

# LOTHERSDALE FRIDAY NEWS

Welcome to our new  
term.

## Update from Mrs Tyson



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been wonderful to welcome everyone back to school for the start of a new academic year. The children have settled so well into their new classes and adapted brilliantly to their new cohorts—we are very proud of the positive start they have made.

The year began with a real highlight as we were delighted to share the outcome of our recent Ofsted inspection. The report is now available to view [here](#). Thank you for your kind words and encouragement following its publication; your support is very much appreciated.

We are also pleased to welcome Mrs Jo Phipps to Lothersdale as our new school administrator. Mrs Phipps has quickly settled into her role, and I know she is looking forward to getting to know you all—please do feel free to pop into the school office and say hello.

Over the coming week, Mrs Phipps and I will be finalising a list of school visits, events, and key dates for the year ahead. While these dates may be subject to change, we hope the calendar will provide a helpful guide for you as the year progresses.

**Here's to a successful year ahead.**

## Apetito

### School Meals Update

We are delighted to share that the launch of our new catering provider, apetito, has been a great success! The children have been reporting extremely positively about their new meals, with comments such as:

**"THESE ARE THE BEST SCHOOL DINNERS EVER!"**

**"THIS IS DELICIOUS –  
PLEASE CAN I HAVE SOME MORE?"**

**"THIS IS YUMMY – YUMMY IN MY TUMMY!"**

It has been wonderful to see such enthusiasm and to witness the significant difference this change has already made to the quality of our meal provision.

If your child hasn't yet tried the new lunches, please do feel free to sign them up—even just for a day to give it a go. We are confident they won't be disappointed!

**A huge thank you goes to Mrs Pickard, who has worked additional days and put in a tremendous amount of effort to ensure the launch was a success. We are so grateful for her hard work and dedication.**



# Jo Phipps – School Administrator

## Hello!

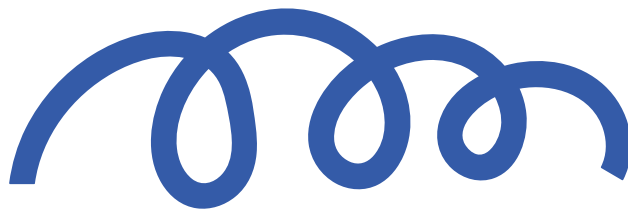
My name is Jo Phipps, and I'm delighted to be joining Lothersdale Primary School as the new School Administrator.

I bring over 16 years of experience in administration, including the past five years working within primary schools.

I've recently relocated to Silsden from Huddersfield, where I was part of a fantastic school community for the last three years.

I'm really excited to become part of the Lothersdale Primary School family and look forward to supporting the children, staff, and parents.

Please do come and say hello—I'm looking forward to meeting you all and learning alongside you!



## Upcoming Events

**22<sup>nd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> September 2025**

Fair Trade Week

**6<sup>th</sup> October 2025**

Grandparents day – more information to follow.

**8th October 2025**

Harvest festival

**14<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> October 2025**

**School Open Afternoon** – for new admissions.

**3rd November 2025**

School Flu Immunisations – please ensure you have completed the permission forms.

## Curriculum Packs

Last week, all parents should have received a curriculum pack for their child. This outlines the core knowledge and curriculum content planned to be taught during this half term. We encourage you to display this somewhere at home so that you can quiz your child on their core knowledge and ask them questions about their learning – it's a great way to support them and reinforce what they are doing in school.

We are also looking forward to seeing families engage with the various home learning challenges included in the pack. These are designed to extend learning beyond the classroom and provide opportunities for children to share their knowledge in creative ways.

For further details about each curriculum area, please visit the Curriculum page on our school website:

[www.lothersdaleschool.org.uk/our-curriculum](http://www.lothersdaleschool.org.uk/our-curriculum)

## Lothersdale Legends

This weeks Lothersdale Legends are:

### Class 1

Reception – Imogen Yarrow

### Class 2

Year 1 – Ella Scott

Year 2 – Lenny Butterfield

### Class 3

Year 3 – Jax Butterfield

Year 4 – Ava Holmes

### Class 4

Year 5 – Lucy Kennedy

Year 6 – Mila Konechny

We will be celebrating them in our Friday morning assembly on Friday **19<sup>th</sup>** September. Please come along if you child is one of our Lothersdale Legends for **9.00am**.

Well done also to this weeks:

**Maths Ambassador** – Jude Hopkinson-King

**Year 6 Award** – Annabelle Kirkbride

who will be celebrated in class.

