LOTHERSDALE FRIDAY NEWS

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Welcome Back

Welcome back to a new half term at Lothersdale Primary School. I hope you all had a wonderful break and enjoyed some quality time with family and friends. It has been lovely to welcome the children back into school, refreshed, enthusiastic and ready for another exciting half term of learning.

We have so much to look forward to over the coming weeks, and our term has already got off to a brilliant start thanks to the fantastic efforts of the LSA. Their delicious Bake Sale has helped raise valuable funds that directly benefit our children and enrich their school experiences. We are incredibly fortunate to have such a dedicated group of volunteers who give their time, energy and support so generously. Thank you to all of those who dontated cakes, bakes and money to make it a successful event. The LSA have many more exciting events planned throughout the year, and every donation, contribution and hour volunteered truly makes a difference and never goes unnoticed. On behalf of the whole school community, thank you for your continued support.

I would also like to take this opportunity to celebrate the fantastic attendance outcomes achieved last academic year. We are incredibly proud of our children and families for their dedication and commitment to excellent attendance. We know that attending school regularly helps children establish positive routines, build strong friendships and, most importantly, keep their learning on track. The partnership between home and school in supporting attendance has been wonderful to see, and the benefits are reflected in the progress and success of our pupils.

The children have returned to a busy and exciting half term, with a real celebration of mathematics planned through our Times Tables Rockstars Day. This promises to be a fun-filled opportunity to develop confidence and enthusiasm for maths whilst celebrating learning in a memorable way. Alongside this, we are eagerly looking forward to our fantastic school production, where children will have the opportunity to showcase their talents, creativity and confidence on stage.

As we move through this busy half term, we remain committed to providing a wealth of enriching experiences that inspire our children to learn, achieve and thrive. We are excited to share these opportunities with our families and celebrate the many successes that lie ahead.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Working together, we can ensure that every child has the very best opportunities to flourish.

Mrs Tyson

Head Teacher

Anti-Bullying Week

Anti-Bullying Week will take place in school during the week commencing Monday 16th November 2026, giving us an important opportunity to reinforce our school values and focusing on relationship rabbit showing kindness, respect and inclusion.

Throughout the week, children will take part in a variety of activities, discussions and assemblies to help them understand what bullying is, how it can affect others, and what we can all do to ensure our school remains a safe and welcoming place for everyone. We will be encouraging children to celebrate differences, show empathy towards others and have the confidence to speak up if they are worried about themselves or a friend.

As part of Anti-Bullying Week, we will be taking part in **Odd Socks Day** on Monday 16th November 2026. Children are invited to come to school wearing odd socks with their usual school uniform. This fun and colourful event is a simple way to celebrate individuality, diversity and the things that make each of us unique. There is no cost involved, just lots of colourful and mismatched socks!

At Lothersdale Primary School, we are proud of the caring and supportive environment our children help to create every day. Anti-Bullying Week provides a valuable opportunity to remind children that kindness, respect and inclusion should be at the heart of everything we do. We all have a part to play in creating a community where everyone feels safe, valued and able to thrive.

We look forward to a fantastic week of learning, reflection and celebrating what makes each of us special.

Together, let's choose kindness, celebrate difference and stand up against bullying.



Class 2 - Autumn 2

Class 2 have had a fantastic week being introduced to our new English core text, The Leaf Thief by Alice Hemming. To kick-start our learning on Monday, we headed out for a walk to the woodland to explore the signs of autumn. We enjoyed spotting the seasonal changes, collecting a variety of colourful leaves to create a display in our classroom and discussing why leaves fall from the trees during autumn. This exciting outdoor learning experience sparked lots of curiosity and gave us the perfect introduction to our new story. We are looking forward to exploring the adventures of Squirrel and discovering more about the changing seasons! 🍂

Year 4 Residential

We are delighted to share that our Year 4 Residential Visit will take place on 26th, 27th and 28th May 2027.
To provide parents and carers with all the information you need ahead of the trip, we will be hosting a Year 4 Residential Information Evening on Thursday 12th November.

As the residential is still some time away, we are hosting this information evening early to ensure families have the opportunity to ask questions and receive key information well in advance. We will share a provisional itinerary and answer any questions you may have, with further details and updates provided as arrangements are finalised.

During the meeting, we will discuss an example of a provisional itinerary, accommodation, travel arrangements, packing requirements, safety procedures and answer any questions you may have.
Please note that this meeting is for parents and carers only. We kindly ask that children do not attend so that we are able to discuss arrangements openly and provide an opportunity for parents to ask questions freely.

We look forward to seeing you there and sharing more details about what promises to be a fantastic experience for our Year 4 pupils.

TTRS Day - 02.12.2026

We are excited to announce a special day of maths, music and fun at Lothersdale Primary School on Wednesday 2nd December 2026!

We will be hosting a Times Tables Rockstars Day, giving children the opportunity to celebrate their mathematical skills in a fun and engaging way.

To help make the day extra special, children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite rock stars. Throughout the day, they will take part in a range of exciting times tables challenges, games and activities designed to develop their confidence, speed and accuracy whilst having lots of fun.

Over the coming weeks, we encourage children to spend some time practising their times tables ready for the event. A great way to do this is by using Times Tables Rockstars (TTRS) and NumBots, which provide a fun and motivating way for children to build their fluency and recall of key mathematical facts.

Being secure with times tables is an important part of children's mathematical development. It supports learning across many areas of maths, including multiplication, division, fractions, percentages and problem-solving. A strong knowledge of times tables helps children tackle new concepts with greater confidence and success.

We hope this exciting event inspires children to celebrate their achievements, enjoy mathematics and see how fun learning can be. Details regarding the Rocksteady Concert will be shared separately with families whose children participate in Rocksteady lessons.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to a truly rocking day of maths and music!

Lothersdale Lowdown

KEY DATES

2nd November 2026
First day of term

8th November 2026
Rememberance Sunday Service at Village Cenotaph (School Council to attend) 10.45am

12th November 2026
Class 3 - Parents Meeting - Eshton Residential - 5pm

9th - 13th November 2026
Class 4 - Marrick Priory Residential

10th, 11th, 12th, 17th, 18th, 19th November 2026
Class 1 Phonics Drop-ins

16th - 21st November 2026
Anti-Bullying Week

17th & 19th November 2026
Parent Consultations 2.00pm - 6.00pm
more information to follow

26th November 2026
Flu Vaccines

Lothersdale Legends

This weeks Lothersdale Legends are:

Class 1
Reception - **Issabelle**

Class 2
Year 1 - **Billy**
Year 2 - **Ella**

Class 3
Year 3 - **Dexter**
Year 4 - **Vesper**

Class 4
Year 5 - **Jude W**
Year 6 - **Jamie C**

We will be celebrating them in our Friday morning assembly on **Friday 13th November.** Please come along if your child is one of our Lothersdale Legends for 9.00am.

Please note Class 4's Legends will be celebrated the following Fridays assembley - 20th November, if parents would like to attend.