

SPRING TERM ■ ISSUE 18 ■ FRIDAY 24 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 31 JANUARY 2025

Reception ~ Jessica

Year 1 ~ Theo

Year 2 ~ Reggie

Year 3 ~ Tommy

Year 4 ~ Lucy K

Year 5 ~ Maisie

Year 6 ~ Devon



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
-	-	Year 4 TIMES TABLES 8.20 to 8.45am	-	-

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.

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

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:

- Thu 13 Mar 2025** - Class 3 & Class 4 visit to Murton Park, York
- 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
- 21 to 23 May 2025** - Year 4 Residential visit to Eshton Grange

REMINDERS

W/c 27 JANUARY 2025

- Thu**
 - Deadline for completing Young Voices consent form, online menu form and making payment
 - LSA meeting in school at 5:30pm
- Fri**
 - Class 3 & Class 4 deadline for completing the Madni Mosque consent form and contributing towards this visit
 - 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

Last week, Class 3 had an unforgettable day at The Royal Armouries taking part in Ancient Greek workshops. The children were captivated by an interactive retelling of the myth of Perseus and Medusa, bringing the legendary tale to life in a fun and engaging way. They also had the chance to transform into Spartan soldiers, learning the skills and discipline required to march and fight like the warriors of old.

A highlight of the day was watching a live demonstration of a battle, which left everyone on the edge of their seats.

The pupils' enthusiasm and focus were remarkable as they eagerly answered a range of questions, showcasing their impressive knowledge of our new topic. The Crimethean helmet, with its stunning craftsmanship, was a particular delight and sparked awe and curiosity among the children, making the day truly memorable.



French Day ~ Wednesday 22 January 2025

On Wednesday, the whole school enjoyed a vibrant French-tastic day as part of our cultural celebration of all things French!

Children showcased their dancing skills to live music featuring traditional French instruments, bringing a lively atmosphere to the day. Every class participated in the Galette des Rois tradition, crowning a king and queen for the day, which added a festive touch.

A heartfelt thank you goes to Madame Gander for joining us, engaging pupils from Class 2 to Class 4 in meaningful French conversations. Everyone looked fantastic in their tri-colour outfits, making it a truly wonderful and memorable day!



KS2 Performing Arts Festival ~ Thursday 23 January 2025

Ten of our pupils took part in the Performing Arts Festival at South Craven School on Thursday ~ Hugo, Sophie B, Piper, Lucy K, Edward, Annabelle J, Annabelle K, Lily, Lucie and Bohdan ~ joining up with children from other local primary schools. Everyone participated well and thoroughly enjoyed the dance, music and drama workshops. Miss Laycock was very impressed by all the children's enthusiasm and the high standard of their behaviour.



Big Garden Birdwatch ~ 24 to 26 January 2025



The Big Garden Birdwatch is the world's largest garden wildlife survey. Every year, hundreds of thousands of nature lovers like you take part, helping to build a picture of how garden birds are faring.

This year's event takes place from 24 to 26 January 2025. Please click on the link below for more information on how families can take part.



<https://www.rspb.org.uk/whats-happening/big-garden-birdwatch?>

At school, children have been encouraged to use the school binoculars and bird books to take part in spotting birds over Lothersdale School during playtimes.

Class 1 have helped the local wildlife by making bird cakes to encourage more avian visitors, which they have placed in the school woodland area and the woods in Lothersdale park.

If you wish to make bird cakes with your children at home, please find the 'how to' guide detailed opposite.


BIRD CAKE RECIPE AND INSTRUCTIONS





You will need:
Good quality bird seed
Raisins
Peanuts
Grated cheese
Suet or lard
Yoghurt pots
String
Mixing bowl


Important notes: Not suitable for children with nut allergies. Note that bird seed, including peanuts bought for birds, is not suitable for human consumption.


RSPB Step-by-step guide

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1. Carefully make a small hole in the bottom of a yoghurt pot. Thread string through the hole and tie a knot on the inside. Leave enough string so that you can tie the pot to a tree or your bird table. **Mrs B's Top Tip!!!!** If you do not have yoghurt pots, in Class 1, we often just roll and shape the mixture into fat balls instead.
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2. Allow the lard to warm up to room temperature, but don't melt it. Then cut it up into small pieces and put it in the mixing bowl.
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3. Add the other ingredients to the bowl and mix them together with your fingertips. Keep adding the seed/raisin/cheese mixture and squidding it until the fat holds it all together.
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4. Fill your yoghurt pots with bird cake mixture and put them in the fridge to set for an hour or so.
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5. Hang your speedy bird cakes from trees or your bird table. Watch for greenfinches, tits and possibly even great spotted woodpeckers.

Current popular birds include the robin, blackbird, jackdaws and sparrows. We look forward to seeing more blue-tits and great-tits as we move into spring and keeping our fingers crossed that they nest at school again.



Class 3 & Class 4 visit to Madni Mosque ~ Wednesday 5 February 2025

A letter and consent form was emailed to parents/carers of children in Class 3 and Class 4 regarding the forthcoming visit to Madni Mosque and Bombay Stores in Bradford.

Please ensure consent forms are returned to school by next week's deadline.

If you require a paper copy of the consent form, please contact the school office.

Young Voices Concert ~ Tuesday 25 February 2025



A letter was emailed on Wednesday to parents/carers of children attending next month's Young Voices Concert at Manchester Co-op Live.

The letter details the final arrangements for the day and we would be grateful if you could complete and submit the online lunch pre-order form, consent form and make payment by Thursday 30 January 2025. This will ensure we have time to complete our own paperwork required by North Yorkshire Council prior to this visit.



Rocksteady Band Concert ~ Wednesday 2 April 2025

Children, who have been coming in weekly for their Rocksteady sessions with Alex, will be taking part in their first concert on Wednesday 2 April 2025, performing for their parents/carers.

This event is organised by Rocksteady and parents/carers of the children involved will receive more information in due course. In the meantime, please put the date in your diary! We can't wait to see our Lothersdale Band in action.

Welcome to the Lothersdale

SCHOOL OFFICE

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






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.*

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

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

A letter was emailed to parents/carers of children in Year 4 and Year 5 on Thursday 23 January, regarding a meeting scheduled for Thursday 6 February 2025 to discuss forthcoming residential visits. We would be grateful if you could 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.

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.



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 Support

A letter was emailed to parents/carers on Wednesday 22 January 2025 regarding the future of the Lothersdale School Association and we look forward to hearing from any parents/carers/grandparents who can offer their support and volunteer to help with events and other fundraising initiatives.

LSA Meeting ~ Thursday 30 January 2025 at 5:30pm

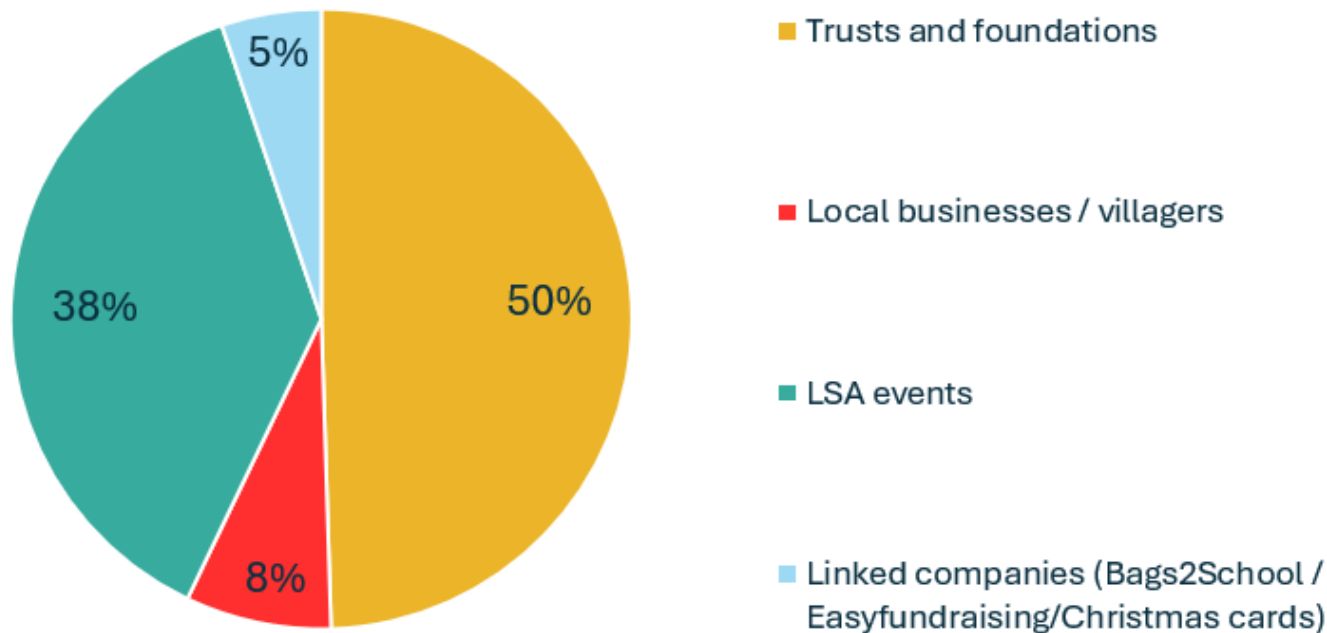
We look forward to welcoming all parents/carers to our next LSA meeting, taking place in school next week on Thursday 30 January 2025. Please come along, even if you have never been to one before or may not be able to help on a regular basis. We look forward to seeing you on Thursday.

LSA Funding

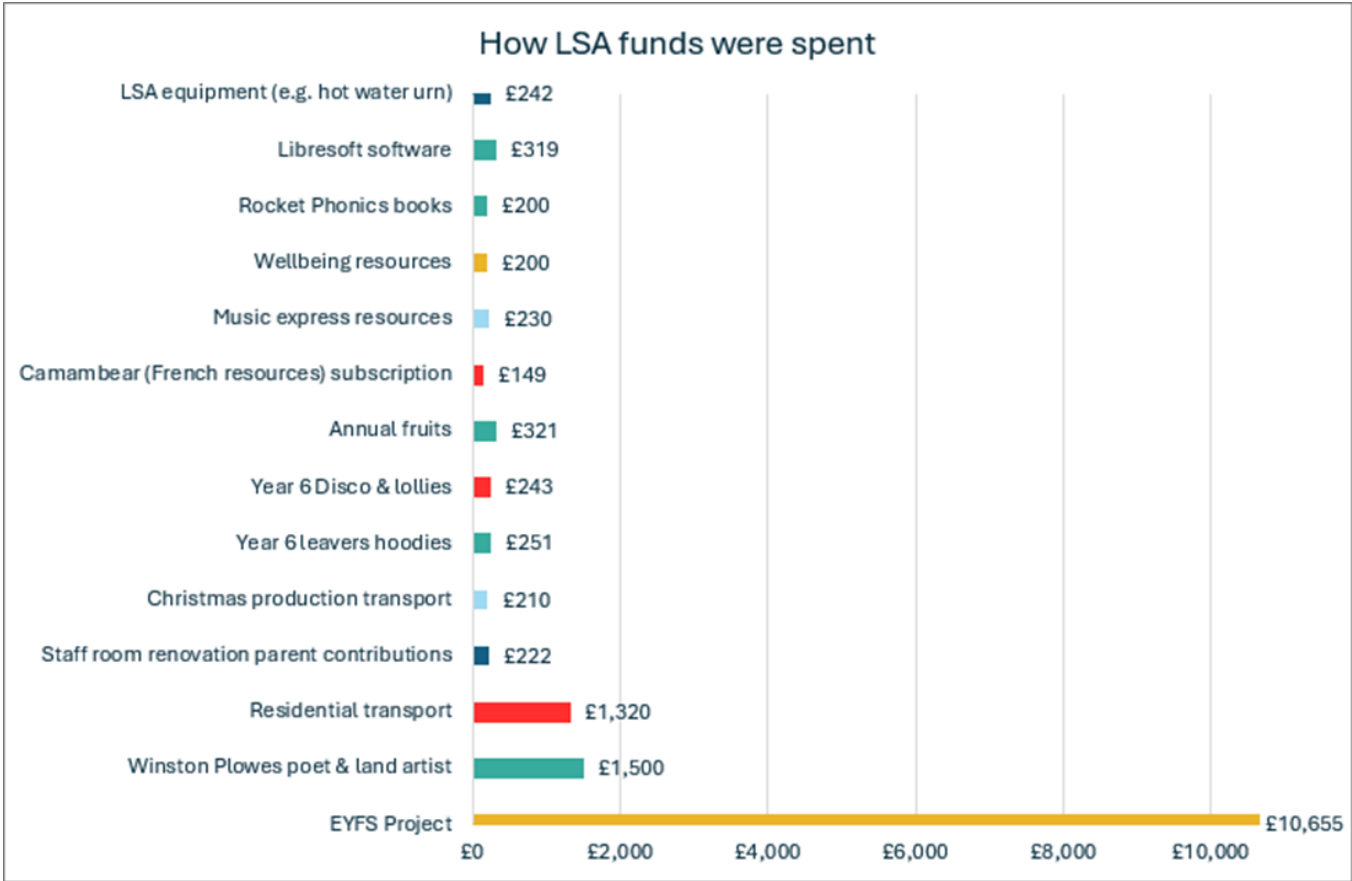
Thank you to everyone in our school community who has supported and continues to support the LSA.

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.

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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
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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

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

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info@skiptontennis.com
www.skiptontennis.com



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 |
| 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 |
| 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 |
| 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 |



Lothersdale
Primary School



a Yorkshire Collaborative Academy Trust School



ensuring all pupils
achieve their
full potential