

LOTHERSDALE FRIDAY NEWS

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Week 2

Our students have had a wonderfully busy and exciting week, filled with opportunities to learn, perform, and celebrate their achievements. A particular highlight was Times Table Rock Stars Day on Wednesday, which brought a real buzz of enthusiasm throughout the school. Pupils embraced the challenge with energy and determination, using fun and engaging activities to strengthen their maths skills and build confidence in their times tables. It was fantastic to see such positive attitudes towards learning and so many children fully involved and enjoying the experience.

The week was made even more special by our Rock Steady concert, which showcased the incredible musical talents of our students. Those who took part performed with confidence, enthusiasm, and teamwork, delivering a truly entertaining and memorable performance. The concert was a fantastic treat for staff, pupils, and families alike, and a huge amount of effort and practice was clearly on display.

A massive **well done** to all of the students involved in both events for their hard work, commitment, and enthusiasm. Weeks like this really highlight the range of talents within our school and the joy of learning in all its forms.





Nature Art Club

I am really loving running the Nature Art After School Club at Lothersdale. We've now had four sessions so I thought you might want to hear a little more about what's happened so far:

- Introductions / The Story of the Giant Sequoia (The world's biggest trees) / Making a nature pattern library and a group mandala.
- Colours, shapes and Kandinsky / Slow Looking / Small group pieces.
- Thinking about invasive plants / Large group piece in the hall.

Every week we have been creative, working together and exploring different ways to make art from nature, finding hidden treasures and learning more about ourselves by learning more about the world around us. Our next Nature Art Clubs will take place next half term look out for more information at the end of this half term on how to book.

Mr Winston (Nature Artist)



Upcoming Events

29th January 2026
SEND Visit to Eshton Grange

5th February 2026
Young Voices Choir – Co-Op Arena, Manchester

10th February 2026
Legends Valentines Disco – please book your Legends space on School Gateway.

14th – 22nd February 2026
Half Term

23rd February 2026
Inset Training Day

Lotherdale Legends

This weeks Lotherdale Legends are:

Class 1
Reception – **Flora Oldfield**

Class 2
Year 1 – **Pixie Crookes**
Year 2 – **Lexi Woodward**

Class 3
Year 3 – **Elliot Whitwham**
Year 4 – **Vesper Davy**

Class 4
Year 5 – **Adam Guy**
Year 6 – **Berkeley Cowgill**



We will be celebrating them in our Friday morning assembly on Friday 23rd January. Please come along if your child is one of our Lotherdale Legends for 9.00am.

Well done also to this weeks:
Maths Ambassador – **Hudson Hewitt**
Year 6 Award – **Emily Parsons**
who will be celebrated in class.

How Parents Can Help Shape Social Media for Children.

There is growing momentum behind a simple but powerful idea: giving children a smartphone-free childhood for longer and raising the minimum age for social media to 16. For change to happen, MPs need to hear directly from the families they represent.



How you can get involved

The Smartphone Free Childhood campaign has made it quick and easy to act. You can use their tool to contact your MP and ask them to support raising the age of social media to 16 and stronger protections for children:

<https://smartphonefreechildhood.eaction.org.uk/raise-the-age>