

LOTHERSDALE FRIDAY NEWS

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Why Booking a School Meal on Thursday 1st October Matters

On Thursday 1st October, we will be holding a special **Census Picnic Lunch**, and we would love as many children as possible to take part by booking a school meal through Arbor.

This year's picnic lunch will be built around the meal choice you select for your child, making it an exciting and enjoyable dining experience. In addition to their chosen meal, children will have the opportunity to sample small taster portions of other dishes that appear on our menu throughout the term. We hope this will encourage children to try new foods and discover some new favourites!

Booking a school meal on census day is particularly important for schools, as the number of eligible children taking a school meal helps determine the funding received to support pupils and enhance resources across the school. By choosing a school meal on this day, you are helping to support both your child and the wider school community.

We are proud to work with **Apetito**, our school catering provider, who are committed to offering nutritious, balanced meals that are freshly prepared, school-friendly, and designed to appeal to children.

Their menus provide a variety of choices across the term, helping children enjoy healthy food while developing positive eating habits. Apetito also caters for a wide range of dietary requirements, ensuring all pupils can enjoy a safe and inclusive dining experience.

'We provide exceptional meals to organisations catering to the young and the elderly.

Our meals are expertly crafted by our Dietitian and Chefs, then frozen to lock in the goodness.' – Apetito

We encourage all parents and carers to book their child's meal on Arbor as soon as possible and help us make this year's Census Picnic Lunch a wonderful success.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to an enjoyable lunchtime celebration for all our children.



Grandparents Day

Following the success of last year's event, we are delighted to once again celebrate Grandparents Day at Lothersdale Primary School on Monday 5th October.

Grandparents and other special older adults play an important role in children's lives, and we are looking forward to welcoming them into school to enjoy a special performance from the children, followed by refreshments together.

There will be four sessions available. Places must be booked in advance and will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. Grandparents, step-grandparents, or a special grand-friend are all welcome to attend.

Please complete the booking form by Friday 25th September. Session allocations will be confirmed by Tuesday 29th September.

We look forward to welcoming our grandparents and special guests for what promises to be another memorable day.

MARRICK PRIORY

Thank you to all families for the positive response to our announcement last week regarding the Year 5 and Year 6 residential to Marrick Priory. We are looking forward to providing what promises to be a fantastic experience for our pupils.

We are still awaiting confirmation from some families and ask that any outstanding responses and payments are made by 30th September 2026 so that we can finalise arrangements.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss support available, please do not hesitate to speak to the school office. We are happy to help in any way we can.

Finally, please don't forget that we will be hosting a Parents' Information Evening on **Tuesday 6th October at 5:00pm**, where you will have the opportunity to find out more about the visit and ask any questions.



Lothersdale Primary School

LSA

Lothersdale School Association

Supporting our school ♥ Enriching our children ♥ Building our community



WHAT IS THE LSA? ♥

The Lothersdale School Association (LSA) is a group of parents, carers, school staff and friends who work together to support the school and make a positive difference to the children's school experience.

We organise events, raise funds and help provide additional opportunities and resources for all our pupils.



WHY JOIN? ★

- ♥ Support our amazing school
- ♥ Help create fun events
- ♥ Raise funds for valuable resources
- ♥ Meet other parents and carers
- ♥ Share your ideas and skills
- ♥ Be part of a friendly team
- ♥ Help give children a voice
- ♥ Make a real difference!

THERE ARE LOTS OF WAYS TO GET INVOLVED!

You choose what works for you...

Core LSA Member

- Attend meetings
- Help plan events
- Share ideas
- Be part of the decision making

Event Volunteer

- Help at school events
- Set up or tidy away
- Run a stall
- Even an hour makes a big difference!

Occasional Helper

- Bake cakes
- Donate prizes
- Make decorations
- Help from home
- Share event information
- Get creative!

Ideas & Skills

- Share your ideas
- Use your skills or hobbies
- Contact local businesses
- Help with fundraising
- Support with social media
- No idea is too big or small!

YOU DON'T HAVE TO DO IT ALL!

You can give an hour, share an idea, help at one event or become a regular member. Every contribution matters! ♥

HAPPIER CHILDREN

BRIGHTER OPPORTUNITIES

STRONGER COMMUNITY

A BRIGHTER FUTURE

CHILDREN'S VOICE

We're also developing a Mini LSA within school, giving pupils the chance to share their ideas, choose activities (like our Movie Night!), and help shape what we fund.

WANT TO FIND OUT MORE OR JOIN US?

Speak to a member of the LSA team, your Class Representative or the school office. Everyone is welcome! ♥



Happy Children
Brighter Futures



Events ♥ Fundraising ♥ Ideas ♥ Community ♥ Opportunities ♥ Together for Lothersdale

Lothersdale Lowdown

KEY DATES

5th October 2026

Grandparents Day

6th October 2026

Class 4 – Marrick Priory Residential parents meeting at 5pm

9th October 2026

Planetarium Visit – Whole School

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

Extended After School Clubs

After School Clubs

Our children are continuing to have great fun and develop new skills through our extended after-school clubs.

A reminder that the final session of Nature Art Club will take place on Wednesday 30th September.

Photo – taken in Woodland club



Class 3 Swimming Success

Our Class 3 children are thoroughly enjoying their swimming lessons and are making a fantastic start.

The children are currently taking part in assessment activities, which help instructors and staff understand each child's confidence and ability in the water. We have been incredibly impressed by their enthusiasm, determination, and willingness to support one another. These early sessions help us identify how best to encourage every child, from beginners taking their first steps in the pool to those who are already becoming confident swimmers.

A reminder that payments for swimming lessons can be made via Arbor. We are very grateful for all contributions received, as these help to cover the cost of transport to and from each lesson and enable us to continue providing this valuable opportunity for our pupils.

We look forward to celebrating the children's progress throughout the programme!

Lothersdale Legends

This weeks Lothersdale Legends are:

Class 1

Reception – **George M**

Class 2

Year 1 – **Sydney H**

Year 2 – **Annie W**

Class 3

Year 3 – **Lexi W**

Year 4 – **Beulad C**

Class 4

Year 5 – **Oscar Y**

Year 6 – **Edward P**



We will be celebrating them in our Friday morning assembly on **Friday 2ND October**. Please come along if your child is one of our Lothersdale Legends for 9.00am.