

LOTHERSDALE FRIDAY NEWS

ISSUE 1

11th Sept 2026

Welcome Back!



What a wonderful and busy first week back we have had at Lothersdale Primary School! It has been an absolute pleasure to welcome everyone back for the new academic year and to see the children returning with such enthusiasm, excitement and readiness to learn.

A particularly warm welcome goes to our 17 new Reception starters, our 4 Nursery children and our 6 new pupils who have joined other year groups across school. It has been lovely getting to know our new children and families, and we are delighted to have you as part of our Lothersdale family.

It has been fantastic to see how quickly the children have settled back into school routines. They have returned focused, ready to learn and keen to impress their teachers, and their hard work and positive attitudes have certainly been noticed! We are incredibly proud of them and very grateful for the effort they have put into their first week.

Looking ahead to Autumn 1, we have lots of exciting opportunities and events planned for the children and our wider school community. There is much to look forward to, and we hope that you will be able to join us for as many of these special occasions as possible.

On Monday, we will be sending out a list of key dates for the whole academic year. Please look out for this and make a note of any dates that are relevant to your family. We know that having these dates well in advance helps everyone to plan ahead.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. It has been a fantastic start to the new school year, and we are really looking forward to everything that 2026–27 has in store for us!

Mrs Tyson

Head Teacher

Pokemon Cards

From this term, we have made the decision that Pokémon cards are no longer permitted in school. Whilst we recognise that many children enjoy collecting and trading them, they can often lead to disagreements, distractions, and upset when items are lost or damaged.

We thank parents and carers for their support in ensuring Pokémon cards remain at home. This will help us maintain a positive and focused learning environment for all pupils.

School Meals

We would like to say a huge thank you to all our parents and carers for your excellent engagement with the Arbor App. We would kindly ask parents and carers to book school meals online at least two weeks in advance wherever possible. Advance bookings help us to:

- **Budget more effectively.**
- **Order appropriate quantities of food.**
- **Reduce food waste.**
- **Make the best use of our school resources and catering budget.**

Please be assured that all children will always be provided with a meal, even if a booking has not been made. However, pre-booking greatly assists our catering team in planning and ensuring we operate as efficiently and sustainably as possible.

Please note the following amendments to upcoming menus:

Friday 18th September

- The vegetarian option will now be Cauliflower and Spinach Curry. (On Arbor it shows as Vegan Thai Red Curry)

Monday 21st September Due to an error on the online system, the published menu is incorrect. The correct meal choices are:

- Beef Lasagne (please note that if you select Chicken Stir Fry online, your child will receive Beef Lasagne).
- Chickpea Curry (this replaces the listed Mac and Cheese option).
- Bakewell Tart (this replaces the icecream option)
- Fresh Fruit Salad (will remain the same)

Thank you for your understanding and continued support. If you have any questions regarding school meals or Arbor, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Important Notice: Priority Accessibility Parking

We would like to make parents aware that there is a priority parking space located directly outside the school entrance next to the 'Show you care by parking fair' sign. This area is specifically reserved for a child with accessibility needs, and it is essential in ensuring that the child can safely and comfortably access the school each day.

We respectfully ask that this priority parking area is not used or blocked at any time, including for short drop-offs or collections. We understand that drop-off and pick-up times can be busy, and we greatly appreciate your cooperation in respecting this clearly designated area.



Lothersdale Lowdown

Key dates - more info to follow

14th September 2026

Extended School Clubs Start

16th September 2026

LSA AGM - 6pm - All welcome

5th October 2026

Grandparents Day

6th October 2026

Class 4 Residential - parents evening - 5pm

12th October 2026

Individual and Sibling Photographs

15th October 2026

EYFS & KS1 in school at 9.00am

KS2 at Christ Church, Lothersdale at 2.15pm

20th & 22nd October 2026

School Open Afternoons - Reception starters 2027

PE Days

Class 1 - Monday & Friday

Class 2 - Monday & Thursday

Class 3 - Tuesday (Outdoor) & Friday (Swimming)

Class 4 - Tuesday (Outdoor) & Thursday (Outdoor)

Lothersdale Legends

This weeks Lothersdale Legends are:

Class 1

Reception - **Ruby H**

Class 2

Year 1 - **Ava M & Summer T**

Year 2 - **Jessica S**

Class 3

Year 3 - **Ivy L**

Year 4 - **Jay M**

Class 4

Year 5 - **Jackson S & Scarlett K**

Year 6 - **Grae Gr**



We will be celebrating them in our Friday morning assembly on **Friday 18th September**. Please come along if your child is one of our Lothersdale Legends for 9.00am.