LOTHERSDALE FRIDAY NEWS

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Autumn Term

As we move towards the festive season, school is filled with excitement and anticipation for the many wonderful events planned over the coming weeks. We look forward to welcoming families to our Christmas celebrations, including our Christmas Concert, LSA Christmas Fair, and our much-loved Christmas Crafternoon. These events provide special opportunities for our school community to come together and celebrate the achievements of our children.

I would also like to take a moment to say how incredibly proud we are of our Year 5 and 6 pupils in Class 4, who attended their residential visit to Marrick Priory last week. Throughout the week, the children demonstrated resilience, teamwork, courage and determination as they stepped outside their comfort zones and took on challenges that they initially found difficult.

A huge thank you must go to Mrs Woodward, Mrs Binns and Mrs Smith, whose dedication, care and support helped make the trip such a memorable and successful experience for everyone involved.

Whilst this is an exciting time of year, it is also an incredibly important period for learning. With the spring term being relatively short, every school day counts. The foundations we build now will support pupils as they move into the new year, ensuring they continue to make strong progress in reading, writing, mathematics and the wider curriculum. We therefore encourage families to maintain excellent attendance wherever possible, helping children to benefit from every learning opportunity available to them. As always, thank you for your continued support in ensuring children arrive punctually and ready to learn each day.

As winter approaches, we are also beginning our preparations for colder weather conditions. Our priority is always to keep pupils, staff and visitors safe whilst maintaining normal school operations wherever it is practical to do so. We will work hard to monitor conditions and ensure the school remains accessible. We kindly ask for the support of parents by ensuring children arrive equipped for the weather, allowing additional travel time when conditions are poor, and taking extra care when using the school site during icy conditions. We will always do everything possible to keep the school open safely and minimise disruption to children's education, communicating promptly with families should severe weather ever affect the school day.

LSA Christmas Fair

Christmas Fair – Tickets & Volunteers
Tickets for our Christmas School Fair are now available to purchase via Arbor! Once you have booked your tickets, you will also be able to pre-book your childs visit to Santa ahead of the big day!

Please take a moment to read the Christmas Fair letter sent out on 11th November, which contains further details about the event, booking Santa and how you can help us over the coming weeks to make this years fair a fantastic success.

We are also looking for volunteers! Whether you can spare an half hour/ hour, any help would be hugely appreciated. If you are able to lend a hand, please contact Katie on 07727 025811.

🎟️ **Christmas Raffle**
Christmas raffle tickets were sent home in book bags this week, along with our ever-growing list of fantastic prizes! There are some brilliant prizes up for grabs, so please do support the school by selling as many tickets as you can. Every ticket sold helps make a difference – thank you for your support!

👕 **Non-Uniform Day – Friday 27th November**
We will be holding a non-uniform day on Friday 27th November, in exchange for donations of adult tombola prizes for our Christmas Fair. Think wine, spirits, chocolates and other lovely treats! All donations will be gratefully received and will help us make the tombola a great success.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and generosity. These events rely on the wonderful support of our school community, and we really appreciate everyone getting involved to help make Christmas special for the children. 🎄 Thank you, everyone! 🎄

Thank you for your continued support throughout this busy term. By working together, we can ensure that children enjoy all the excitement and opportunities that this festive season brings while continuing to make the most of every valuable day of learning. On behalf of all the staff, I would like to wish all our families a happy, healthy and enjoyable lead up to Christmas and the New Year.

Mrs Tyson
Head Teacher

Parents Evening

A huge thank you to all parents and carers who attended our recent Parents' Evenings. It was wonderful to see so many families in school and to have the opportunity to discuss each child's progress, achievements and next steps in learning.

The strong partnership between home and school is invaluable, and your support makes a real difference to your child's educational journey. We greatly appreciate the positive conversations, shared successes and commitment shown by our families.

We are incredibly proud of all our pupils and look forward to continuing to work together to help every child achieve their very best.

Christmas Concert Costumes

Children will bring home information about their costume requirements on Tuesday 24th November. We are looking forward to sharing details with you and seeing the children take part in this special event. If you have any questions or need any support with costumes, please do not hesitate to get in touch. We are always happy to help.



Mrs B and Miss T were extremely proud of all the children who attended the Remembrance service on Sunday 8th November. Thank you to the children who read and laid the school wreath.



Lothersdale Lowdown

KEY DATES

26th November 2026
Flu Vaccines

27th November 2026
Non-Uniform Day - in exchange for donations of adult tombola prizes for our Christmas Fair.

1st December 2026
2pm - Christmas Crafternoon - book your space here: Christmas Crafternoon - BOOKING

2nd December 2026
Times Table Rockstars Day

2nd December 2026
Rocksteady Concert - parents of our Rocksteady band members book your space here: RocksteadY Concert - BOOKING

3rd December 2026
LSA Christmas Fair - 3.30pm - 5.30pm
Book your tickets in the Arbor School Shop

9th December 2026
Christmas Concert - 6.15pm - 7.15pm
Book your tickets in the Arbor School Shop

15th December 2026
Legends Afterschool Club Christmas Party - 3.15pm - 4.30pm. Book your space on Arbor.

Lothersdale Legends

This weeks Lothersdale Legends are:

Class 1
Reception - **Arlo**

Class 2
Year 1 - **Flora**
Year 2 - **Joshua**

Class 3
Year 3 - **Florence Y**
Year 4 - **Alfie Mc**

Class 4
Year 5 - **Frankie C**
Year 6 - **George N**

We will be celebrating them in our Friday morning assembly on **Friday 27th November.** Please come along if your child is one of our Lothersdale Legends for 9.00am.