

LOTHERSDALE FRIDAY NEWS

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Languages Day

We were delighted to celebrate a very successful Languages Day at Lothersdale Primary School, where children across the school enjoyed exploring different languages and ways of communicating. Pupils showed great enthusiasm and curiosity as they learned about other cultures and discovered how language helps us connect with one another.

In Class 1, the children were introduced to French and even met Camembear, who helped them begin their language-learning journey. They started by learning how to say "hello" (bonjour) and naming different fruits, which they are already enjoying using at snack times. Class 2 explored Spanish, focusing on greetings, numbers and colours. They practised saying "**hello**" (**hola**) and "**good morning**" (**buenos días**), building confidence in using their new vocabulary. Class 3 learnt German and also concentrated on numbers, greetings and colours, including learning how to say "hello" (hallo) and "**good day**" (**guten Tag**).

Class 4 had a very special experience learning Ukrainian, and we would like to say a huge thank you to **Bohdan** for sharing his language with the class and with the whole school during assembly. His contribution made the day even more meaningful and helped pupils appreciate the importance of language, identity and culture.

We were also very lucky to welcome a wonderful visitor, **Shelly**, who taught the whole school some sign language and as a result of a successful visit, two members of Year 6 have now started a sign language club in Class 1. In addition, Frankie led engaging Braille workshops where pupils had the opportunity to write their own names in Braille using Lego and to try out a Braille machine. These hands-on activities gave children a real insight into how people with visual impairments read and write.

A big thank you to **Frankie** for sharing a part of her world with the whole school. Overall, Languages Day was a fantastic celebration of diversity, inclusion and learning, and we are very proud of how engaged and enthusiastic all the children were throughout the day.



CLASS ONE

Class 1 enjoyed a trip to the woods on Monday despite the cold weather. The children sprinkled wild bird seed in the Green Woods, used binoculars, made woodland soup and finished by making a large nest in the Brown Woods for them all to fit inside! The children are learning the names and distinguishing features of local wild birds as part of our EY geography and science curriculum.



ESHTON TRIP

We had a fabulous day at Eshton on Thursday! We had a focus around learning about online safety and wellbeing. We started our morning with some yoga, followed by a visit to the animals. We had some time in the sports hall to use up some energy and then completed some activities in small groups learning about online safety. The children's understanding of this was fantastic!

Our afternoon was filled with lots of different activities linked to wellbeing, including creating our own mini potions, wellbeing boxes and healthy smoothies – delicious! We ended our day with a team treasure hunt. Thank you for a fabulous day!



YEAR ONE



Year 1 have been busy developing their food-preparation confidence they have learnt important safe cutting techniques: the bridge and the claw. With great focus and care, the children practised holding and cutting fruit safely, showing impressive control and growing independence.

Their hard work paid off when they put their new skills and being fantastic 'Stash Away Squirrels' by making their own delicious fruit smoothies.

It was wonderful to see their teamwork, creativity, and pride in what they produced. Well done, Year 1 – a fantastic effort and a tasty result.



Lothersdale Lowdown

4th February 2026

Class 3 – Stone Age Day

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 & 13th February 2026

Class 4 – History Immersive Days

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

24th February 2026

Extended Schools Start for the term

Lothersdale Legends

This weeks Lothersdale Legends are:

Class 1

Reception – **Ronnie Wright**

Class 2

Year 1 – **Odin Prowse**

Year 2 – **Anya Chowdhury**

Class 3

Year 3 – **Frankie Harrison**

Year 4 – **Beulah Cranham**

Class 4

Year 5 – **Sean Cutler**

Year 6 – **Maisie Young**



We will be celebrating them in our Friday morning assembly on Friday 6th February. Please come along if your child is one of our Lothersdale Legends for 9.00am.

Well done also to this weeks:

Maths Ambassador – **Imogen Yarrow**

Year 6 Award – **Mila Konechny**

who will be celebrated in class.