

LOTHERSDALE FRIDAY NEWS

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Welcome Back!

We hope you all had a wonderful Easter break. It has been a pleasure to welcome your children back to school this week and to see them settle so quickly back into their routines.

We are also delighted to confirm that we have offered places to 18 children for Reception 2026. We received a large number of applications this year, and it is a pleasure to be able to welcome both siblings and new families into our school community. Further information regarding Reception transition arrangements, as well as whole school transition activities, will be shared in due course.

We have also very much enjoyed hearing about your fantastic efforts for the Lothersdale 'Leap into Action' challenge. We have been thoroughly impressed by the number of miles clocked, the challenges completed, and the sponsorship raised—what an achievement from everyone involved. Please remember that any fundraising money can either be transferred to the school bank account or sent in as cash - please contact the school office with any queries.

This half term, our focus turns to '**Bold Badger**', our Lothersdale Learning for Life character who represents resilience. We will be working with the children to explore the importance of perseverance, resilience, and facing challenges with confidence. A dedicated **Bold Badger** newsletter will be sent out soon with more information, so please do keep an eye out for this.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support.

LOST PROPERTY

We have an overflowing lost property in the school reception area, please could we ask that parents take time next week to have a look through.

Including a pair of glasses, sunglasses and a braclet, which are in the school office.



**Lost
property**

NATURE ART CLUB

Our new Nature Art After School Club at Lothersdale is going wonderfully well and we are all enjoying exploring art and nature together in so many different ways.

Max Ernst & Maths

A session in two parts: Firstly we looked at the work of artist Max Ernst and his paintings made by rubbing and made marks ourselves with crayons, chalk and pencil. Next up we borrowed a small log from class one's outdoor play area and using mighty maths checked its age and estimated the age of the tall pine at the end of the playground woodland area.

Wishes & Potato Prints

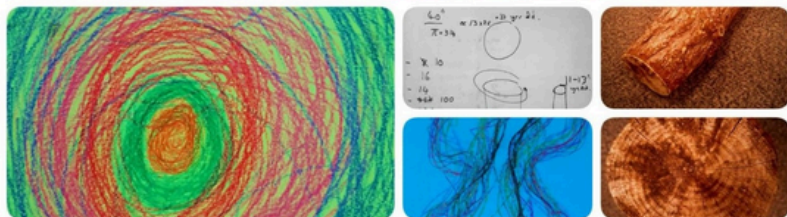
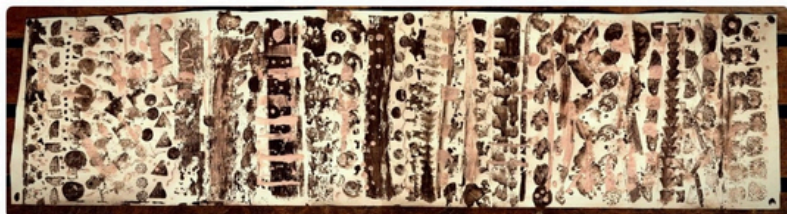
We looked at wishing stones in the classroom and all made a wish which we buried in the school's playground woodland area. Then we worked together as a great team to make a print on a long thin piece of paper. It was all I could do, to keep up with the creative ideas of the pupils as we used potato shapes, sticks and corks. Because this is nature art, we used soot paint and chalk paint tinted pink with some ochre pigment. What a fantastic piece of work!

Nature Rhythms

This week we were inspired by the work of 2025 Turner Prize winning British Nigerian artist Nnena Kalu who has learning disabilities including autism. To me her vibrant artwork is reminiscent of elemental natural swirling and spiralling forces like forest fires, waves and whirlwinds and for the first time ever, this year The Turner came to Bradford!

Every week's creative after school session will see us working and learning together. Unlocking nature's secrets and learning more about ourselves by learning more about the world around us. I hope to see your pupils next time I am in school

Mr Winston - Nature Artist



Lothersdale Lowdown

4th May 2026

Early May Bank Holiday

11th - 18th May 2026

KS2 SATS week

18th - 22nd May 2026

KS1 SATS week

18th May 2026

Goalball Challenge - whole school event, information to follow

19th May 2026

KS1 Dinosaur Day

19th May 2026

KS2 - Brownlee Triathlon, Bradford Grammar

20th - 22nd May 2026

Year 4 - Eshton Grange Residential

Lothersdale Legends

This weeks Lothersdale Legends are:

Class 1

Reception - **Enid**

Class 2

Year 1 - **Adia**

Year 2 - **Theo**

Class 3

Year 3 - **Emma**

Year 4 - **Martha**

Class 4

Year 5 - **Jude**

Year 6 - **Joe**



We will be celebrating them in our Friday morning assembly on **Friday 24th April**. Please come along if your child is one of our Lothersdale Legends for 9.00am.

Well done also to this weeks:

Maths Ambassador - **Emily**

Year 6 Award - **Maisie**

who will be celebrated in class.