

LOTHERSDALE FRIDAY NEWS

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End of Half Term

As we reach the end of another busy and successful half term, I would like to take a moment to acknowledge the kindness, compassion and support that have been shown across our school community. Alongside the many achievements and celebrations we have shared, there have also been times when members of our community have faced significant personal challenges. During these moments, the care, understanding and encouragement shown by families, staff and pupils have been truly remarkable. We are deeply grateful for the strength of our community and the support offered to those who have needed it most.

This term we have been delighted to welcome new children and families into our Nursery and Reception classes, as well as several pupils who have joined us throughout the school year. Seeing children settle happily into school life and become part of our wonderful community has been a real highlight.

We have enjoyed a number of special events, including our much-loved Grandparents' Day, where it was wonderful to see generations coming together to celebrate learning and spend time in school. Our Harvest Festivals provided opportunities for reflection, gratitude and community spirit, and we thank everyone for their generous donations and support.

Our exciting Space Week captured the imagination of children across the school, culminating in a fantastic Science Fair where pupils proudly showcased their curiosity, creativity and scientific thinking. We were equally proud of the enthusiasm shown during Magnificent Me Week, which celebrated individuality, confidence and the unique qualities that make every child special.

None of this would be possible without the dedication and commitment of our staff team. Our teachers and support staff have worked tirelessly to provide an engaging, ambitious and enriching curriculum, ensuring every child receives the highest quality education and the very best opportunities to succeed. Their passion, care and hard work continue to make a significant difference to the lives of our pupils every day.

I am incredibly proud of what our children have achieved this term. They have embraced every opportunity with enthusiasm, resilience and a positive attitude, and they should be celebrated for all they have accomplished.

On behalf of everyone at Lothersdale Primary School, I would like to thank our parents, carers, governors, staff and children for their ongoing support and commitment. We wish you all a restful and enjoyable half-term break and look forward to welcoming everyone back for another exciting term ahead.

Mrs Tyson
Head Teacher



Staff Spotlight

At Lothersdale Primary School, we are incredibly fortunate to have a team of dedicated, caring and talented staff who go above and beyond every day to support our children and families. Throughout the year, our Staff Spotlight section will give you the opportunity to get to know the wonderful people who make our school such a special place. From their roles in school, to their interests and what they love most about working at Lothersdale, we hope these features will help you learn a little more about the amazing staff who help our children thrive each day.

Name: Mrs Atkins
Start date : 2023
Job Role: SENCO



1. How long have you worked in Education?

I started my training in 2008 and have worked in education ever since.

2. What drew you to working in Education?

I enjoy working with young people. I love how every day someone can make you smile and, hopefully, you can make a difference in their life too. I have such happy memories of primary school and remember having the kindest, most caring teacher. I'd love to think that, in years to come, a child might remember me in the same way.

3. You have recently been studying – tell us a little about this:

I recently undertook the NPQ SENCO qualification after taking on the role of SENCO at Lothersdale. I found out in September that I had passed, which I was really pleased about! I am also studying for a Masters degree in Educational Psychology.

4. Which subject do you enjoy the most?

I love teaching Art and all things creative. I also really enjoy RE and the opportunities it gives us to explore different faiths and develop an understanding of different cultures.

5. What do you enjoy about Lothersdale Primary School?

Lothersdale Primary School is such a unique school, and I've never worked anywhere quite like it. There is a genuine feeling of warmth, nurture and care from the second you walk through the door. I feel privileged to be part of it, and every single child is wonderful.

Safe Parking Around School

As always, the safety of our children, families and local community is our highest priority. We would like to remind all parents and carers to park considerately when dropping off and collecting children from school.

Please avoid parking on yellow lines, blocking driveways, parking across dropped kerbs, or stopping in areas that obstruct visibility for pedestrians and other road users.

Due to the high number of vehicles at collection time, we would also appreciate your support in helping maximise the available parking spaces. Please avoid leaving large gaps or random spaces between parked cars where possible, as this can reduce the number of vehicles able to park safely. Parking considerately and making full use of available space will help ease congestion and ensure that as many families as possible can park safely.

By working together and setting a positive example, we can help keep our school environment safe for everyone. Thank you for your continued support and co-operation in helping us protect all members of our school community

Well Done To Our New Starters

We would like to say a huge well done to all of our Reception and Nursery children for an amazing half term. We are so proud of how well you have settled in, made new friends, learned new routines and embraced every opportunity with enthusiasm and confidence.

You have all worked incredibly hard and made a fantastic start to the school year. Keep up the wonderful work and enjoy a well-deserved half-term break!



Lothersdale Lowdown

KEY DATES

2nd November 2026

First day of term

8th November 2026

Remembrance Sunday Service at Village Cenotaph (School Council to attend) 10.45am

9th – 13th November 2026

Class 4 – Marrick Priory Residential

10th, 11th, 12th, 17th, 18th, 19th November October 2026

Class 1 Phonics Drop-ins

16th – 21st November 2026

Anti-Bullying Week

17th & 19th November 2026

Parent Consultations 2.15pm – 6.00pm
more information to follow

PE Days

Please note a change to next term:

Class 1 – Tuesday & Friday

Class 2 – Tuesday & Friday

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

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

Extended After School Clubs

We are delighted to offer a range of exciting Extended School Clubs for our pupils, providing fantastic opportunities to learn new skills, stay active, and have fun with friends outside of the classroom.

To secure your child's place, please ensure that all club bookings are made through Arbor by Monday 2nd November. Places in some clubs are limited and will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis, so we encourage families to book as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

LSA Movie Night Success

A huge thank you to all the children who attended our recent LSA Movie Night and helped make it such a fantastic event. It was wonderful to see so many pupils enjoying the evening with their friends and creating some great memories together.

We would also like to extend our sincere thanks to all the volunteers who gave up their time to organise, supervise and support the event. Their hard work and dedication ensured the evening ran smoothly and was enjoyed by everyone.

Thanks to your support, the event raised valuable funds which will help the Lothersdale School Association (LSA) continue its fantastic work in school, providing additional opportunities, experiences and resources for our children.