

LOTHERSDALE FRIDAY NEWS

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Week 3

We've had a productive week in school, with pupils engaging well in their lessons. Despite the wet and windy weather it has been lovely to see pupils displaying the traits of 'Relationship Rabbit'. Thank you to the children who have taken time to help fasten the coats of younger children, these small acts of kindness really matter.

On Thursday, the children took part in **Modern Foreign Languages Day**, exploring a range of activities linked to different languages and cultures. The day offered pupils the chance to try something a little different from their usual timetable. Mrs Knight will be sharing more details about the event in next week's edition, including a closer look at the activities and learning that took place.

Thank you for your continued support as we move through the term.

Swimming Lessons

Class 3 have been making steady progress in their swimming lessons, gaining confidence in the water while learning valuable safety skills. The children have approached each session positively and are developing techniques that will support them well beyond primary school.

We'd like to **thank our parent volunteers** for their help — your support makes these sessions possible.

A reminder that swimming contributions for Class 3 should be completed by February half term. At present, we have received only half of the required contributions. Whilst contributions are voluntary, swimming is a statutory part of the curriculum, and any remaining costs will be covered by the school budget. This may limit what we can offer in terms of additional experiences later in the year, so any support families are able to give is very much appreciated.

Class 2 will be starting their swimming lessons next half term, more information will be sent to parents and carers directly next week.



LOTHERSDALE SCHOOL MEETS
TOTAL WARRIOR 2026!

JOIN IN AND RAISE FUNDS FOR
LOTHERSDALE SCHOOL!

*Step out of your comfort zone -
get fit, get muddy, have fun, give
back - everyone can join in!*

Adults (pm)- 12k with obstacles
Kids 6+ (am)- 3k with obstacles

SATURDAY
27 JUNE
2026

To get involved with the kids and/or adults race, use the links in this email.

There will be a WhatsApp group that you can join which will include information on how to fundraise for the school (for those that would like to), any potential training meet ups and a place to get advice and support to get you to that finish line!

Don't let the challenge scare you off - practice makes perfect, there's plenty of time to get ready!

REGISTER NOW

**TOTAL WARRIOR HAS 30% OFF THE FINAL PRICE
THROUGHOUT JANUARY!**



The Power of Attendance: Why Every Day Counts

At Lothersdale we are striving for every child to succeed—academically, socially, and emotionally. One of the simplest yet most powerful ways to support your child's success is by ensuring they attend school every day. Regular attendance lays the foundation for strong learning habits and lifelong achievement.

1. Building Strong Foundations for Learning

Each day in school introduces new ideas and skills that build on what was learned the day before. When students miss class, even for a short time, they can quickly fall behind. Regular attendance helps children keep pace with lessons, feel confident in their abilities, and develop the discipline needed for future learning.

2. Strengthening Social Skills and Friendships

School is more than academics—it's also where children learn important life skills like teamwork, communication, and empathy. Consistent attendance allows kids to build relationships with classmates and teachers, helping them feel connected and supported as part of a community.

3. Developing Responsibility and Routine

Showing up to school every day teaches students about commitment, responsibility, and time management—skills that serve them well throughout life. A regular routine reduces stress, boosts focus, and sets the tone for positive habits in and out of school.

4. Improving Long-Term Success

Research shows that students who attend school regularly build strong habits that support higher achievement and long-term success. Even brief lateness has a measurable impact: arriving **10 minutes late** each day equals roughly **50 minutes** of lost learning each week, more than **3 hours each month**, and over **30 hours across a school year**—the equivalent of nearly a full week of lessons. Those missed minutes often include key instructions or explanations that set up the rest of the lesson, and each late arrival disrupts the class flow, making it harder for everyone to stay focused and progress smoothly.

5. Working Together to Support Attendance

We understand that sometimes children may need to miss school due to illness or family emergencies. However, we encourage parents to make school attendance a top priority whenever possible. Set consistent morning routines, schedule appointments outside of school hours when you can, and communicate with teachers if your child faces challenges that make attendance difficult.

Our school is here to help. Let's work together to make sure every student is present, engaged, and ready to learn!

Lotherdale Lowdown

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.

12th February 2026

Valentines LSA Bake Sale - during the school day

12th February 2026

LSA Movie Night - information to follow

14th – 22nd February 2026

Half Term

23rd February 2026

Inset Training Day

27th February 2026

Class 2 start swimming lessons - information to follow

Lotherdale Legends

This weeks Lotherdale Legends are:

Class 1

Reception - **Imogen Yarrow**

Class 2

Year 1 - **Tilly Osborne**

Year 2 - **Iliana Gianakopoulos**

Class 3

Year 3 - **Harper Harding**

Year 4 - **Evie Allen**

Class 4

Year 5 - **Jude Hopkinson-King**

Year 6 - **Annabelle Kirkbride**



We will be celebrating them in our Friday morning assembly on Friday 30th January. Please come along if your child is one of our Lotherdale Legends for 9.00am.

Well done also to this weeks:

Maths Ambassador - **Elliot Whitwham**

Year 6 Award - **Aravon Airlie**

who will be celebrated in class.