

SPRING TERM ■ ISSUE 19 ■ FRIDAY 31 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

Please note there is no
**Legends of the Week
Assembly** next week,
Friday 7 February
2025



YEAR 6
AWARD

ELLA B



MATHS
ambassador

EDDIE W

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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<p>These clubs are for selected groups or pupils.</p> <p>All pupils attending these clubs must be registered for safeguarding and health & safety reasons.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Many thanks for your support.</p>				

Lothersdale	
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	

REMINDERS

W/c 3 FEBRUARY 2025

Children's Mental Health Week ~ Know Yourself, Grow Yourself

- Mon** - Deadline for confirming attendance at the Y4/Y5 Residential Visits meeting on Thursday
 - Deadline for completing Craven Cross Country Final online form (selected pupils)
 - Deadline for returning outstanding Madni Mosque consent forms
- Wed** - Class 3 & Class 4 visit to Madni Mosque in Bradford
- Thu** - Y4/Y5 Parent Forum (residential visits) at 2:30pm
- Fri** - No Legends of the Week Assembly this week
 - Deadline for completing the Y5/Y6 Netball Festival online consent form (selected pupils)
 - Deadline for payment of contribution towards your child's Class 3 swimming lessons
 - 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 & Class 4 visit to Madni Mosque ~ Wednesday 5 February 2025

Next week children in Class 3 and Class 4 will be visiting the Madni Mosque in Bradford to extend their learning of diversity in Britain, their understanding of Islam and what life is like as a British Muslim.

Children should arrive at school for the normal time, in full school uniform (no training shoes please) along with a packed lunch (**please remember no foods containing nuts and no glass bottles please**). The children will return to school at approximately 2pm.

Please note: We still have outstanding consent forms for this visit, which must be brought into school on Monday 3 February to enable us to complete the necessary paperwork for North Yorkshire Council.

School Residential Visits ~ Y4 & Y5 Parent Forum ~ Thursday 6 February 2025

A meeting will be held in school on Thursday 6 February 2025 to discuss forthcoming residential visits. If you have not done so already, please confirm your attendance with Mrs Ellison in the school office via email at: lothersdale@ycatschools.co.uk. Please note that feedback will be shared with parents/carers who are unable to attend this meeting.



Class 3 Swimming Lessons

Please note that the deadline for payment of voluntary contributions towards your child's Class 3 swimming lessons is next week, 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 **73%** of contributions from parents/carers and are reliant on 100% to help fund the full cost of travel and lessons. If you have not yet made a payment and still wish to do so, please ensure payment is made by the stated deadline. Many thanks for

your support.

Craven Cross Country Finals ~ Thursday 13 February 2025



A letter was emailed on Wednesday 29 January to parents/carers of our runners, who will be representing the South Craven Cluster at the Craven Cross Country Finals at Giggleswick School on Thursday 13 February 2025.

Please complete the online form by Monday 3 February 2025.

Y5/6 South Craven Cluster Netball Festival ~ Wednesday 26 February 2025

A letter was emailed on Thursday 30 January 2025, to parents/carers of children in Year 5/6 who have expressed an interest in taking part in the South Craven Cluster Netball Festival against other local primary schools. The event takes place on Wednesday, 26 February 2025. Please ensure the online consent is completed by return if your child cannot take part to enable us to offer the place to another child.

Class 3 & Class 4 visit to Murton Park, York ~ Thursday 13 March 2025

A letter was emailed to parents/carers of children in Class 3 and Class 4 regarding the visit to Murton Park in March. Please ensure the consent form and contribution towards the cost of this visit is made by the stated deadline.

Welcome to the Lothersdale SCHOOL OFFICE

Telephone: 01535 632510
Email: lothersdale@ycatschools.co.uk

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

Access into school for all visitors (parents/carers/governors/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 the school office is closed on Fridays. Emails will not be checked until the office re-opens 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!



IMPORTANT: Please email school as soon as possible if you change your phone number, email address, postal address or need to advise us of any pupil health updates, to help keep our records 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>

School Educational Visits

We have a number of school visits scheduled for the spring and summer terms and all communication will be sent out to parents/carers via email, and notifications added to the weekly Friday News. If you do not have a laptop or printer at home and would like a paper copy of the consent form, please contact the school office.

Please ensure ALL boxes on the form are ticked (Medical Section on page 1 and the Consents on page 2). It is important that consent forms are returned by the stated deadlines to enable school to complete its own paperwork for North Yorkshire Council. Thank you for your support.



SchoolGrid ~ Online School Meal Ordering

Please remember that parents/carers are responsible for ordering school meals via SchoolGrid. The school cook checks the system every morning and prepares hot meals based on the number of pre-orders on the system at that time.

Please note that if your child does not have a pre-ordered meal in place, they will be served the default option of either a wrap, jacket potato or baguette. It is therefore important that orders are placed on the system in advance to ensure your child is not disappointed. Thank you for your support.

Smartphone Safety Workshop: Empowering Parents with Practical Guidance



ScreenSafe
Social Media & Online Safety for
Parents, Children and Schools



**SMARTPHONE
FREE CHILDHOOD**

On Wednesday, 22nd February, Amy Boy, Parent Representative for the Smartphone-Free Childhood Movement (SMFC), hosted a valuable parent workshop at our school. She was joined by Anna Sarjantson from Screen-safe-resources.co.uk, an organisation dedicated to helping families navigate the challenges of smartphone use among children.

The workshop aimed to equip parents with practical information and strategies to safeguard children in the digital world. Although attendance was lower than expected, the discussion was incredibly insightful, sparking meaningful conversations about the impact of smartphones on childhood and how to foster a balanced, safe environment for our children. Those who attended agreed that the information shared was essential and should reach the wider school community.

To ensure that all parents can benefit from the workshop's key messages, we encourage you to view the information presented by following this link: [Lothersdale 22/01/25 - Presentation](#). We also plan to host a similar event in the future and strongly encourage more parents to attend, as the discussions and shared insights are invaluable.

It is important to emphasize that the SMFC movement is not about shaming or judging families but rather about offering supportive, practical advice to help navigate the digital landscape with confidence. We hope you find the information both useful and reassuring.

If you have any questions about the Smartphone-Free Childhood Movement or the school's involvement, please do not hesitate to contact Amy Boy. Thank you for your ongoing support in keeping our children safe online.



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.

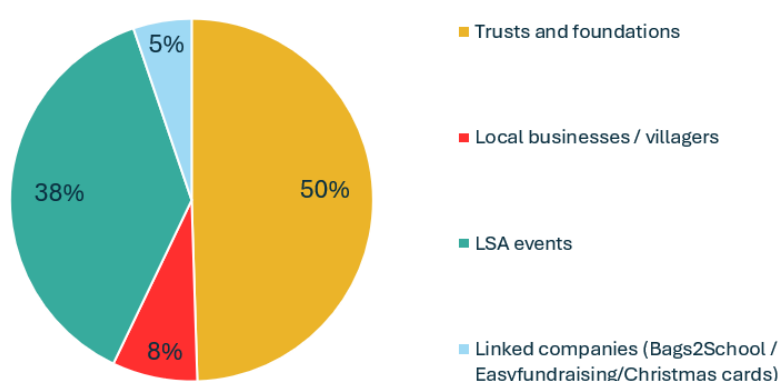


LSA Funding

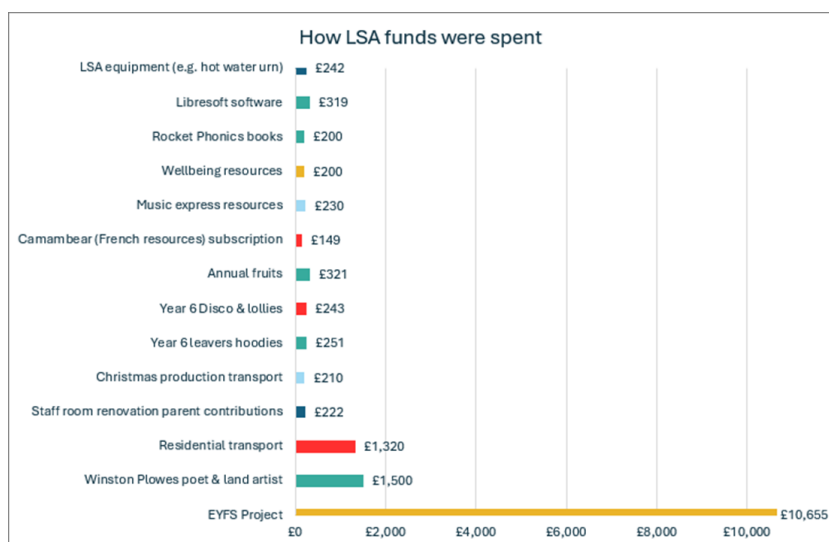
Thank you to everyone in our school community who has supported and continues to support the LSA.

We detail a couple of graphs below summarising our fundraising and spending over the last academic year (2023/2024), for your information.

Where our funding came from



How LSA funds were spent



1

SUPPORT THE SCHOOL

The PTA is vital to the success of the school. Funds raised enrich your child's learning and make every student's experience better. Be part of the group that pays for the playground your child loves or funds the library that's their favourite place to be.

2

IT'S TOTALLY FLEXIBLE

Whether you're a full-time parent or working the nine to five, anyone can get involved. It's less commitment than you think, and you don't always have to attend meetings. Small jobs such as designing a poster, distributing letters or running a stall keep everything running smoothly.

3

MAKE LASTING FRIENDSHIPS

Meet and chat to a wider circle of families from different classes and year groups. Get to know other parents, and bond over exciting events, socials and get-togethers. Find a place to belong and spend time with others who share your values.

4

BE BETTER CONNECTED

Create closer links with the head, teachers and staff. If you're new to the school, the PTA is an excellent way to find out how things work and become part of the community. If not, you'll still gain greater insight by seeing how things work from both sides.

5

BECAUSE IT'S FUN!

Be part of the team which organises the best events and get-togethers. Debrief over a glass of wine (or two). Suggest your most hare-brained idea and watch as it catches on and everyone wants a piece of the action. Laugh. Cry. Be there for each other.

6

CHANGE SCHOOL FOR THE BETTER

Have your say on important decisions. Work with the school and other parents to see where improvements can be made, and implement them. Directly influence the experience of your child and hundreds of others.

7

LEARN NEW SKILLS

Everyone has something they can bring to the PTA, but you can also learn new skills by trading with others. Always wanted to perfect that cookie recipe? Not sure how to design a poster? Want to hone your public speaking skills? You can do it with the support of the committee.

8

IMPROVE YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING

Studies show that children whose parents are involved in their education do better in school. Engaging with the PTA shows your children's education is important to you. Play your part in improving the school and watch them

9

IT'S NOT JUST FOR MUMS

Everyone is welcome, and it's especially important to have dads and male carers represented, as male role models are crucial in children's upbringing. Dads can bring different skills; they can bring a different perspective, and they can bring along other dads.

10

CREATE LASTING MEMORIES

Our children are only at school for a few years, but they will remember the difference we make for a lifetime. They will cherish the activities and games we fund, learn using resources we buy, and remember the events we hold. Help keep the PTA going so future pupils can benefit too.

PTA⁺

The home of school fundraising

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REASONS TO JOIN THE PTA

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



FUN | FRIENDSHIP | FITNESS



KNOW OF A GIRL IN YEAR 5?
GET THEM INVOLVED!
THEY'LL HAVE FUN, PLAY FOOTBALL AND MAKE NEW FRIENDS IN A GIRLS TEAM

MONDAYS 5PM - 6PM
SANDYLANDS ASTRO TURF SKIPTON

JUST TURN UP OR CONTACT
SKIPTONJUNIORSFC@GMAIL.COM



SILSDEN STORM
SILSDEN STORMETTES

JUNIOR TASTER SESSIONS



SATURDAY 25TH JANUARY & SATURDAY 1ST FEBRUARY
SILSDEN PARK 10-11AM

We are holding taster sessions for Boys & Girls for the Junior teams below. Come and give Rugby League a Try at Silsden! Join the Storm in what is our 10th year as a club

Under 7s (Years 1 & 2)
Under 8s (Year 3)
Under 9s (Year 4)
Under 10s (Year 5)
Girls (Years 6,7,8&9)

To register your interest email silsdenstorm@gmail.com or just turn up on the day

NO Experience Needed
ALL Abilities Welcome
Friends for LIFE Guaranteed



HOLIDAY CAMPS
STC SINCE 2000

FEBRUARY CAMPS 2025
Awarded LTA UK Club of the Year | Reception to Age 12

TENNIS | FOOTBALL | MULTISPORTS
Mon, 17 Feb 2025 - Fri, 21 Feb 2025

9:00am - 3:30pm
£ £25 per day
FREE Early drop-off | 8:30am - 9am
Late pick up | 3:30pm - 5pm | £5 per day
Ages 4 (reception) to 12 yrs

UNRIVALLED FACILITIES: 5 Tennis Courts | 3 Padel Courts | Club House | 4G All-Weather Pitch | Sports Hall

BOOK YOUR PLACE ONLINE AT skiptontennis.com

SKIPTON TENNIS CENTRE
07875 643780
info@skiptontennis.com
www.skiptontennis.com

SCAN TO BOOK



From £15 per day

FEBRUARY HALF TERM 2025

Skipton, Sandylands
HOLIDAY CAMP
 Tuesday 18th and Wednesday 19th February

GOAL KEEPER CAMP
 Wednesday 19th February

Keighley, Marley
HOLIDAY CAMP
 Friday 21st February

Individual Days Available
 Early drop off / late pick up etc

For bookings visit
www.soccerhub.org.uk/camps/



SOCCER HUB WEEKLY COURSE
 A GREAT WAY TO LEARN NEW SKILLS, HAVE FUN, MAKE FRIENDS & PLAY FOOTBALL

Cross Hills, South Craven School (indoors)
 Tuesdays (term time only)
 4- 7 Years old 5:30pm-6:30pm
 7 - 13 Years old 6:30pm-7:30pm

Keighley, Marley Stadium (outside on 4G pitch)
 Thursdays (term time only)
 4 - 7 Years old 5pm-6pm
 7 - 13 Years old 6pm-7pm

Skipton, Sandylands Sports Centre (outside on 4G pitch)
 Fridays (term time only)
 4 - 7 Years old 5pm-6pm
 7 - 13 Years old 6pm-7pm

Booking Details - soccer-hub.classforkids.io
07702497273 | headoffice@soccerhub.org.uk

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:

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|---------------------------|--|
| 7 Jan to 24 Feb 25 | - RSPB Big Schools Bird Watch |
| 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 |
| 6 Feb 2025 | - Class 2 'Astronauts in Training' Themed Day |
| Fri 7 Feb 2025 | - Deadline for payment of voluntary contributions for 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 (<i>selected pupils</i>) |
| 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 |
| Thu 13 Mar 2025 | - Class 3 & Class 4 visit to Murton Park, York |
| Wed 19 Mar 2025 | - Year 6 Crucial Crew visit PM |
| Fri 21 Mar 2025 | - Comic Relief Red Nose Day |
| Tue 25 Mar 2025 | - Parent Consultations ~ 2:00 to 6:00pm |
| Thu 27 Mar 2025 | - Parent Consultations ~ 2:00 to 6:30pm |
| Wed 2 Apr 2025 | - Rocksteady Band Concert for parents/carers of band members |

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

21 to 23 May 25

- Year 4 Residential visit to Eshton Grange

Community Events:

Sat 8 Mar 2025

- Charity Band 'Slightly Strange Fruit' ~ Lothersdale Village Hall ~ 7pm (*see flyer above for further information and to purchase tickets.*)

