked Beans	Peas Sweetcorn	Roast Potatoes Carrots Broccoli	Mashed Potato Sweetcorn Peas	Chips Baked Beans
TO FINISH	Vanilla Sponge & Custard	Flapjack	Iced Banana Loaf & Custard	Chocolate Cookie	Shortbread
AVAILABLE DAILY	Available Daily: Yoghurt & Fresh Fruit				



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.

Charity Band

Slightly Strange Fruit

Raising money for Parkinsons and MS

Saturday 8th March – 7pm

Lothersdale Village Hall

Bring your own drinks and snacks

£10 a ticket - available from Jude on 07742052300 or online at

ticketsource.co.uk search for "Lothersdale"

There will be a raffle so any donations for prizes (big or small) would be greatly appreciated, thank you



Wild Explorers

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A child-led, fun and nurturing holiday club set in beautiful woodland on the Broughton Estate.

We are an OFSTED registered outdoor holiday club where children can play, enjoy a campfire, woodland crafts, tools and much more!



Price
£35 per child per day
Childcare vouchers accepted

Age
Reception - Age 13

February Holiday Club

17th - 21st February


Birthdays parties also available year round email us for more info




Time
9.30am - 3.30pm

Location
Broughton Hall Estate



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 www.wildexplorers.org.uk

Top Tips for SETTING BOUNDARIES AROUND GAMING

If your child loves video games, then you'll probably be aware that how long they spend gaming – and what they're actually playing – can occasionally become a source of concern or conflict. The UK's trade body for interactive entertainment, Ukie, has recently launched a campaign to promote safer and more responsible gaming among young people – with parents and carers helping by setting sensible and fair boundaries. Our guide has tips on key areas where you could agree some healthy ground rules for your child's gaming activity.

PROMOTE SAFER GAME CHOICES

Deciding which online games are OK – and which should be avoided – is tricky. Some titles allow children to cooperate or compete with strangers, which creates potential risks. Watching your child play online for a while could provide more insight into a particular game, while the parental controls on most consoles allow you to limit who can chat to your child or send them friend requests. Remind your child of the hazards around strangers online when you discuss this boundary with them.

ENCOURAGE REGULAR BREAKS

Help your child understand the need to take regular breaks, playing in shorter bursts rather than marathon sessions. Bear in mind that some games (such as role-playing games) require time investment from the player, while others (online team games, for example) can't be stopped or paused at a moment's notice. A quick break every hour or so is good practice, and you could suggest some things to do in these breaks, such as having a drink of water or getting some fresh air.

AGREE SPENDING LIMITS

There's no doubt that gaming can be expensive, and younger players often don't realise how much paying for digital items and subscriptions can add up to. Many young gamers love to buy new skins or upgrades for their character, so you could settle on a fixed amount that your child is allowed to spend on in-game items each week or month. This sort of boundary will not only help your child to manage their expectations but will also make you more aware of the price of these items.

DISCUSS AGE RATINGS

Children often ignore the age ratings on games – or are unaware they even exist. If you're happy with your child playing a particular game even though it's rated above their age, then establish that as a boundary: emphasise that you've made an exception, and talk about what age ratings mean and why they're important. You could add context to this boundary by browsing games' boxes together while shopping, discussing why some games might have earned certain age ratings.

FACTOR IN FRIENDS

If your child is a keen video gamer, the chances are that they'll have other gamers among their social circle, too. When friends visit, do they instantly dash to their console or computer? You could put boundaries in place before their guests arrive by agreeing on a length of gaming time. Bear in mind, though, that they may try to extend this once they're together. Try coming up with activities or challenges for them during screen breaks – if they join in, they earn a little extra time on their game.

ENJOY GAMING TOGETHER

Setting time aside to play video games together can be an enjoyable bonding exercise. Undeniably, some young gamers may be less enthusiastic about a parent or carer joining in, but it can be a productive way of encouraging them to share their hobby with you. Setting goals or tasks might be useful: if they love Minecraft, choose something to build together; if Fortnite's their favourite, ask to try out some of the fun game modes, like Prop Hunt, which don't require high skill levels.

TALK ABOUT EMOTIONS

Help your child to monitor their emotions as they play. Discuss what is (and isn't) an acceptable level of competitiveness to show while gaming. Are they allowed to trash talk other players, for example? Can they notice when they get angry if they lose? Do they think these emotions are healthy? Some games can provoke anger, but others can bring joy, humour and the thrill of overcoming a challenge. Try to steer your child towards games that tend to produce these more positive feelings.

BE PREPARED FOR TROLLS

A frequent problem when gaming online is other players who are deliberately troublesome. Make sure your child knows how to report and block someone who makes their experience a negative one. Between you, decide if or how they should deal with these online trolls. Talk about where your child's boundaries are in terms of what they think is acceptable: what behaviour by other users is merely frustrating, and what crosses the line to become upsetting or abusive.

Meet Our Expert

Daniel Upcombe is a writer specialising in technology, video gaming, virtual reality and Web3. He has also written 16 guidebooks for children, covering games such as Fortnite, Apex Legends, Valorant, Roblox and Minecraft. With work published by the likes of PC Gamer, Kotaku, Pocket Gamer and VG247, he has reviewed more than 50 games and products over the past year.



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School Events:

- 7 Jan to 24 Feb 25** - RSPB Big Schools Bird Watch
- Wed 22 Jan 2025** - French Day
- Wed 22 Jan 2025** - Smartsafe Parent Information Evening from 7pm
- Thu 23 Jan 2025** - KS2 Performing Arts Workshop at South Craven School (*selected pupils*)
- Wed 29 Jan 2025** - Chinese New Year ~ Year of the Snake
- w/c 3 Feb 2025** - Children's Mental Health Week ~ **Know Yourself, Grow Yourself**
- Wed 5 Feb 2025** - Class 3 & Class 4 Interfaith visit to Madni Mosque in Bradford
- Fri 7 Feb 2025** - Deadline for payment of voluntary contributions towards Class 3 swimming lessons

- Tue 11 Feb 2025** - Safer Internet Day
- Fri 14 Feb 2025** - Last Class 3 Swimming Lesson this academic year
- School breaks up for February half-term

- Mon 24 Feb 2025** - School closed for Staff Training Day
- Mon 24 Feb 2025** - LEGENDS Holiday Club open (please pre-book places by 19/02/2025)
- Tue 25 Feb 2025** - Young Voices Concert in Manchester (*selected pupils*)
- Wed 26 Feb 2025** - Y5/6 Netball Festival at South Craven School
- Fri 28 Feb 2025** - Class 2 Swimming Lessons start
- Mon 3 Mar 2025** - Scholastic Book Fair in school
- Tue 4 Mar 2025** - Scholastic Book Fair in school
- Wed 5 Mar 2025** - Scholastic Book Fair in school
- Thu 6 Mar 2025** - World Book Day
- w/c 10 Mar 2025** - British Science Week
- Wed 19 Mar 2025** - Year 6 Crucial Crew visit PM
- Fri 21 Mar 2025** - Comic Relief Red Nose Day
- Thu 3 Apr 2025** - Decorate an Egg Competition
- Fri 4 Apr 2025** - Last Class 2 Swimming Lesson this academic year
- School finishes at 3:15pm for the Easter break

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