

FRIDAY NEWSLETTER



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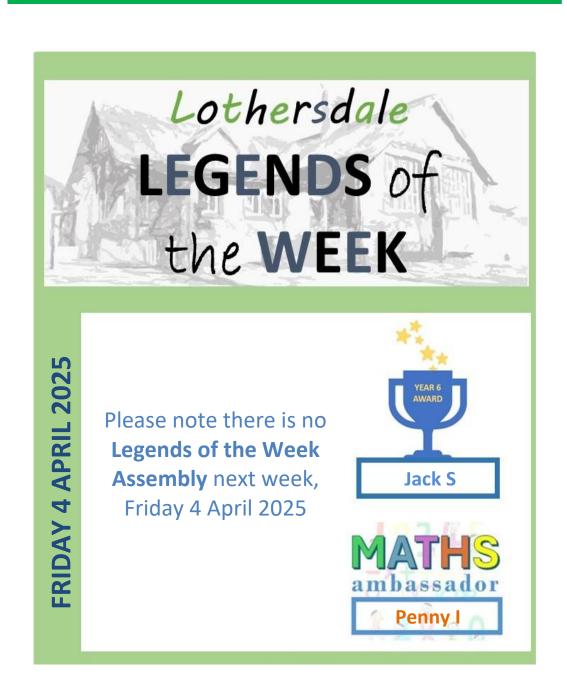


SPRING TERM 2025





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



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.



EXTENDED SCHOOLS ACTIVITIES ~ SPRING TERM 2025 ~ SECOND HALF				
Monday	Tuesday	Thursday	Friday	
Book Club	French Club	Supersports	Football	
3.15 to 4.15pm	12.45 to 1.15pm	3.15 to 4.15pm	3.15 to 4.15pm	
STEM Club	Ball Games	Year 6 SATs Club		
3.15 to 4.15pm	3.15 to 4.15pm	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)

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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



Fri

Wednesday 23 April 2025

National Child Measurement Programme – Reception and Year 6 (re-scheduled date)

Monday 28 April 2025

Year 4 Eshton Grange Parent Information Evening at 6:00pm

REMINDERS

W/c 31 MARCH 2025

Tue - Class 2 deadline for payment of swimming lesson contribution

Wed - Rocksteady Concert in school

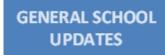
Thu - Decorate an Egg Competition (see flyer below)

- Deadline for receipt of nominations for a Parent Governor (see office section below)

- Easter Assembly (no Legends of the Week this week)

- Last Class 2 swimming lesson this academic year

- School breaks up at 3:15pm for the Easter break



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.



National Child Measurement Programme ~ Reception & Year 6

The National Child Measurement Programme for current Reception and Year 6 pupils has now been rescheduled and will take place on Wednesday 23 April 2025.

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

Once again, thank you to our school community for supporting this event last week. The total amount raised by Lothersdale Primary is £95.00, which will be split between Keighley Women's Refuge and Nyakabungo Girls School in Kenya.



Parent Consultations

Thank you to everyone for coming along to our Parent Consultations this week. As always, parents/carers are most welcome to contact school at any time to make an appointment to discuss their child's progress with the class teacher.

Class 2 Parent Consultations ~ Tuesday 1 April 2025

We are sorry that we had to cancel the Tuesday Class 2 Parent Consultations on 25 March 2025.

Please note that the rescheduled Class 2 Parent Consultations will now take place next Tuesday, 1 April 2025, at the same allocated times.

Each appointment is for 10 minutes, and teachers have been advised to ensure appointments do not run over; we would be grateful if you could arrive just before your appointment time to avoid congestion.

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 next week, on Wednesday 2 April 2025, performing for their parents/carers.

Children can come to school in their 'rock band' outfits but must bring their school uniform to change into following the concert.

This event is organised by Rocksteady and parents/carers have already been emailed information about this event (the information can also be accessed via the Rocksteady portal.)

Alex has also sent us this parental reminder: Please don't come into school earlier than 9am. Due to space available in the school hall, there is space for up to 2 family members per Rocksteady pupil to come and watch the concert. The concert should last around 30 minutes and will be taking place instead of the weekly Rocksteady lesson that week. If you have any questions, feel free to get in touch.

If you do have any queries regarding this concert, please direct them to Alex at Rocksteady.



Decorate an Easter Egg Competition

Remember it's our annual 'Decorate an Easter Egg Competition' next week!

Please check out the flyer below so that you know what items to bring on the day. We look forward to seeing your creations at the end of term.

The Annual Lothersdale Primary School's

DECORATE AN EGG COMPETITION 2025

It's time to get creative and think about your winning ideas for this year's Decorate an Egg competition taking place in school on Thursday 3 April 2025.

On Thursday 3 April, all children will need to bring in two hard boiled eggs and whatever extra items you need to decorate your egg (card, coloured paper, tissue paper, paints and felt tips will be available in school.)

Your egg theme could be based on something you've done in school so far this year (World Space Day, RockSteady, French Day, Harvest) or an annual British event like the London Marathon or Wimbledon. It could even be based on this year's VE Day, which is celebrating 80 years since the end of WWII. The possibilities are endless, and we look forward to seeing your wonderful egg creations.



Year 4 Residential Visit to Eshton Grange ~ May 2025



A letter and information booklet will be sent out via bookbags next week regarding this year's Year 4 residential visit to Eshton Grange. The payment for this visit is set up on your child's School Gateway account and the deadline for payment is Thursday 1 May 2025. A Parent Information Evening will take place in school on Monday 28 April 2025 at 6:00pm.

welcome SCHOOL to the Lothersdale OFFICE

SCHOOL OFFICE TERM TIME HOURS

	Moming	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

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.

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

URGENT: Free School Meal Transitional Protection and Eligibility for Free School Meals

The following information only relates to low-income families who may already be in receipt of, or eligible for, Free School Meals. You do not need to do anything if your child is in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and currently receives funded school meals via the Universal Free School Meal Scheme, <u>unless</u> you think you may be entitled to Free School Meals due to low income.

Eligibility for Free School Meals (FSM)

Please note that the Universal Credit rollout is due to end this month (March 2025). If the rollout does end, then any new free school meal claims approved with effect from 1 April 2025 will no longer be protected. This means any child confirmed as eligible for free school meals from 1 April 2025, will be subject to ongoing checks to confirm continued eligibility. This will not impact any children who are already confirmed as eligible. Those already confirmed as eligible will maintain their eligibility until the end of their current phase of education. At that point, they will be reassessed for their eligibility status. This will apply to all Year 6 students moving into Year 7 in September 2025.

If you think you may be eligible for free school meals and you do not have a current claim or eligibility for free school meals, including those parents of children in Reception and KS1, please apply for this provision by the end of this month (March 2025). This is to ensure their claim and future funding is protected. Only applications processed <u>before</u> 1 April 2025 will maintain transitional protection. Parents can make an application for free school meals through the council's website <u>Synergy - Enquiry</u>. Please send any queries to the Free School Meals Eligibility Team at: schoolwelfare@northyorks.gov.uk

We will update parents/carers in due course if the DfE communicate any changes to this March deadline.

Class 2 Swimming Lessons



Please note that the deadline for payment of voluntary contributions towards your child's Class 2 swimming lessons is next week, <u>Monday 31 March 2025</u>. 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 60% of contributions from parents/carers (a total of £303.84 remains outstanding) 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.



Parent Governor Vacancies ~ Final Nominations Thursday 3 April 2025

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 <u>not</u> 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 <u>Thursday 3 April 2025</u> so that the Governors can determine whether they need to hold an election. Thank you for your support.

School Uniform



We have noticed a growing number of children coming to school in clothes that are not part of our school uniform. Please note that personal water bottles, leggings, sports socks, coloured socks/tights and trainers are <u>not</u> part of the current school uniform.

We would be grateful if all parents/carers could take the time over the Easter break to ensure the school uniform (and PE kit) complies with the official school uniform policy.

The uniform list is available to view on the school website.

Please note that logoed or other coloured trainers are not classed as school shoes, nor are black boots. Straps on bookbags must be removed for health and safety reasons for children in Class 1 and Class 2. Many thanks for your support.



SPONSOR MRS KNIGHT IN THE GREAT NORTH SWIM TRAINING & FUNDRAISING UPDATE 2

Training continues with more interval sessions and early morning swims, though I'm still avoiding outdoor dips while shaking off a lingering cough. One key lesson learned this week—kids' swim caps definitely don't fit!









On the fundraising front, I'm thrilled to share that I've smashed my £1,000 target! A huge thank you to everyone who has supported me so far; I truly appreciate it. But I'm not stopping there—I'll soon be holding a raffle to raise even more money for school. If you, or any businesses you know, would like to donate a prize, please get in touch.

Thanks again for all your encouragement and generosity - it means the world!

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.







TENNIS CENTRE



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www.skiptontennis.com



children and young people this school holiday.

















Packed with sport, art, fun and food, there's something

Everyone in North Yorkshire can join in, with FREE places for those from Reception to Year 11 who receive benefits-related free school meals.











KANGA

Join this egg-citing Easter multi-sports camp

SELFA

SEND specialist activities for all ages, including crafts and games

BENTHAM & INGLETON YOUTH CLUBS

Play games, make new friends and cook together

WILD EXPLORERS

Primary aged sessions with woodland crafts and campfire snacks!

A PLAY AND LEARN **SCHEME**

Inclusive activities in a safe and fun environment

WILD EXPLORERS

Secondary specialist sessions exploring nature, creating dens and buidling fires

Book your FREE space now!



Funded by UK Government

These are just some of the FEAST activities available in your area. FEAST is for all children and young people across North Yorkshire, with free spaces for those who receive benefitsrelated free school meals.

feastny.org







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:

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

Wed 23 Apr 2025

Y3/4 Mathematics Challenge at SCS (selected pupils)

Tue 3 Jun 2025

Class and Year 6 Leavers' Photos

Class 2 visit to Lytham St Annes Thu 26 Jun 2025







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