

LOTHERSDALE FRIDAY NEWS

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The Love of Learning

As we approach another exciting week in school, I would like to take a moment to celebrate the wonderful learning opportunities taking place across Lothersdale.

Next week promises to be particularly busy, with our World Space Week celebrations, children's science fair, and our eagerly anticipated Planetarium visit. Opportunities such as these help to bring learning to life and create memorable experiences that inspire curiosity and a love of learning.

We celebrated National Poetry Day this week, giving our children the chance to explore poetry in many different forms. Poetry helps children develop creativity, confidence and a love of language, and we are looking forward to seeing our classrooms filled with imaginative writing and a shared appreciation of the power of words.

As part of our ongoing commitment to promoting a love of reading, we are also looking for [volunteer readers](#) from our school community. We would love to hear from parents, grandparents and other family members who would be willing to spend time listening to children read.

Reading is one of the most important skills a child can develop, and time spent reading with an adult can make a huge difference to a child's confidence, fluency and enjoyment of books. Your support could help nurture a lifelong love of reading and provide valuable encouragement to our pupils.

If you would be interested in becoming a volunteer reader, please [contact the school office for further information](#). We would be delighted to hear from you and welcome you into our school community.

Together, we can continue to create rich and inspiring opportunities for all of our children.



Mrs Tyson
Head Teacher



Childcare Vouchers

If you currently have access to Government Childcare Vouchers or a Tax-Free Childcare account, these can be used to pay for sessions at our Legends Before and After School Club. If you would like to use either of these payment methods, please contact the school office and we will be happy to provide the information you need to get everything set up.



Space Week Take Off!

Next week, we are excited to celebrate World Space Week with a range of inspiring activities designed to spark our children's curiosity, creativity and love of science.

As part of our celebrations, we are inviting children to take part in a Space-Themed Experiment Challenge.

Children are encouraged to create or investigate a science experiment at home and bring their work into school on [Wednesday 7th October](#).

This is a fantastic opportunity for children to explore scientific concepts, develop their investigation skills and share their ideas with others.

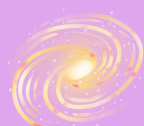
Parents and carers are warmly invited to the science fair, which will be held in the hall after school on Wednesday 7th October.

The celebrations continue on [Friday 9th October](#) with our much-anticipated [Planetarium Visit](#). This immersive experience will allow children to journey through space, explore the wonders of our solar system and develop a deeper understanding of the universe around us.

The cost of the Planetarium Visit is a voluntary contribution of **£7 per child**, payable via Arbor. This contribution helps to cover the full cost of providing this exciting experience and enables us to continue offering enriching educational opportunities such as this in the future.

The Planetarium Visit promises to be a fantastic experience, bringing learning to life as children explore the wonders of space in an immersive and engaging environment. We hope it will capture their imaginations, inspire curiosity and help develop a lifelong love of science, technology and space exploration.

We are incredibly excited for a week filled with discovery, wonder and learning, and we thank parents for their continued support in helping us provide these memorable opportunities for our children.



Every day counts, and every lesson matters.

At Lothersdale Primary School, we know that good attendance plays a vital role in helping children achieve their full potential. Being in school every day gives children the best opportunity to learn, develop friendships, build confidence and take part in the wide range of experiences that make school life so special.

Even missing a small amount of school can have an impact on a child's learning. Lessons build upon previous knowledge and skills, and regular attendance helps children keep up with their classmates, develop positive routines and feel fully involved in school life.

Good attendance supports children to:

- Achieve academically.
- Develop strong friendships and social skills.
- Build confidence and resilience.
- Maintain positive wellbeing and routines.
- Take part in exciting learning opportunities, trips and special events.
- Prepare for future education and employment, where attendance and punctuality are essential life skills.

We understand that occasionally there are circumstances that prevent children from attending school, particularly when they are unwell. However, wherever possible, we encourage families to make appointments outside of school hours and avoid term-time holidays, helping children to maximise their learning time.

We are proud of the commitment shown by so many of our pupils and families and thank parents and carers for working in partnership with us. By attending school every day and arriving on time, children give themselves the very best chance to succeed. Together, we can ensure that every child at Lothersdale benefits from every learning opportunity and continues to thrive.

Lothersdale Lowdown

- KEY DATES**
- 5th October 2026**
Grandparents Day
- 6th October 2026**
Class 4 – Marrick Priory Residential parents meeting at 5pm
- 7th October 2026**
Space Fair
- 9th October 2026**
Planetarium Visit – Whole School
- 12th October 2026**
Individual and Sibling Photographs
- 14th October 2026**
Y5 – Y6 Boys football tournament – SCS
- 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 & Friday

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

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

Jewellery and PE

To help keep all children safe during the school day, we would like to remind families that only plain stud earrings should be worn to school.

Hoops, dangling earrings and other jewellery are **not permitted** due to health and safety considerations.

If your child wears stud earrings, they must come to school with suitable tape on PE days so that the earrings can be safely covered during physical activities. This helps ensure children can take part fully in PE lessons while reducing the risk of injury.

We appreciate your support in helping us provide a safe environment for all pupils.

Photo – taken in Woodland club



Forensic Science Club

Our Forensic Science Club detectives have been busy trying to solve the mysterious case of the **missing glue sticks!** We have identified our suspects and, each week, the children have been delving deeper into the fascinating world of forensic science. So far, they have taken and compared fingerprints, identified a mysterious footprint and used chromatography to analyse evidence. The children have been developing their observation, reasoning and scientific investigation skills as they piece together the clues. But will they be able to crack the case and discover who took the glue sticks? The investigation continues!

