

SPRING TERM ■ ISSUE 24 ■ FRIDAY 14 MARCH 2025



**SPRING TERM 2025**

**Second Half**



**SPRING TERM DATES:**

**Tuesday 7 January to Friday 4 April 2025**

## Lothersdale LEGENDS of the WEEK

FRIDAY 21 MARCH 2025

Reception ~ Na'amah

Year 1 ~ Elliot M

Year 2 ~ Meredith

Year 3 ~ Evie

Year 4 ~ George

Year 5 ~ Penny

Year 6 ~ Oliver



**JUDE D**

**MATHS**  
ambassador

**EMILY D**

**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 |
| <b>PHYSICAL EDUCATION</b>    |     |         |     |
| <b>WEEKLY TIMETABLE</b>      |     |         |     |
| Class 1 – Tuesday & Thursday |     |         |     |
| Class 2 – Tuesday & Friday   |     |         |     |
| Class 3 – Monday & Thursday  |     |         |     |
| Class 4 – Monday & Friday    |     |         |     |

## EXTENDED SCHOOLS ACTIVITIES ~ SPRING TERM 2025 ~ SECOND HALF

| Monday   | Tuesday                               | Thursday                                  | Friday                            |
|--|---------------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|
| <b>Book Club</b><br>3.15 to 4.15pm   | <b>French Club</b><br>12.45 to 1.15pm | <b>Supersports</b><br>3.15 to 4.15pm      | <b>Football</b><br>3.15 to 4.15pm |
| <b>STEM Club</b><br>3.15 to 4.15pm   | <b>Ball Games</b><br>3.15 to 4.15pm   | <b>Year 6 SATs Club</b><br>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 (to 4:30pm on a Friday)  |                                       |   |                                   |

## ADDITIONAL LEARNING SESSIONS

| MONDAY  | TUESDAY  | WEDNESDAY   | THURSDAY   | FRIDAY  |
|---|--|---|--|---|
| <b>Class 4</b><br><b>READING PLUS</b><br>8.20 to 8.45am | <b>Year 4</b><br><b>READING PLUS</b><br>8.20 to 8.45am | <b>Class 4</b><br><b>READING PLUS</b><br>8.20 to 8.45am | <b>Year 4</b><br><b>READING PLUS</b><br>8.20 to 8.45am | <b>Class 4</b><br><b>READING PLUS</b><br>8.20 to 8.45am |
| -   | -  | <b>Year 4</b><br><b>TIMES TABLES</b><br>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

# REMINDERS

## W/c 17 MARCH 2025

- Mon** - Class 2 deadline for bringing in a special toy  
- National Child Measurement Programme ~ Rec & Year 6  
Whole school online assembly ~ Hindu Festival of Holi
- Wed** - Year 6 Crucial Crew visit PM
- Thu** - Fairtrade Coffee Morning at Lothersdale Village Hall  
- Winston Plowes visit (poet-in-residence)  
- North Yorkshire Cross Country Final at Giggleswick (selected pupils)
- Fri** - Class 1 deadline for bringing in £1.50 for Sparkle and Shine!  
- Legends of the Week Assembly  
- Class 2 swimming lesson

## Spare socks and boys' undies

Mrs Bateman is running low on spare supplies of socks and boys' undies for our younger children.

If your child has grown out of these items, please can you donate to Mrs Bateman and Class 1?



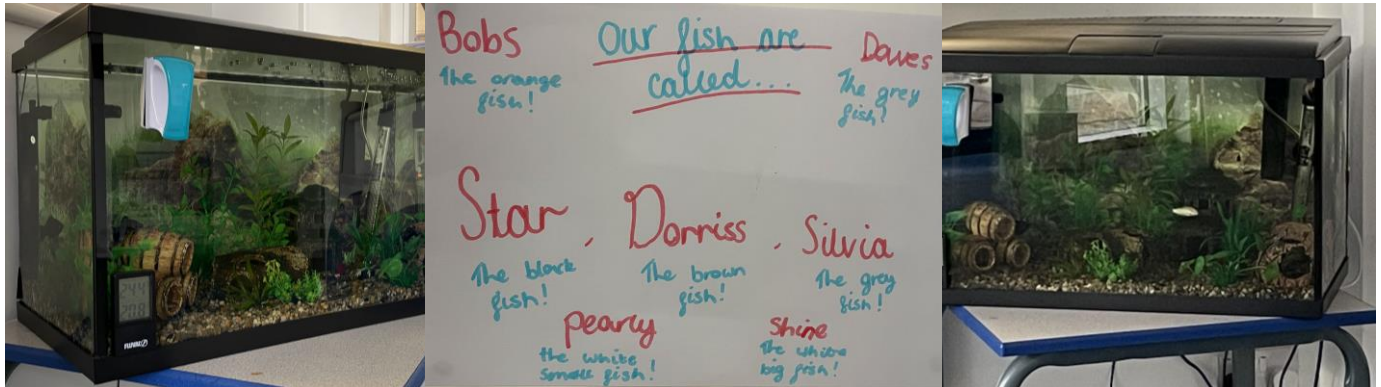
Can you help us?

Please hand in to the school office. Many thanks.



## 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.*



Welcome to the new additions to our Lothersdale family! We now have seven fish, all with names, who are happily enjoying their time in the fish tank located in the main reception area.

We would like to thank Fabi and his family for donating the tropical fish and tank to the school and Mr Craven and Class 4 for looking after them so well.

### Extended Schools' STEM Club ~ Building Boats

This week in STEM Club, the children took on the challenge of designing and building tin foil boats to test how many Duplo people they could carry before sinking.

Working in pairs, they planned their designs before carefully constructing their boats. We explored key concepts like buoyancy, surface area, and weight distribution. Some boats floated successfully on the first try, while others needed adjustments due to being too small or having holes from handling. The winning teams managed to hold an impressive 13 Duplo people and even an elephant! It was a fun and hands-on way to learn about engineering and problem-solving.



## British Science Week



This week is British Science Week, and all children have been exploring various scientific concepts linked to this year's theme *'Change and Adapt'*.

Children in **Class 1** are investigating the life cycle of frogs and have been looking at frog spawn this week. They will be watching them develop into tadpoles and frogs over the coming weeks. They are also learning about animals and their habitats.

Children in **Class 2** have been learning all about different animal groups in science. We have been grouping and classifying different animals whilst also thinking about how animals are adapted to their habitats and environments.

Children in **Class 3** have been learning about how animals adapt to their habitat. For example, giraffes didn't always have long necks – their short necks evolved into a longer neck over millions of years to enable them to reach food from tall trees.

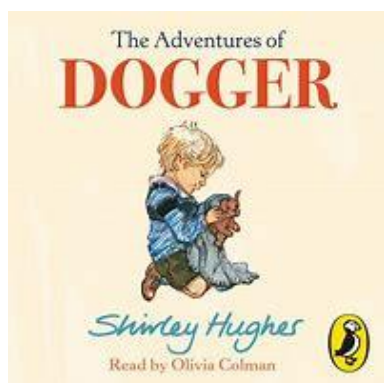
Children in **Class 4** also looked at how animals adapt to their environment. They also learnt about the skills required to be a scientist (eg. curiosity, problem-solving, teamwork, concepts).

We would like to thank Miss Burles from South Craven School who came into school on Wednesday to teach Science to the children in Class 3 and Class 4, covering the above topics. Miss Burles was very impressed with our children and their engagement with the lessons.

A Science homework booklet was emailed to all parents/carers on Tuesday, containing creative and inspiring activities for all children to complete at home. Thank you to those children who have already emailed photographs of their projects. Mrs Knight is eager to see your child's project/experiment so please remember to send in photographs to [lothersdale@ycatschools.co.uk](mailto:lothersdale@ycatschools.co.uk) for Mrs Knight's attention.

### **Class 3 Roman Day and Class 4 Viking Day at Murton Park, York ~ Thursday 13 March 2025**

Children in Class 3 and Class 4 had an amazing experience at Murton Park on Thursday, albeit a cold one! Look out for lots of photos in next week's newsletter.



### **Class 2 English ~ Monday 17 March 2025**

This week in English, Class 2 have been exploring the text 'Dogger' By Shirley Hughes, all about a boy named Dave who loses his beloved toy dog Dogger.

Next week, the class will be writing their own lost posters for their own beloved toy.

On Monday 17 March, please can the children bring into school one of their own special toys, as a writing stimulus for their posters.

### **Year 6 Crucial Crew Visit ~ Wednesday 19 March 2025**

This year's Year 6 Crucial Crew visit takes place next Wednesday afternoon at Eshton Grange. Please ensure children are in full school uniform and bring a packed lunch with them (no glass bottles please). The children will be taking part in outdoor activities so a warm coat will be required. It has also been requested that children wear training shoes to keep damage to the floor in the sport's hall to a minimum.



## Fairtrade Coffee Morning ~ Thursday 20 March 2025 ~ Lothersdale Village Hall






Next week, it's our Fairtrade Coffee Morning in the Village Hall and we would love your help! If you enjoy baking, please support us by making some homemade Fairtrade goods for our Fairtrade Coffee Morning on Thursday 20 March. Whether it's cakes, cookies, or other sweet treats, your support will make a huge difference in promoting Fairtrade and raising funds for this important cause. Please bring in baked goods on either Wednesday 19 March or first thing on Thursday 20 March. Please see the Fairtrade Coffee Morning invitation below. Thank you for your support. *The School Council*



# FAIRTRADE COFFEE MORNING

**Lothersdale Village Hall  
Thursday 20 March 2025  
10:00 am – 11:30 am**

Join us for a delightful morning of Fairtrade coffee,  
tea and delicious homemade treats!\*

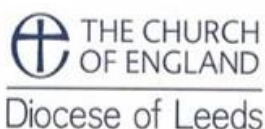
-  Enjoy ethically sourced coffee and tea
-  Indulge in a selection of homemade cakes
-  Support a great cause while socialising with friends and neighbours

All proceeds will go towards supporting  
Keighley Women's Refuge and  
Nyakabungo Girls' School.

**Come along and make a difference - one cup at a time!**

*\*We would love your help! If you enjoy baking, please support us by making some homemade Fairtrade goods for our Fairtrade Coffee Morning on Thursday 20 March. Whether it's cakes, cookies, or other sweet treats, your support will make a huge difference in promoting Fairtrade and raising funds for this important cause. Please bring in baked goods on either Wednesday 19 March or first thing on Thursday 20 March.*

**A community collaboration between  
Christ Church, Lothersdale and Lothersdale Primary School**



**The United Benefice of Sutton  
with Cowling & Lothersdale:  
Christ Church Lothersdale**



## Keighley & Craven Schools Cross Marley Fields Speedy Run ~ Tuesday 11 March 2025

On Tuesday, four of our pupils took part in the Marley Fields run, the fourth and final race in this year's Keighley & Craven Schools Cross Country League. All the children ran brilliantly and produced amazing results:

### Boys Y3/4 Race:

Hugo Baldwin (Y4) ~ 1st Place out of 119

Tommy Airlie (Y3) ~ 8<sup>th</sup> Place out of 119

### Girls Y3/4 Race:

Sophie Broadhead (Y4) ~ 3<sup>rd</sup> Place out of 79

### Girls Y5/6 Race:

Aravon Airlie (Y5) ~ 12<sup>th</sup> Place out of 52

## Overall Individual Positions (four races combined)

Three of the children came in the top ten overall individual positions as follows:

### Boys Y3/4 Race:

Hugo Baldwin (Y4) ~ 1st Place

Tommy Airlie (Y3) ~ 5<sup>th</sup> Place (first Y3 boy)

### Girls Y3/4 Race:

Sophie Broadhead (Y4) ~ 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

Well done everyone, we are all so proud of you!



## Thursday 20 March 2025 ~ North Yorkshire Cross Country Final

Good luck to our cross-country runners ~ Hugo, Sophie and Tommy ~ who have been selected to represent the Craven District in this year's North Yorkshire Cross Country Final event next week at Giggleswick.

## Smartphone Safety Workshop: Empowering Parents with Practical Guidance



On Wednesday, 22 February 2025, 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.

Welcome  
to the  
Lothersdale

# SCHOOL OFFICE

Telephone: 01535 632510  
Email: [lothersdale@ycatschools.co.uk](mailto: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>

### Friday Office Cover

Please remember that Mrs Ellison does not work in the school office on a Friday and the school office is closed. Staff are on hand to pick up any urgent telephone calls and to manage pupil absence. Emails will **not** be checked until Mrs Ellison's return to school on Mondays and therefore it is important that absence or other urgent message is phoned in via the absence line and not via email on a Friday. Many thanks for your support.



### Spring Term Parent Survey Results

Thank you to all our parents/carers who took the time to participate in our Spring Term Survey.

Our overall feedback was very positive and a letter was emailed to parents/carers on Wednesday with the survey results.



### Parent Governor Vacancies

A letter and accompanying documentation was emailed to all parents/carers on Tuesday 11 March 2025 regarding nominations for a parent governor.

The Local Governing Body is delegated certain functions by the YCAT Board. The LGB is responsible for the conduct of the school and promoting high standards in all areas of school life.



It is the role of the Local Governing Body to ensure equality of access for pupils and staff, to hold the Headteacher to account for the educational performance of the children, oversee the school's budget and ensure money is well spent.

*Parent governors are not elected to represent their stakeholder group but are elected in order to contribute to the work of the LGB. Parent governors are a representative parent, not elected to represent parents.*

Final nominations need to be received in school by **Thursday 3 April 2025** so that the Governors can determine whether they need to hold an election.

|   |                            |   |                  |
|---|----------------------------|---|------------------|
| <br>Lothersdale School Association             |                            | <br>Lothersdale School Association |                  |
| <b>UPDATE</b>   |                            |   |                  |
| <br><b>CLASS REPS</b><br>supporting our school | Lothersdale Primary School | Reception   | Laura King       |
|   |                            | Year 1  | Lucy Woodward    |
|   |                            | Year 2  | Victoria Baldwin |
|   |                            | Year 3  | Kelly Holmes     |
|   |                            | Year 4  | Victoria Paul    |
|   |                            | Year 5  | Rachel North     |
|   |                            | Year 6  | Laura Sykes      |
| <b>MEET THE LSA TEAM</b>  |                            |   |                  |
| Chair: Donna Laycock  |                            |   |                  |
| Vice-Chair: Katie Lubomski-Wiggan   |                            |   |                  |
| Secretary: Rachel Osborne*  |                            |   |                  |
| Treasurer: Anna Chapman   |                            |   |                  |
| <small>*Rachel will be supported by Steve Boy &amp; Alex Scott</small>  |                            |   |                  |

|   |  |   |
|---|--|---|
|    |  | <br><b>MOVIE Night</b>   |
|  |  |   |
|    |  | <p><b>Thursday 13 March 2025</b><br/>All the children had a wonderful time at the LSA Movie Night on Thursday. Paddington in Peru was a big hit.</p> <p>Thank you to everyone who supported this event and the members of the LSA for helping out on the day.</p> |
|    |  |   |





## SPONSOR MRS KNIGHT IN THE GREAT NORTH SWIM

As a passionate teacher and supporter of Lothersdale Primary School, I am taking on an exciting challenge to help raise vital funds for our pupils. In June, I will be participating in the Great North Swim, swimming a mile in Windermere to support our school's current fundraising project.

Why am I doing this? At Lothersdale Primary School, we believe that access to modern technology is essential for our children's learning. With new advancements in education, having up-to-date devices allows our pupils to engage with the curriculum, explore creative learning apps, and develop essential digital skills for the future. However, to achieve this, we need support from our community to enable us to invest in new technology for the school.

By sponsoring my swim, you'll be making a direct impact on our pupils' education, helping to provide them with the tools they need to learn, grow, and succeed. Any donation, big or small, will be greatly appreciated and will bring us closer to our goal.

Thank you for your support

Scan me to donate!





## 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.



**From £15 per day**

**SOCCER HUB**

**EASTER CAMPS**

**Skipton, Sandylands**  
**EASTER CAMP**  
 Tues 8th, Weds 9th  
 Tues 15th & Weds 16th April

**GOAL KEEPER CAMP**  
 Weds 9th April

**Keighley, Marley**  
**EASTER CAMP**  
 Fri 11th & Thurs 17th April

Individual Days Available  
 Early drop off / late pick up etc

QR code

For bookings visit  
[www.soccerhub.org.uk/camps/](http://www.soccerhub.org.uk/camps/)

f i



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

**SOCCER HUB**

**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](http://soccer-hub.classforkids.io)  
**07702497273** | [headoffice@soccerhub.org.uk](mailto:headoffice@soccerhub.org.uk)

QR code



**HOLIDAY CAMPS**  
**STC**  
 SINCE 2000

**EASTER CAMPS 2025**  
 Awarded LTA UK Club of the Year

**Reception - age 12**

**TENNIS | FOOTBALL | MULTISPORTS**

**WEEK 1: Mon 07 - Fri 11 Apr 2025**  
**WEEK 2: Mon 14 - Thu, 17 Apr 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](http://skiptontennis.com)**

**SKIPTON TENNIS CENTRE**

QR code

07875 643780  
[info@skiptontennis.com](mailto:info@skiptontennis.com)  
[www.skiptontennis.com](http://www.skiptontennis.com)

f i



**EASTER ROCK CLIMBING**

**MY EXPEDITION ROCKS**  
 EXPERIENCE. LEARN. & LIVE.

Our holiday climbing sessions are an ideal way for kids to get out and enjoy the great outdoors during the holidays. With activities including climbing, abseiling and weaselling, it is an action-packed day.

Just a packed lunch and old clothes for climbing, scrambling, crawling and we'll provide the rest.

**£55.00, or £102.50 for siblings (7-16 years old)**

**Ilkley Cow & Calf: 7th-10th, 14th-17th April 9:30-16:30**  
**Brimham Rocks: 7th-9th April, 14th-16th April 9:30am-16:30**

**Childcare Vouchers accepted**

QR code

**Book online or contact us via email**  
[WWW.MYEXPEDITIONROCKS.COM](http://WWW.MYEXPEDITIONROCKS.COM) | [INFO@MYEXPEDITIONROCKS.COM](mailto:INFO@MYEXPEDITIONROCKS.COM)

f i



## 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:

- Mon 17 Mar 2025** - National Child Measurement Programme ~ Rec & Year 6 - AMENDED DATE
- Wed 19 Mar 2025** - Year 6 Crucial Crew visit PM
- Thu 20 Mar 2025** - Fairtrade Coffee Morning at Lothersdale Village Hall
- 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

