

LOTHERSDALE FRIDAY NEWS

ISSUE 3

26th September 2025

Learning for Life

Each week, we hope to share a little bit of information with you about the Lothersdale Learning for Life curriculum. Our hope is that by sharing little and often, this approach can be fully understood by all members of our school community. We invite you to discuss this approach with us and ask us any questions!

This week, we wish to share with you some more behind the **rationale** for the curriculum.

Following reading around Metacognition and sensing a growing need to support children develop their learning skills, we are exploring John Hattie's philosophy of 'Learning how to Learn,' and the ground-breaking work of Guy Claxton and his 'Learning Power Approach'.

'It will create a culture in classrooms – and in the school more widely – that systematically cultivates habits and attitudes that enable young people to become better learners; face difficulty and uncertainty calmly, confidently and creatively. Not only does it help school deliver on the holistic development of the children in their care but it also allows students who are more confident of their own learning ability learn faster and learn better. Student concentrate more, think harder and find learning more enjoyable.'

(Guy Claxton – Building Learning Power)

Our hope is that as we focus on these principles, we will support our young people to become better learners, throughout their school and wider lives.



Harvest Festival Celebrations

We are delighted to invite you to our Harvest Festival on **Wednesday 8th October**, where we will come together as a school community to celebrate this special time of year.

- **Reception, Year 1 and Year 2:** Harvest Festival in the School Hall at 9.00am
- **Years 3 – 6:** Harvest Festival at Christ Church, Lothersdale at 2.15pm

Due to capacity within the school hall and church, we kindly ask that a maximum of two adults per child attend.

As part of our celebration, we are once again supporting Keighley Women's Refuge. We would greatly appreciate donations of non-perishable items (such as tins, dried goods, packets, and jars) sent into school before 8th October. Your generosity will be gratefully received and included in the Harvest offering at Christ Church.

We look forward to welcoming parents, carers, and families to join us in giving thanks for the season of Harvest and in supporting such a worthy cause.



Visit to the woods

Class 1 would like to thank their Y6 buddies for being so kind and looking after them so well on Monday. The visit to the woods was a great success! The children learnt about road safety, woodland safety and how to build miniature bug homes.



School Council & Eco Warriors

We are so proud of each child that put themselves forward to representing their classes as School Reps and Eco Warriors.

We are delighted to announce the results were shared on Monday:

School Reps:

Year 6 – Berkeley Cowgill & Penny Ingham
Year 5 – Adam Guy & Ivy Kirkley
Year 4 – Elliott Lambert & Isobel Osborne
Year 3 – Meredith Ingham & Jude Baldwin
Year 2 – Elliot Munday & Perta Davy
Year 1 – Annie Whitwham and Ozzy Hopkinson-King
Reception – Ronnie Woodward & Harper Wigan

Eco Warriors:

Year 6 – Emily Parsons
Year 5 – Hugo Baldwin
Year 4 – Martha Smith
Year 3 – Beulah Cranham
Year 2 – Lexi Woodward
Year 1 – Eddie Williams
Reception – Ronnie Wright



Local History Club

Over the past few weeks we have been researching the life of Francis John Kay, whose name appears on our village war memorial as one of those who lost their lives in the First World War.

This week, by looking at the 1911 census, we discovered that he lived at High Fold, a part of the village we have now been able to locate on old maps.

Tracing his story further, we have begun using newspaper reports and other historical records to piece together more details about his life, his family, and the circumstances of his service. Each new discovery is helping us build a clearer picture of Francis John Kay and his place in our local history.



Cross-Country

Well done to all our KS2 Cross Country runners. All children represented Lothersdale brilliantly!

A special mention to: Jude, Tommy, Sophie, Hugo, Tobin, George, Aravon and Theo who have all progressed to the next round.

Upcoming Events

1st October 2025

LSA planning meeting 5.30pm at school ALL WELCOME!

6th October 2025

Grandparents day – please ensure you have booked in your grandparents/friends by Thursday 2nd October.

6th October 2025

Y6- High Adventure Residential information evening – 6pm at school.

8th October 2025

Harvest festival

14th and 16th October 2025

School Open Afternoon, 1-3pm – for new admissions.

16th October 2025

LSA Movie night please see the back page for more information.

20th – 24th October 2025

Class 4's 'High Adventure' residential.

Lothersdale Legends

This weeks Lothersdale Legends are:

Class 1

Reception – **Sydney Huddy**

Class 2

Year 1 – **Na'amah Munday**

Year 2 – **Dexter Bridges**

Class 3

Year 3 – **Arthur Nelson**

Year 4 – **Frankie Crookes**

Class 4

Year 5 – **Sophie Broadhead**

Year 6 – **Joe Lloyd**



We will be celebrating them in our Friday morning assembly on Friday **3rd October**. Please come along if you child is one of our Lothersdale Legends for **9.00am**.

Well done also to this weeks:

Maths Ambassador – Evie Allen

Year 6 Award – Lily North

who will be celebrated in class.

LOTHERSDALE LOWDOWN

WEEKLY INFO YOU NEED TO KNOW

CENSUS DAY

Thursday 2nd October

Thursday 2nd October is School Census Day, an important date when the government calculates school funding based on children's attendance and the number of school **meals pre-booked** on the day.

To help us secure the best possible funding for our pupils, we kindly ask for **your support** in ensuring your child attends school and, if possible, **books a school meal**. Your cooperation makes a real difference – **thank you!**

CLASS 3-FIELD TRIP

Tuesday 30th September

Class 3 are excited about their field trip to Skipton. Parents will need to bring their children to Skipton Library for **9.00am** and collect at **2.30pm** from the same location.

Please ensure you provide them with a packed lunch that day.

Please could **ALL** class 3 parents ensure they have completed their child's attendance form - <https://forms.office.com/e/VDyJhktzVr>

Reminder

If your child is taking part in Young Voices, please ensure you have created a music room account, so that you can purchase t-shirts and tickets for the event.

Please note the deadline for purchasing audience tickets and t-shirts is **31st October 2025**. Information on how to create an account can be found on the letter sent electronically earlier this term.

YOUNG VOICES

20th - 24th October

ESHTON GRANGE - CLASS 4

Our Class 4 residential is fast approaching and we are so excited for all of the activities and memories the children will make on this trip.

High Adventure is a fantastic location for all the children to be able to enjoy a range of activities from water sports, team building, abseiling, high ropes and much more. We will be hosting a parents info evening on Monday 6th October at 6pm in school, we hope you can be there.

OTHER INFO

- **LSA planning meeting** - 5.30pm at school on Wednesday 1st October
- **Grand Parents Day** - please don't forget to book your place online.
- **School Open Afternoon** - for new admissions. Please see the leaflet on the next page and share the news.

LOTHERSDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

**'NURTURE ALL HEARTS
INSPIRE ALL MINDS'**

School Open Days - 1PM - 3PM
Tuesday 14th and Thursday 16th October

**SCHOOL
PLACES
AVAILABLE
RECEPTION TO
YEAR 6**



**June 2025 Ofsted
'Outstanding' in
ALL areas;**

- ✓ Teaching and learning
- ✓ Behaviour and Attitudes
- ✓ Personal Development
- ✓ Leadership and Management
- ✓ Early Years Provision



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The LSA invites you to...



NOW SHOWING

Lilo & Stitch

Thursday 16th October, 3.15 to 5.30pm

£6 per child* (includes a hotdog, snack and drink!)

Book your movie tickets on the School Gateway app!

*The third child from a family is free of charge.

For support with ticket costs, please contact the LSA in confidence

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