

LOTHERSDALE FRIDAY NEWS

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MR CRAVEN

As many of you will already know, Mr Craven will be leaving Lothersdale Primary School at the end of next week as he prepares to take up his new role as Key Stage Phase Leader at Bilton Primary School in Harrogate.

Having been part of the Lothersdale family for more than a decade, Mr Craven has made an enormous contribution to our school community. Throughout his time here, he has shown unwavering dedication to our pupils, a passion for teaching and learning, and a genuine commitment to ensuring every child thrives.

His enthusiasm, kindness and professionalism have had a lasting impact on countless children and families, and he will be greatly missed by staff, pupils and parents alike.

While we are naturally sad to see him leave, we are incredibly proud of this well-deserved achievement and the exciting opportunity that lies ahead. We know he will be a tremendous asset to his new school and wish him every success and happiness as he begins this next chapter of his career.

We would like to thank Mr Craven for his years of service, commitment and friendship, and we hope you will join us in wishing him all the very best for the future. We are pleased that Bilton Primary School is also part of the YCAT family, meaning we will be able to maintain those valued links and keep in touch.

On behalf of the entire Lothersdale Primary School community, thank you, Mr Craven – you will always be a part of the Lothersdale family.

We wish you every success in your new role and know you will continue to make a positive difference wherever your journey takes you.



Water Safety

We would like to say a huge thank you to Alex Scott for visiting today to deliver an engaging session on water safety and river engineering.

Despite the very hot weather, Alex gave up her time to share her knowledge through a range of fun, interactive activities that helped pupils understand how rivers are managed and the importance of staying safe around water.

The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience and learned valuable lessons that will be especially important as we approach the summer holidays.

Thank you, Alex, for inspiring our pupils and making such important learning both enjoyable and memorable. We are extremely grateful for your support and generosity.



Energy Heros

On 6th July, our pupils took part in a visit from Energy Heroes, an award-winning energy and climate change programme for primary schools. The day began with a whole-school assembly about climate change and energy, followed by an engaging lesson for Year 4 focused on energy usage. A group of pupils also carried out an energy audit around school with Miss Ashworth, identifying practical ways to save energy and reduce waste.

The workshop was thoroughly enjoyed by all, and the children impressed the Energy Heroes team with their enthusiasm, ideas and commitment to making a positive difference.

Zoolab



Class 2 had a fantastic time during their Zoolab visit today, meeting a variety of interesting animals and learning fascinating facts about them. The children enjoyed the hands-on experience, asked lots of questions, and showed great curiosity throughout the session. It was a fun and memorable way to bring their science learning to life.

Lothersdale Lowdown

14th July 2026

Year 6 – Leavers Concert – 7pm

15th July 2026

End of Year Discos

- Class 1 & 2 – 4.00pm–5.15pm
- Class 3 & Year 5 – 5.30pm–6.45pm
- Year 6 – 4.00pm – 6.45pm

16th July 2026

End of Year Reports

17th July 2026

Last Day of Term

Upcoming Dates

8th September 2026

First Day of School

11th September 2026

Class 3 Swimming – information to follow

School Meals

A reminder that we will be trialling Arbor for school meal bookings next week for meals commencing 13 July 2026.

✓ Please book meals using Arbor during the trial week.

✗ Please do not place orders on School Grid for this week.

We have been delighted with the success of our meals provided by apetito, and this trial will help us prepare for a smooth transition to Arbor from September.

As we move to the new system, please ensure that any outstanding debt on your School Grid account is cleared as soon as possible. If you have credit remaining on your account, we will be requesting that this is refunded. Parents and carers can also request a refund directly by emailing support@schoolgrid.co.uk.

Thank you for your support as we test the new system and gather feedback from parents, pupils and staff. We appreciate your cooperation in helping to make the transition to Arbor as smooth as possible.