

LOTHERSDALE FRIDAY NEWS

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Nature Photography

To mark the incredible milestone of Sir David Attenborough's 100th birthday, we were amazed by the fantastic photographs received and the sheer number of entries submitted. In fact, we received so many amazing entries that we had to split the competition into two categories: Animals and Plant Life. The standard of work across both categories was exceptionally high.

🐾 Animals Category Winner: "The Curious Cow" by Enid

Enid's winning photograph immediately draws the viewer in with its striking composition. The curious cow is positioned centrally, filling the frame in a bold and engaging way. The close-up perspective creates a strong sense of connection, while the softly blurred background adds depth and ensures the subject stands out clearly.

The gentle, natural colour palette and soft lighting give the image a calm, rural atmosphere. The lush green grass and muted sky beautifully complement the darker tones of the cow's coat. The cow's direct gaze and oversized nose add humour and personality, making the image feel playful, friendly, and full of character.



🌸 Plant Life Category Winner: "Beautiful Blue Bunch" by Isobel

Isobel's photograph impressed the judges with its excellent use of colour and focus. The vibrant blues and pinks create a striking contrast, immediately capturing attention. A shallow depth of field isolates the flowers from the background, allowing the delicate details of the blooms to really shine.

The soft blur enhances the composition, while the intricate textures of the petals are captured beautifully, giving the image a lively yet delicate quality. It's a wonderful celebration of the small but powerful beauty found in nature.

A huge congratulations to both of our winners, and a big thank you to everyone who took part in honouring Sir David Attenborough's legacy through photography. Here are just a small selection of some of the fantastic photo entries.



YEAR 6 – WELL DONE!

We would like to congratulate our Year 6 children on their fantastic attitude and effort throughout SATs week. They approached each assessment with determination, confidence and resilience, showing maturity and perseverance every step of the way. The children worked incredibly hard and should be very proud of themselves for the positive way they tackled the week's challenges. We are extremely proud of all they have achieved.

KS2 ROUNDERS TOURNAMENT

KS2 rounders competition on a sunny Tuesday afternoon:

- 1st place - Owls**
- 2nd place - Rabbits**
- 3rd place - badgers**
- 4th place - squirrels**

Well done to everyone who took part. It was an extremely close competition, with all teams demonstrating excellent teamwork, sportsmanship, and encouragement throughout. It was fantastic to see such resilience on display, linking closely to this half term's Strong Badger theme.

For our Year 3 pupils, this was their first rounders match, and they have shown great improvement over the past few weeks. Across all year groups, there were some excellent batting and fielding skills on display, and everyone should be very proud of their efforts.

Trustees wanted!

We are looking for people from the local community to volunteer to be trustees for our growing primary multi academy trust. You would preferably have an interest in the outcomes and wellbeing of children in our community, share our trust values and have some knowledge or expertise in IT, HR and/or Education. Please contact us for **more information:**
info@ycatschools.co.uk; 01423 709600.

What will we see next week?



We have loved celebrating the beauty of spring all around us –from spotting lambs in the fields, to watching six eggs hatch on our live bird camera in the entrance, and even welcoming our very first chick in Class 1!



Viral "Squishy Toy" Trend

We are aware of a viral trend circulating online where children are encouraged to heat soft "squishy" toys (sometimes called NeeDoh or jelly cube toys) in a microwave. This is extremely dangerous. When heated, these toys can burst and release hot contents, which may cause serious burns to the hands, face and skin.

What you can do:

- Talk to your child about the risks of copying online challenges or trends.
- Remind them that not everything seen online is safe or accurate.
- Encourage your child to come to you (or a trusted adult) if they see something online that concerns them.

Lothersdale Lowdown

Please note there will be no more woodland and gardening clubs this term.

18th – 22nd May 2026
KS1 SATS week

18th May 2026
Goalball Challenge

19th May 2026
KS2 – Brownlee Triathlon

20th – 22nd May 2026
Y4 – Eshton Residential