

*Well done to this week's*

## *Lothersdale* **LEGENDS**

Reception ~ **Dexter**

Year 1 ~ **Harper**

Year 2 ~ **Laren**

Year 3 ~ **Teddy**

Year 4 ~ **Mila**

Year 5 ~ **Ella B**

Year 6 ~ **Robyn**



**HALF  
TERM  
FUN!**

We hope you all have a relaxing half-term break  
and look forward to seeing you again on  
**Monday 19 February 2024**

## Message from Mrs Tyson

Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils

I hope this letter finds you well. As we conclude the Spring 1 term, I am delighted to share with you a summary of our achievements and activities over the past half term.

It has been a fantastic term filled with growth, learning, and memorable experiences for our children. From the classroom to extracurricular activities, our students have demonstrated dedication, enthusiasm, and a strong commitment to their education.

In the academic realm, our students have been engaged in a wide range of subjects, exploring new concepts and building upon their existing knowledge. From French Day to Stone Age Day, teachers have worked tirelessly to create dynamic and enriching lessons, fostering an environment that encourages curiosity and critical thinking.

This week marked a focus on Children's Mental Health Week; as a school, we explored the concept of mental health, well-being and mindfulness. Children had the opportunity to visit Lothersdale School spa, make healthy smoothies, take part in mindfulness activities and contribute to class discussion about mental health.

Our extracurricular programs have also thrived, with students participating in various clubs, sports, and creative endeavours. These activities not only contribute to the holistic development of our students but also create a sense of camaraderie and school spirit. The highlight of which, was our Young Voices concert, expertly led by Alison Williams. The children were exceptional and truly shone like the stars that they are during the event. Everyone, including parents, had an amazing time and we are so grateful to Alison for volunteering her time and preparing the children so well!

I also want to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to our dedicated teaching staff, support staff, and, of course, our wonderful children for their hard work and positive contributions, this half term. The partnership between the school and parents plays a crucial role in the success of our students, and we are grateful for your continued support, also. It was wonderful to meet with some of you at the parent workshop and I look forward to meeting with the Metacognition Working Party of parents, next half term. Looking ahead to the next term, we have exciting plans and initiatives to further enhance the learning experience for our students. We are committed to maintaining a safe, nurturing, and intellectually stimulating environment that promotes the overall well-being of every child. We have PSHE workshops booked with Coram Life Education, World Book Day, British Science week, Comic Relief, Crucial Crew workshops in Class 4 and Inspiration Day, to name just a few of the events that your child can look forward to.

Parent-Teacher conferences are also scheduled next half term, during which you will have the opportunity to discuss your child's progress with their teachers. Your active participation in these conferences is highly encouraged as it contributes to the success of our students.

Once again, thank you for entrusting us with the education and well-being of your children. We are excited about the prospects of the upcoming term and look forward to building upon the successes of this term.

Wishing you a restful and enjoyable break,

Mrs Tyson

## DEADLINES & REMINDERS

*It would be really helpful if requested reply slips/payments etc. could be completed/paid by the stated deadlines to enable us to process the paperwork effectively this week. Thank you.*

### W/c 19 FEBRUARY 2024

- Mon** - School re-opens at 8.40am for the second half of the spring term  
 - NO extended schools' Gymnastics due to Kanga Sports Staff Training Day
- Wed** - Class 4 ~ WW2 Day in school (*see below*)
- Thu** - World Thinking Day (*see below*)  
 National Child Measurement Programme ~ Rec & Year 6
- Fri** - Class 2 swimming lesson

#### EXTENDED SCHOOLS ACTIVITIES ~ SPRING TERM 2024 ~ SECOND HALF

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Gymnastics</b> 3.15 to 4.15pm	<b>French Club</b> 12.45 to 1.15pm	<b>Year 6 SATS Club</b> 3.15 to 4.15pm	<b>Supersports</b> 3.15 to 4.15pm	<b>Football</b> 3.15 to 4.15pm
<b>Sewing Club</b> 3.15 to 4.15pm	<b>Dance Club</b> 3.15 to 4.15pm	-	-	-

The member of staff/activity provider will bring the children out to the playground at the end of each session to ensure a safe handover to parents/carers

#### ADDITIONAL LEARNING SESSIONS

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>Class 4 READING PLUS</b> 8.20 to 8.45am	<b>Year 3 &amp; Year 4 READING PLUS</b> 8.20 to 8.45am	<b>Class 4 READING PLUS</b> 8.20 to 8.45am	<b>Year 3 &amp; Year 4 READING PLUS</b> 8.20 to 8.45am	<b>Class 4 READING PLUS</b> 8.20 to 8.45am
-	-	<b>Year 4 TIMES TABLES</b> 8.20 to 8.45am	-	-

These clubs are for selected groups or pupils.  
 All pupils attending these clubs must be registered for safeguarding and health & safety reasons.  
**Please note: the sessions start promptly at 8:20am so that children can complete the relevant tasks without disruption from any late arrivals. Late arrivals beyond 8:25am will not be able to attend the session. In this instance, please ensure that your child is supervised until the start of the school day.**  
 Many thanks for your support.

HAVING FUN GETTING FIT

**PHYSICAL EDUCATION**

#### WEEKLY TIMETABLE

- Class 1 – Monday & Friday  
 Class 2 – Monday & Thursday  
 Class 3 – Tuesday & Friday  
 Class 4 – Tuesday & Friday

*Lothersdale*

REC	LEXI and PETRA
Y1	VESPER and GEORGE
Y2	FRANKIE H and ELLIOTT L
Y3	LUCY K and ADAM
Y4	BOHDAN and PHOEBE
Y5	JUDE and CHARLOTTE
Y6	HENRY and NATTY

#### SCHOOL COUNCIL

## GENERAL SCHOOL UPDATES

*Please find detailed below general updates for your information. If you have any queries regarding any of the content below, please contact the school office.*



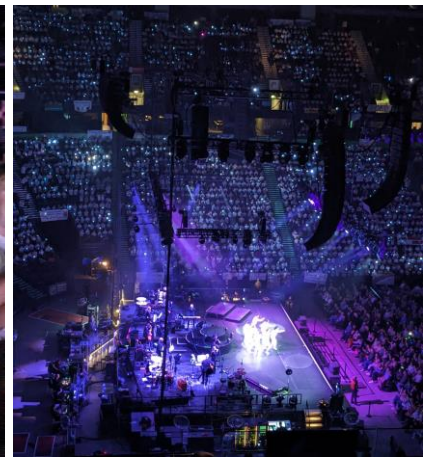
### Young Voices Concert ~ Monday 5 February 2024

Young Voices is the world's largest school choir group, with over 150,000 primary school children involved at stadiums throughout the UK. On Monday, our Young Voices Choir attended the Young Voices Concert at Manchester AO Arena.

They all had a fantastic time (and a late night!) and we are very grateful to Alison Williams for making this event happen – from the organisation and the weekly choir practices, to the children taking part in this amazing concert. We also thank Mrs Bateman and Mrs Young for supporting Mrs Tyson and Alison Williams on this visit.







## Children's Mental Health Week



This year's theme is 'My Voice Matters' and this week we have been encouraging our children to articulate their thoughts and feelings and explore the UN Convention's Rights of the Child.

On Tuesday, all classes explored the issues of online safety and, on Wednesday, enjoyed a wellness day in school:

It is important that parent/carers feel prepared and confident about what to do if you or your child sees something inappropriate, upsetting or concerning online. Here are some websites with useful information:

### UK Safer Internet

This website has contact details and information for a number of different organisations who can help with any concerns you may have about things you or your child has seen online.

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/need-help>

### Child Exploitation and Online Protection (CEOP)

If you are worried about any kind of online abuse or the way that someone has been communicating on-line, you can make a report to one of CEOP Child Protection advisors.

<https://www.ceop.police.uk/Safety-Centre/>

### NSPCC

If you're worried about something a child or young person may have experienced online, you can contact the NSPCC Helpline for free support and advice. If your child needs more support, they can contact Childline.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-reporting/>



## Well-being Wednesday ~ 7 February 2024

Our Well-being Wednesday celebrations in honour of Children's Mental Health Week, were a great success and hugely enjoyed by our children. This special day was filled with activities and initiatives aimed at promoting the mental health and well-being of our incredible children.

*Mindful Moments: The library was transformed into a tranquil spa where the children undertook a guided meditation, accompanied by a foot soak and hand massage.*

**Emotional Literacy:** Children explored the beautiful illustrated works of Charlie Mackesy as they explored the messages in “The Boy, The Mole, the Fox and the Horse”.

**Group Discussions:** Our children engaged in open and supportive group discussions, creating a space for them to share their thoughts and feelings. This was linked to previous learning earlier in the week for Internet Safety Day.

**Super Smoothies:** The entire school, throughout the day, created their own super food smoothies to enhance their learning that a healthy diet plays an important role in our mental health.

A huge thank you to Mrs Binns and Mrs Pickard for running our Well-being Spa, and Mrs Huddy for the tasty smoothies.





### **Class 1 trip to Lothersdale Woods ~ Wednesday 7 February 2024**

Thank you to Lucy Woodward, Jenny Smith & Emma Smith for supporting Mrs Bateman and Mrs Gallagher on their trip to Lothersdale Woods on Wednesday. All the Class 1 children had a great time, putting bird cakes out for the wildlife and trying to spot different types of birds with binoculars.



### **School Council Valentine's Day Bake Sale ~ Friday 9 February 2024**

Thank you to everyone who supported The School Council Valentine's Day Bake Sale today.

All proceeds will go towards our ongoing Shelterbox Appeal and we will confirm how much has been raised in our next newsletter.

### **Local Tree Planting ~ Friday 9 February 2024**



Thank you to all our children and staff for braving the snowy conditions to help plant trees behind the school to support the local community today.

This is a Woodland Creation Offer from the Forestry Commission. The aim is to make better, sustainable environmental and economic use of the land that was unprofitable for grazing sheep. This offer benefits nature and for the farm, like water storage (less flooding in winter, less drought in summer) and better water quality (cooler & cleaner) as well as providing shelterbelts for the livestock from wind and sun and more mixed forage.

Thank you to Jon Grey for getting the school involved in this local initiative and Mark and Alison Silver for allowing the trees to be planted on their farmland.

### **Class 4 ~ WW2 Day ~ 21 February 2024**



A letter has been emailed to parents/carers of children in Class 4 regarding the forthcoming WW2 Day, taking place in school immediately after half-term, on Wednesday 21 February 2024.

All Class 4 pupils are encouraged to come to school dressed as WW2 evacuees to help enhance the day's experience. At 2:45pm, we would like to invite parents, carers and grandparents of our Class 4 children to come and visit our 'pop-up' museum in our school hall.



### **Year 6 SATs Club**

A letter has been emailed today to parents/carers of Year 6 children, regarding a weekly SATs Club taking place after half-term. The club is designed to complement the ongoing classroom instruction and provide an additional platform for focused revision. Please email the school office to confirm your child's participation in these sessions as directed in the letter.



## World Thinking Day ~ Thursday 22 February 2024

World Thinking Day has been celebrated annually on 22 February by all Scout and Guide organisations around the world since 1926. It is a day when they think about their Guiding friends in all the countries of the world, the meaning of Guiding, and its global impact. This year, World Thinking Day embraces the theme of **Our World, Our Thriving Future** and any children in school who are part of a Scout or Guides organisation can come to school wearing their Scout/Guides uniforms in support of this important date in the Guiding calendar.

## National Child Measurement Programme ~ Reception & Year 6 ~ Thursday 22 February 2024



Health professionals will be in school on Thursday 22 February 2024 to visit children in Reception and Year 6, whose parents/carers have NOT opted out of this year's Child Measurement Programme.

This is an NHS led initiative and parents/carers can withdraw their children if they wish to do so. You do not need to do anything unless you wish to OPT OUT of this programme.

Please follow the instructions in the letter emailed on Thursday 11 January 2024, if this is the case.



## Extended Schools ~ Spring Term 2024 Second Half

The activity flyer was emailed to parents/carers on Tuesday for extended schools' activities taking place after half-term. **THE CLUBS WILL GO LIVE ON SCHOOLGATEWAY TOMORROW, SATURDAY 10 FEBRUARY 2024.** Please ensure you read the bookings information before applying for a club place.

**FREE Clubs:** Please email the school office ([lothersdale@ycatschools.co.uk](mailto:lothersdale@ycatschools.co.uk)) by Wednesday 14 February 2024 to book a FREE activity place for your child. It would be helpful if you could include the name of the club(s) in the subject header to help us identify the replies easily. Activities will be allocated on a first come first serve basis.

**PAID Clubs:** the deadline for payment for children taking part in paying clubs is Wednesday 14 February 2024 to enable your child to continue with his/her chosen club. Your child's name will only be entered on the activity lists once payment has been made. The extended schools' accounts will be removed from ParentPay once the deadline has passed so it is important that payments are made promptly.

All extended schools' activities finish on Friday 22 March 2024.

The activity lists will be sent out on Monday 19 February 2024. ***Please note that we are unable to add your child to an activity list once the deadline has passed and the lists have been distributed to providers and LEGENDS. It is therefore important that you help us to avoid your child missing out on an activity by adhering to the stated deadline.***

There is no Art Club this half-term due to prior commitments, but Art Club will resume after Easter. There will be no Gymnastics Club on Monday 19 February 2024 due to Kanga Sports Staff Training Day.

## Class 2 ~ Swimming Lessons



Class 2 swimming lessons will start on Friday 23 February 2024 and the deadline for contributions towards your child's block of lessons is Monday 18 March 2024. Thank you to those parents/carers who have already made a contribution. Swimming is an important part of the curriculum but unfortunately the school receives no extra funding for swimming and relies on parental contributions to enable the children to take part in this activity. No child will be excluded if his or her parents/carers do not contribute, but if insufficient voluntary contributions are received then, regrettably, we will have to look at the viability of future swimming lessons, particularly as costs will increase next academic year.



### Class 3 ~ Swimming Lessons

The deadline for making a contribution towards your child's swimming lessons has now passed. Unfortunately, the school is £1,260.40 short of the total required to make this activity financially viable, and it must now take money from the curriculum budget to pay for the shortfall. The payment remains open on School Gateway - if you have not yet made a contribution (however small), and still wish to do so, please ensure payment is made by Monday 19 February 2024.

As this shortfall has not been accounted for in this year's budget, it may mean that, sadly, some planned curriculum projects will now have to be cancelled.

Welcome to the  
Lothersdale

# SCHOOL OFFICE

Telephone:  
01535 632510  
Email:  
lothersdale@ycatschools.co.uk

Access into school (parents/carers/contractors/visitors) is via prior appointment only, in line with the school's Health & Safety and Child Protection Policies.

Please telephone the School Office during the hours listed to make an appointment to speak to a member of staff.

*\*Please note that Mrs Ellison is not in school on Fridays and emails will be checked on her return on Mondays. Urgent messages should be left on the school answer machine, which will be checked at intervals throughout the day.*

REMEMBER TO KEEP PUPIL CONTACT AND MEDICAL INFORMATION UP TO DATE!



	Morning	Afternoon
Monday	8:00 – 12:15	1:15 – 4:00
Tuesday	8:00 – 12:15	1:15 – 4:00
Wednesday	8:00 – 12:15	1:15 – 4:00
Thursday	8:00 – 12:15	1:15 – 4:00
Friday*	CLOSED	CLOSED

Please refer to the Friday Newsletter and the school website prior to emailing or contacting school, as most of our day-to-day information can be located within these communication portals. The school website address is <https://www.lothersdaleschool.org.uk>

### YCATering ~ New School Meals Provision



Our new YCATering provision will be providing school meals from w/c Monday 19 February and we are looking forward to this new venture.

As indicated in previous communication, there is a simple menu in place initially to enable everyone to get used to the new system.

The school will continue to use SchoolGrid and communication from them has been sent out recently to parents/carers to enable you to set up a new account and login. They will have also communicated when you can start to book your child's meals for the start of the next half-term.

Please can you ensure that no arrears remain on your existing SchoolGrid accounts, so that Dolce do not have to pursue any outstanding monies.

#### HEALTH & SAFETY UPDATES

*Please find detailed below general updates for your information. If you have any queries regarding any of the content below, please contact the school office.*



#### FOOD ALLERGY WARNING

Please remember  
Lothersdale Primary School is a  
**Nut Free Zone**



#### SCHOOL PICK UP ARRANGEMENTS

Please remember to let the school office know if a different family member or friend will be collecting your child from school. School staff can only let children go with a nominated adult if parents/carers cannot pick up for any reason.





It has come to our notice that some parents have been parking in the no parking zone outside the school premises. This practice causes obstruction, compromises the safety of our students, and disrupts the smooth flow of traffic.

To ensure the safety and well-being of everyone, we kindly request that you refrain from parking, or dropping children off, in the no parking zone. This area is crucial for the safety of our students, as well as for emergency vehicle access.

**Your cooperation in this matter is vital for maintaining a secure and efficient environment for our school community. Please use the designated parking areas and adhere to the traffic regulations in place.**

**We appreciate your understanding and commitment to the safety of our students and encourage you to share this message with fellow parents to create awareness.**

**Thank you for your cooperation and continued support.**



## LSA GOLDEN TICKET COMPETITION

### WINNERS

Thank you to all those pupils who entered our Golden Ticket Competition. We have raised an amazing £242.00 towards school funds and the lucky winners are:

TICKET NO.	WINNER	
1	PHOEBE	Thornton Hall Farm tickets
2	JACK A	Ilkley Cinema voucher
3	ARTHUR	Pair of Reel Cinema tickets (Burnley)
4	AARON	Pair of Reel Cinema tickets (Burnley)
5	BOHDAN	Pair of Reel Cinema tickets (Burnley)
6	ILIANA	Pair of Reel Cinema tickets (Burnley)
7	TESS	Pair of Reel Cinema tickets (Burnley)
8	OSCAR L	Pair of Reel Cinema tickets (Burnley)
9	LIZZY	Pair of Reel Cinema tickets (Burnley)
10	BERKELEY	The Wizards Magic – chocolate gift box
11	JOHN	The Wizards Magic – chocolate gift box
12	FRANKIE C	Giant Cadbury's Dairy Milk Bar
13	LUCAS	Giant Cadbury's Dairy Milk Bar

We hope you all enjoy your prizes.  
Well done!

## COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

*We are delighted to be able to promote community events in our Friday News that may be of interest to our families and friends. If you would like us to promote a local event, please pass the details to the school office by Wednesday to be included in the Friday News of that week.*

Our ref: CM 2024/Feb

### Community Messenger — Free Service



Hello from your Neighbourhood Policing Team!!

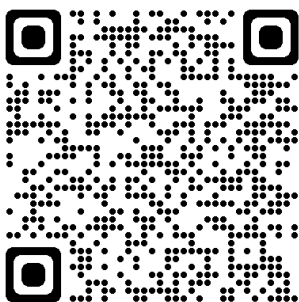
North Yorkshire Police have recently updated the Community Messaging service to ensure that we offer the best available communication tool to send out messages.

This means that you can receive news, crime appeals, alerts and events from your local police team straight to your email.

We will also be able to share information of our pop-up surgeries, allowing you to come and see what we are doing in your community and how we can work together to make it safer and improve your quality of life.

We are appealing to residents and businesses within our communities in Skipton to sign up to Community Messenger. This will allow us to create an appropriate list of contacts and be able to reach out to you with more relevant crime prevention advice

**Sign up to North Yorkshire Community Messaging for up to date information about what is happening in your area: [Home Page - North Yorkshire Community Messaging](#)**



This is a free service, and the information comes through to your email only.  
Thank you for your time and we look forward to speaking to you soon,

Inspector 647 Julie Earnshaw  
Your Neighbourhood Policing Team - Craven



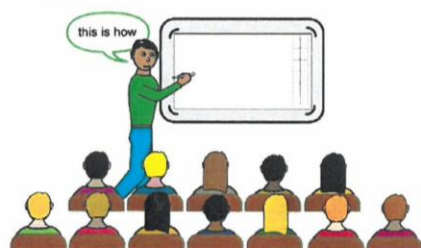
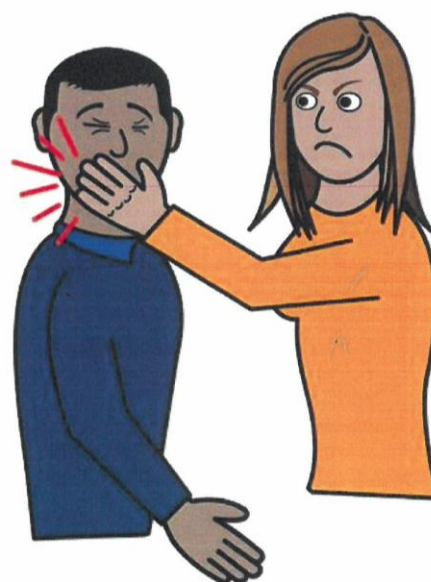
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NHS Foundation Trust

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for parents and carers of  
children with a learning  
disability living in Craven.

Introducing how to understand  
and manage behaviours of  
concern for children with a  
Learning Disability, using  
positive behaviour strategies



**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February**

**1000-1200**

@ Skipton Children and Families Hub, Brougham Street,  
Skipton, BD23 2ES  or via Microsoft Teams

**Book your place today!** call: **01274 221 203** or email:  
**[ChildrensLearningDisabilities@bdct.nhs.uk](mailto:ChildrensLearningDisabilities@bdct.nhs.uk)**

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February Half Term  
Rugby Camps 2024

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West Park Leeds RUFC | 12 - 13 February  
Keighley RUFC | 14 - 15 February  
Tynedale RUFC | 19 - 20 February  
Chester RUFC | 19 - 20 February  
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**TUESDAYS TERM TIME**

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FOOTBALL**

**YEAR 3**

**FUN & FRIENDSHIP**

**SANDYLANDS ASTRO TURF**

[skiptonjuniorsfc@gmail.com](mailto:skiptonjuniorsfc@gmail.com)

**School Events:**

- Mon 19 Feb 2024** - School re-opens at 8:40am
- Thu 22 Feb 2024** - National Child Measurement Programme ~ Rec & Year 6 ~ 1:15pm
- Fri 23 Feb 2024** - Class 2 Swimming Lessons start
- w/c 26 Feb 2024** - Chinese New Year
- Wed 28 Feb 2024** - Y5/6 Netball Festival at South Craven School
- Thu 7 Mar 2024** - World Book Day
- w/c 11 Mar 2024** - British Science Week
- Mon 11 Mar 2024** - Scholastic Book Fair in school
- Tue 12 Mar 2024** - Scholastic Book Fair in school
- Wed 13 Mar 2024** - Scholastic Book Fair in school
- Fri 15 Mar 2024** - Comic Relief Red Nose Day
- Year 6 Crucial Crew
- Tue 19 Mar 2024** - Parent Consultations ~ 2 to 6pm
- Wed 20 Mar 2024** - Parent Consultations ~ 2 to 6:30pm
- Thu 21 Mar 2024** - Decorate an Egg Competition
- Fri 22 Mar 2024** - Last Class 2 Swimming Lesson this academic year
- School finishes at 3:15pm for the Easter break
- Thu 18 Apr 2024** - LSA Bag2School Collection
- 22 to 24 May 2024** - Year 4 Residential visit to Eshton Grange



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Primary School



a Yorkshire Collaborative Academy Trust School



ensuring all pupils  
achieve their  
full potential