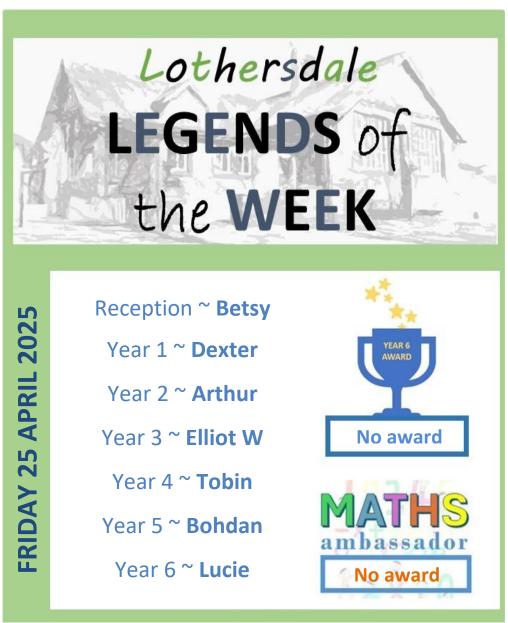


FRIDAY NEWSLETTER



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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.





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:



Summer Term

Thu 1 May 2025 - Y4 Eshton Grange Residential – deadline for full payment

Mon 5 May 2025 - May Day Bank Holiday

Thu 8 May 2025 - Young Writer Awards Assembly

Mon 12 to Thu 15 May - Year 6 SATS

Fri 16 May 2025 - Y4 Eshton Grange Residential – deadline for receipt of Medication Forms

Fri 23 May 2025 - School breaks up at 3:15pm for the May Spring Bank Holiday

Mon 2 Jun 2025 - School re-opens at 8:40am for the second half of the summer term

Tue 3 Jun 2025 - Class & Year 6 Leavers' Photos

Thu 5 Jun 2025 - New Reception Transition morning (in the park) – Week 1

Thu 5 Jun 2025 - Y5 Languages Festival at South Craven School

Tue 10 Jun 2025 - Deadline for returning the Year 6 Bikeability consent forms

Wed 11 Jun 2025 - Y5-6 Rounders Festival at South Craven School

Thu 12 Jun 2025 - New Reception Transition morning (in the park) – Week 2

Wed 18 Jun 2025 - New Reception Transition morning with Year 5 (in the park) – Week 3

Thu 19 Jun 2025 - Whole school sponsored walk

Fri 20 Jun 2025 - Reserve date: whole school sponsored walk

w/c 23 Jun 2025 - Diversity Week

Tue 24 Jun 2025 - Year 6 Bikeability (Day 1)

Tue 24 Jun 2025 - Y1/Y2 Mini Olympics event at South Craven School

Wed 25 Jun 2025 - Year 6 Bikeability (Day 2)

Thu 26 Jun 2025 - New Reception Transition afternoon (in school) – Week 4

Thu 26 Jun 2025 - Year 5 Intake ~ South Craven School Open Evening
 Mon 30 Jun 2025 - Year 6 Induction Day at South Craven School (Day 1)
 Tue 1 Jul 2025 - Year 6 Induction Day at South Craven School (Day 2)
 Wed 2 Jul 2025 - New Reception Transition afternoon (in school) – Week 5

Wed 2 Jul 2025 - New Reception Parents' Welcome Evening at 7pm

Thu 3 Jul 2025 - Sports Day (weather dependent)

Thu 3 Jul 2025 - LSA Summer Fair TBC (weather dependent)

Thu 3 Jul 2025 - No Extended Schools' Activities

Wed 9 Jul 2025 - Reserve Sports Day (weather dependent)

Thu 10 Jul 2025 - Year 5 Day at South Craven School

Thu 10 Jul 2025 - New Reception Transition afternoon (in school with lunch) – Week 6

Fri 11 Jul 2025 - All Extended Schools' Activities finish

Tue 15 Jul 2025 - Year 6 Leavers' Concert at 7pm

Wed 16 Jul 2025 - Year 6 Leavers' Discos

Fri 18 Jul 2025 - End of the Academic Year ~ school breaks up at 3.15pm

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W/c 21 APRIL 2025 (No Extended Schools' Activities this week)

Mon - Easter Monday ~ School Closed

Tue - School re-opens at 8:40am for the Summer Term

Earth Day

- Falling Stars Theatre Production in school: The River Project

Wed - Rec & Year 6 ~ National Child Measurement Programme

- Deadline for completing and submitting the Year 6 Leavers' Hoody online form
- Year 3/4 Maths Challenge
- South Craven Parent/Carer Information Evening at 7:15pm for Y6 children transferring to South Craven School in September

Thu - James Clarke Assembly

Fri - Deadline for entry forms for the LSA Grow £1 competition

Legend of the Week Assembly



School Cook

This week we are saying 'goodbye' to Rachel Holden, our school cook, who is leaving us for pastures new. We wish her all the best in her future endeavours.

We are now recruiting for a new cook – if any of our school community know someone who may be interested in this role, please ask them to contact the

school office (Lothersdale@ycatschools.co.uk). We will update you on our catering arrangements as soon as we have more information to share.



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.

Year 4 Residential Visit to Eshton Grange ~ May 2025



A letter and information booklet was sent out via bookbags on Thursday 3 April 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.

Rocksteady Band Concert ~ Wednesday 2 April 2025

On Wednesday, pupils who take part in weekly music sessions with Rocksteady took part in a Rocksteady Concert, where each band performed a song that they have been practicing over the past 10 weeks, to parents/carers, family members and their peers! The performances were absolutely fantastic, and we are so proud of the pupils, for showing lots of courage and bravery to perform in front of an audience. It was clear that throughout the 10-week programme, the bands have developed their skills in performance, rhythm, listening and teamwork.

If you would like to find out more about what the Rocksteady team offer in school, letters were sent home with pupils on Wednesday, where you can find out more information.



The Annual Lothersdale Primary School's

DECORATE AN EGG COMPETITION

WELL DONE EVERYONE!

for producing some fantastic decorated eggs in school on Thursday for our annual competition. Once again, the standard was very high and it was very difficult judging them all. We are pleased to announce that this year's winners are:



Thank you to Mrs Knight and Gerry for judging this year's competition.















Extended Schools ~ Summer Term 2025

For the Summer Term, we have updated our Extended Schools' offer to include activities taking place in LEGENDS After School Club, which are highlighted in green.

An information leaflet was emailed to parents/carers on Thursday 3 April 2025 providing you with more details about the LEGEND activities along with the

Extended Schools' flyer. Please note that all Extended Schools' Activities will start week commencing 28 April 2025 <u>apart from</u> Year 6 SATS Club, which takes place the first Thursday back after Easter. *Please ensure you read the booking information before applying for a club place.*

FREE Clubs: Please email the school office (look a FREE activity place for your child. It would be helpful if you could include the name of the club(s) in the subject header to help us identify the replies easily. Activities will be allocated on a first come first serve basis.

<u>PAID Clubs (not LEGENDS)</u>: the deadline for payment for children taking part in paying clubs is <u>Tuesday</u> <u>22 April 2025</u> to enable your child to continue with his/her chosen club. Your child's name will only be entered on the activity lists once payment has been made. The extended schools' accounts will be removed from ParentPay once the deadline has passed so it is important that payments are made promptly.

<u>LEGENDS Clubs</u>: If your child wishes to take part in one of their activities, please book a LEGENDS short session as normal through the SchoolGateway app.

All extended schools' activities finish on Friday 11 July 2025 apart from Rounders, which ends on Friday 23 May 2025. The activity lists will be issued after the deadline. *Please note that we are unable to add your child to an activity list once the deadline has passed and the lists have been distributed to providers and LEGENDS. It is therefore important that you help us to avoid your child missing out on an activity by adhering to the stated deadline.*

Year 6 SATs Preparation +

Year 6 SATS Club

Year 6 SATS Club will continue immediately after Easter on Thursday 24 April 2025 – the final session will be on Thursday 8 May 2025. The club is designed to complement the ongoing classroom instruction and provide an additional platform for focused revision.



Earth Day ~ Tuesday 22 April 2025

On Tuesday 22 April, we will be celebrating Earth Day in school. Our week will start on the first day back, when the Falling Stars Theatre group will be in school on Tuesday morning (see below).

Throughout the rest of the day and week, pupils will be taking part in various activities focused around this year's Earth Day theme Our Power, Our Planet. In class, pupils will be looking at recycling (Class 1), climate change (Class 2), making the local area environmentally friendly (Class 3), and renewable energy (Class 4).

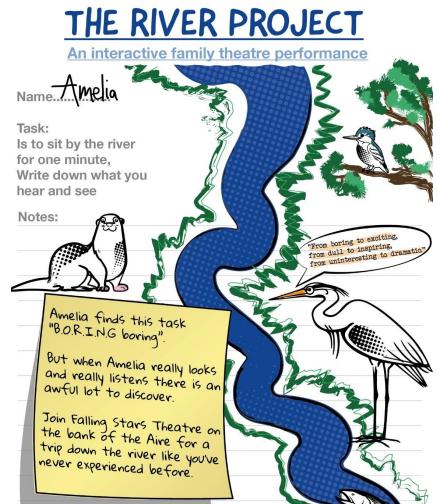
Falling Stars Theatre: The River Project Tuesday 22 April 2025

As part of our Earth Day learning, all children will be watching the Falling Stars Theatre group in their production of The River Project; an immersive, interactive theatre performance.

They will join a host of memorable characters on the banks of the River Aire for a trip down the river like you've never experienced before!

The latest health assessments show that still none of England's river stretches are in good or high overall health. "85% of river stretches fall below good ecological standards." The State of our Rivers Report. The Rivers Trust 2024.

Falling Stars Theatre hope to encourage young people to take responsibility/ownership of protecting the natural world around them, raising awareness and respect for the river.



This performance is kindly supported by The Aire Rivers Trust, The Wild Trout Trust and Salmon and Trout Conservation WY.

We are also very grateful to the anonymous donor who has kindly contributed funds to cover the cost of this production in school.





Lothersdale Primary School Winning Entries

Congratulations to all our children who took part in this year's Rotary Young Writer Competition. The winners have been announced, and we are thrilled that three children from our school are competition winners. We detail the results below.

SCHOOL RESULTS		
1st	Nell Dacre	
2nd	Charlotte Paul	
3rd	Emily Parsons	

SKIPTON CRAVEN ROTARY CLUB RESULTS		
3rd	Nell Dacre	
Highly Commended	Charlotte Paul	

On Thursday 8 May 2025, Paul Wright from Skipton Craven Rotary Club will be coming into school to present the above children with their certificates and prizes at our morning assembly.

Well done everyone!

Welcome SCHOOL to the Lothersdale **OFFICE**

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

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

Please telephone the School Office during the hours listed to make an appointment to speak to a member of staff.

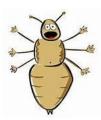
*Please note that the school office is closed on Fridays. Emails will not be checked until the office re-opens on Mondays. Urgent messages should be left on the school answer machine, which will be checked at intervals throughout the day.

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



Head Lice

There have been reported outbreaks of head lice in school. Would parents please check children's hair and take preventative measures where necessary. Please note that it is school policy that long hair must be tied back at all times in school (girls <u>and</u> boys whose hair is shoulder length). A high ponytail is ideal as this keeps loose hair to a minimum to prevent the spread of head lice when children are working or playing together.

Year 6 Leavers' Hoodies

The LSA kindly pay for the Year 6 Leavers' Hoodies which are presented to our Year 6 children at the Leavers Presentation Evening at the end of the academic year. A letter has been emailed to parents/careers of children in Year 6 this week and we would be grateful if you could complete the online form by <u>Wednesday 23 April 2025</u>.



Class 2 Swimming Lessons



Class 2 swimming lessons have now finished for this acadmic year. The deadline for payment of voluntary contributions towards your child's Class 2 swimming lessons was on <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 67% of contributions from parents/carers (a total of £265.86 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 make payment via your child's account on the SchoolGateway app. Many thanks in advance 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.



Parent Governor Vacancy

The deadline for Parent Governor nominations has now closed and we will update you after the Easter break to confirm if an election ballot needs to be held.

Thank you for your support.





It's back! The LSA Grow a £1 Project is now up and running!

Are you a budding entrepreneur? Can you think of a great idea to make your £1 grow into lots of £1s? This event is kindly being sponsored by local company, ViBe Fitness, who will give each participating child their initial £1 during a special assembly on Monday 28 April 2025.

Information, along with a consent form, was sent home via bookbags / email to parents/carers on Wednesday 2 April 2025 and the deadline for receipt of the completed consent forms is <u>Friday 25 April 2025</u>. If your child wishes to take part, please ensure the form is returned by the deadline to enable the LSA to hand out £1 to all participants in the assembly. We look forward to hearing your fundraising ideas and watching your investment grow over the next few weeks.

Please note that the paper copy of the letter mentions that children can have stalls at the LSA Summer Fair. This is an error as this event is being held earlier this year with the deadline for the competition prior to the scheduled Summer Fair. The emailed letter has been corrected accordingly.



Can you raise more money than last year's winners of the competition, Jamie and Beulah? They raised a very impressive £437.25 by holding a shop & raffle on Earby High Street and in the school playground. The winner of their raffle won a hair and beauty voucher.

KEY GROW £1 DATES:

Consent form to be returned	Friday 25 April 2025
£1 issued to each participating child	Monday 28 April 2025
Competition deadline	Friday 6 June 2025
Winners announced	Date to be confirmed



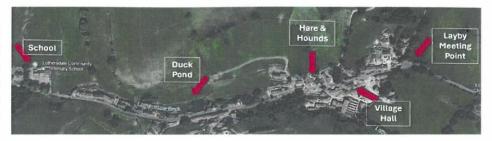
The LOTHERSDALE WALKING BUS returns after the Easter Break!



The Walking Bus initiative was set up last summer by a team of parent helpers to help alleviate traffic congestion outside school at peak times and to promote a healthier lifestyle. It will start again after Easter and run for the summer term. This information sheet provides details about the Walking Bus, how it works and how your child can participate if feasible for your family.

HOW IT WORKS

Before school: Children are dropped off at the layby at 8:20am each morning (we set off at 8:25am so feel free to join us further down the village if you arrive later than this).



After school: The afternoon bus will meet by the blue tables (on the secure school side of the fence where staff normally release the children) and set off as soon as we've got everyone together. Collection is from the layby at 3:35pm.

Supervision: All of the children joining the Walking Bus will be asked to wear a hi-visibility vest. This is for a few reasons:

- It makes it much easier for the adults to keep an eye on the group.
- The children are more visible to cars driving through the village (we've also noticed that this slows the traffic down).
- The adults can count the children more easily before they go into school.
- It's the official Walking Bus kit ... and who wouldn't want to be part of that!

Benefits:

- Fewer cars outside school at drop off/pick up times (one of the trial days saw a reduction of over 10 cars at school!).
- A chance for the children to get more fresh air and exercise.
- A chance for the children to enjoy conversations with friends along the way or even make new friends.
- > Parents get a longer day and don't have to struggle for a parking space outside school.

If your child feels a little unsure about the idea, why not join us on the walk with them to offer reassurance and see how they get on? This has worked well for a few children during the trial.

School permission: The school requires parents/carers to inform them if their child will be using the <u>afternoon</u> Walking Bus for safeguarding purposes. They don't need to know dates/times; just that the child will be using the Walking Bus at some point.

Volunteers/Contact/Booking: The walking bus depends on grown-ups volunteering to be 'drivers' on a weekly rota, although it's not mandatory for you to do so in order for your children to ride the bus. If you'd like to be a team helper this term, or your child(ren) would like to join the Walking Bus, please contact Steve Boy on 07841 527674. The Walking Bus WhatsApp group/rota will then be set up over the Easter holidays for communication/booking etc (messages are kept to a minimum).





Smartfree Childhood Update from Amy Boy ~ Smartphone Alternatives

Many of you have asked for some smartphone alternatives. The devices below offer a variety of functionality including calls, texts, camera, tracking, music and *off-line* games.

Nokia 2660 Flip - £50-60

- Texts and phone calls
- Very long-lasting battery
- Range of colours
- Bright, colourful display (non pixelated text)
- Built in radio and torch
- Snake (and Tetris but you need to pay for the full game)
- Camera only usable for emergencies

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Doro 708x - £154.99

- Calls only the three contacts you rely on the most with A, B and C speed-dial buttons.
- Can receive text messages but can't send them
- Shows the phone's location to assigned contacts

And legs

Nokia 105 - £19.99

- Talk, text and wireless FM radio
- Amazing battery life
- Torch and snake games

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Nokia 5710 - £74.99

- Talks, text and wireless FM radio
- Like an iPod with in-built wireless earbuds which charge when not in use
- Inbuilt mp3 player with storage for thousands of songs
- Inbuilt speaker
- Great sound quality
- Very long battery life
- No WiFi or Whatsapp



Xplora X6Play Kids Watch - £139.00

- Voice calls and texts from closed contact list
- Voice messages
- Photos and videos using 5MP camera with 8GB storage
- GPS location with map display, seen by you in the Xplora APP
- GPS safe zones to alert you if outside the zones
- SOS button to immediately alert your phone
- No internet access
- No contact of any kind can be connected to the watch unless the contact is listed in the APP contact list managed by you
- School mode for Distraction-Free learning
- Time & Date, Stopwatch, Calculator, Calendar, Alarm, Weather Updates
- No games on the watch



XPlora XG03 - £99.99

- Voice calls and texts from closed contact list
- Voice messages
- GPS location tracking
- SOS button to immediately alert your phone
- No internet access
- No contact of any kind can be connected to the watch unless the contact is listed in the APP contact list managed by you
- Time & Date
- No games or apps on the watch



There are new phones in development aimed for adults who want a simpler life, as well as teenagers, and look a little more like a smartphone: <u>Balance Phone</u>, <u>Lightphone III</u>, <u>Wisephone II</u> and <u>Lofone</u>. Some of these are still to launch and will be at a considerably higher price point (although nowhere near smartphone prices)

IMPORTANT – If you get a SIM card for your child's phone, make sure that it has NO DATA roaming - only calls and texts, so that there is no chance that they can access the internet.

Thank you for your continued support in this important and rapidly evolving area of child safety.

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.







27 March 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

KIDS AQUATHLON – SUNDAY 4 MAY 2025 - CRAVEN LEISURE CENTRE, SKIPTON

Craven Energy organised this multi sport event for children last year and we were blown away with the enthusiasm of youngsters wanting to have some fun, enjoy the event & build their confidence.

We've organised the event again and entries are now open. Here's the details.....

It's open for children between 7 and 14

The swim is 2 lengths of the 25m pool at Craven Leisure Centre and the run is 1km on the grass within Aireville Park.

Meet at the Leisure Centre Reception at 6:45am with the Event starting from 7am. It will all be over in time for you to still enjoy the whole of your Sunday!

It's just £10 to enter, please scan the QR code on the attached leaflet now and book your place.

If you have any queries about this Event do email the Team on skiptonsbr@outlook.com

We look forward to seeing you cheer your kids on at the start line 😊

Craven Energy Multisport Club





Logan is an ex-pupil of Lothersdale Primary School, and we wish him all the best with his fundraising endeavours. We are thrilled he has the opportunity to represent Team GB in the under 20's Triathlon. Good Luck, Logan.

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 28 Apr 2025 - Year 4 Eshton Grange Parent Information Evening at 6:00pm

Wed 21 May 2025 - Y4 Eshton Grange Residential – Day 1
 Thu 22 May 2025 - Y4 Eshton Grange Residential – Day 2
 Fri 23 May 2025 - Y4 Eshton Grange Residential – Day 3
 Tue 3 Jun 2025 - Class and Year 6 Leavers' Photos

Thu 26 Jun 2025 - Class 2 visit to Lytham St Annes

