

SUMMER TERM • ISSUE 39 • FRIDAY 23 JULY 2021

## WHAT A YEAR!

We wish to thank all parents/carers and children for your support this year ~ it has been another difficult year for everyone and you have all adjusted brilliantly to our home learning and adapted routines in school. Thank you for helping us to ensure your children's learning continued during lockdown in the spring term. The staff are also very grateful for the gifts that have been sent in ~ they are very much appreciated.

We hope you all have a very happy and enjoyable summer holiday and look forward to seeing you all in school at the start of the new term on Tuesday 7 September 2021.



## YEAR 6 LEAVERS

15 children in Year 6 are leaving us today:  
Aiden, Alfie, Alice, George, Harry, Isaac, Jason, Joe, Joseph,  
Lana, Margot, Martha, Millie, Nel and Rose

In addition, we are sadly saying 'goodbye' to Maxi in Year 3 and Amber in Year 5

**WE SEND THEM ALL OUR VERY BEST WISHES FOR THE FUTURE**

Well done to our Year 6 leavers for their fantastic leaver's concert on Tuesday night ~ you were all amazing and your performance skills were very impressive, particularly as it had to be held outside this year to comply with COVID restrictions.

You managed to rehearse every day in very hot temperatures and also on the night and we are very proud of you all!

At the end of the concert the children were presented with leavers' gifts and we would like to

thank the Raygill Trust for providing the dictionaries and calculators and the LSA for the leavers' hoodies and scrolls.



A special big "thank you" to Mrs Ellison, Mrs Pickard, Mrs Fawcett and Mrs Hill for organising the leavers' gifts and for the way they were put together to be presented to the children on the night.

**Save the Date!**

***Please note there may be circumstances in which these dates are subject to change. More information will follow at a later date about events listed below:***

- Fri 10 Sep 2021** - Class 3 swimming lessons start
- Mon 13 Sep 2021** - Extended Schools Activities start
- Tue 14 Sep 2021** - Individual school photographs ~ 1.00pm
- Wed 22 Sep 2021** - Class 2 visit to Eureka! Children's Museum in Halifax
- Mon 18 Oct 2021** - Class 4 residential visit to Humphrey Head
- Fri 22 Oct 2021** - Class 4 return from Humphrey Head
- Fri 22 Oct 2021** - School breaks up at 3.15pm for the October half-term
- Mon 1 Nov 2021** - School re-opens at 9.00am
- Mon 8 Nov 2021** - Healthy Child Team ~ Influenza Immunisations
- Tue 7 Dec 2021** - Proposed date for the whole school Christmas Concert (TBC)

**Deadlines & Reminders for w/c 6 September 2021**

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

- Mon** - School closed for Staff Training
- Deadline for booking a FREE or PAID Extended Schools' Activities place for your child
- Deadline for payment for school bookbag and PE bag (Reception)
- Deadline for contribution towards Class 3 swimming lessons autumn first half
- Tue** - School re-opens at 9.00am for the new academic year
- Fri** - Class 3 swimming lesson

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

Dear Parents/Carers

We have made it to the end of an incredible school year. I don't think any of us thought this time last year that one year on we would still be living in the throes of the pandemic, but here we are.

I am delighted that the children have enjoyed their last week of school, and in particular it has been lovely to see the smiles on the faces of the Year 6 children in their last week with us. We were determined to make their last week at Lothersdale special, and I think we achieved that. If you look at the photo gallery, you'll see many smiling faces at the leavers' production evening, up in the trees at Raven Treetop Adventure, dancing at the Leavers' disco, and enjoying ice-cream yesterday. A huge thank you to Amandine for arranging the ice-cream van for yesterday; it was such a lovely surprise for the children, and they all loved it. Thanks also to Mandy and Gary from Yorkshire Dales Ice Cream for helping make the day special for the children.

On a personal note, I would like to express my gratitude to the many parents who at various points over the year have sent me encouraging or supportive messages; I am very grateful and take a lot of strength from these. It has been an 'interesting' first year in headship, and one that honestly, I wouldn't really want to repeat. I sincerely hope that next year we do not have power failures; internet / Wi-Fi failures; water treatment plant failures; water pouring through the staffroom roof or leaking through the floor of Class 2. Above all else, I hope we do not have any need for face masks; one-way systems; bubbles; staggered start times, play times or dinner times; risk assessments forbidding singing, high fiving, sitting next to each other, or parents visiting school. Like everyone else, I long for a year which is normal before we all forget what normal is.

Despite the crazy year we have had, your children have been amazing throughout. I have said this kind of thing before, but it is heartfelt and genuine - the children at Lothersdale have an ethos, a resilience, a desire to learn, the likes of which I've not encountered at previous schools to such a high degree. There are always children who are motivated and full of enthusiasm for school, but not usually such a high percentage as there are here. This is not something that happens by chance either; it is a combination of support, love and encouragement at home, as well as more of the same at school along with very high expectations from the adults and from the children themselves.

The children have all earned a rest and the chance to just play and relax, but please help them by making reading part of that relaxation. I cannot stress strongly enough just how important reading is to our children - every single child loves a good story; we see that in school in every class as children sit enraptured by stories read to them by adults, and we all owe it to them to indulge that love of stories and reading.

Keep the younger children reading and talking about phonics and letter sounds, share stories with them at bedtime, indulge them when they want to write their own stories; and give the older ones texts to challenge and engage them - go to the library or use Reading Plus (Year 4 & 5), but above all, keep them engaged in reading just because it's fun. Thank you.

I am looking forward to September, to welcoming 15 lovely new children to our school, to seeing our existing children move up a year group and maybe move classes, and I look forward to seeing you all on the playground on Tuesday 7 September. But before all that, I'm looking forward to putting my feet up, spending time with my own children and going on holiday - as a family, we are going to hibernate for a while to avoid contact with anyone, just to ensure our holiday goes ahead as planned 😊 and is not spoiled by self-isolation.

We will be in touch before 7 September 2021 about start times and finish times when we have received government guidance (probably on 6 September 2021 at 5pm), but we intend to do away with staggered start times in favour of a 10-minute window (8:45 - 8:55am) during which you can drop your children in the playground, before opening registers at 9:00am.

Have a lovely summer holiday.



**COLUM GROGAN**

### Staffing



Sadly, we are saying 'goodbye' to Mrs Sarah Daniell who is leaving us for pastures new. Mrs Daniell has been part of the staff team since January 2013 when she arrived to cover Mrs Bateman's maternity leave. We would like to say 'thank you' to her for all her hard work and support over the years and wish her all the best in her future endeavours.

### Miss Gallagher

We also send huge congratulations to Miss Gallagher, who is getting married over the summer break. We hope she has a wonderful day full of memories and happiness and look forward to welcoming her back to school in September as Mrs Knight!



### 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.*



### Leavers' Disco Night ~ Wednesday 21 July 2021

All the children had a fantastic time on Wednesday evening at the leavers' discos and we loved all the outfits!! This year the discos had to be held outside and Andrew from Party Mania did a wonderful job entertaining the children on the playground (along with most of the village!). This also worked in our favour because the weather was so hot!

Thank you to the LSA for providing the DJ and the refreshments. Please check out the photo gallery at the end of the newsletter.

### Governing Body letter to children

Please find attached end of year letter from the school's Governing Body.

### PE Sessions ~ Autumn Term

Our PE schedule for next term is listed below for your information:

- Class 1 - Monday ~ Football (Soccer Hub), Thursday ~ Multisports (Coach: Gerry)
- Class 2 - Monday ~ Football (Soccer Hub), Thursday ~ Ball Games (Coach: Gerry)
- Class 3 - Tuesday ~ Cross Country (Kanga Sports), Friday ~ Swimming
- Class 4 - Tuesday ~ Cross Country (Kanga Sports), Friday ~ Football/Ball Games (Coach: Gerry)



### Extended Schools Activities ~ Autumn Term

Extended Schools Activities will restart the week commencing Monday 13 September 2021 and the Activity Flyer and notes will be emailed out to parents/carers over the summer holidays. A copy will also be available to view on the school website.

**FREE Clubs:** Please email the school office ([lothersdale@ycatschools.co.uk](mailto:lothersdale@ycatschools.co.uk)) by Monday 6 September 2021 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 served basis.

**PAID Clubs:** the deadline for payment for children taking part in paying clubs is Monday 6 September 2021 to enable your child to take part in 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 at half term during the week ending Friday 22 October 2021.

**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 LOOSC. It is therefore important that you help us to avoid your child missing out on an activity by adhering to the stated deadline.**

### School Uniform

May we remind parents that the definitive school uniform list is available to view on the school website and no other clothing will be accepted ie., PE skirts, gingham shorts/culottes etc. Hopefully we will be able to take part in activities off-site at other schools in the autumn term and it is therefore important that children are wearing the correct uniform when representing the school.

We would be grateful if all parents could ensure that all items of clothing are also named. Many thanks for your support.



### Summer Reading Challenge 2021

#### Go Green with the Summer Reading Challenge 2021!

Children can once again sign up for the Summer Reading Challenge at their local library during the holidays. This year the theme is **Wild World Heroes** and is all about nature and looking after the planet.

The challenge is to read 6 library books of their choice and collect special stickers and other prizes along the way – everyone who finishes will receive a limited edition Wild World Heroes medal and a certificate. Any child aged 4 to 11 can join in and the challenge runs from Sat 10th July until Sat 11th September.

There will also be a fantastic programme of online activities to go with the challenge – whilst there will be some pre-recorded activities available on the @nycclibraries Facebook page, many of the activities will require bookings to be made via Eventbrite (see attached flyer).

Some libraries may be able to have events in the library, depending on Covid restrictions – just ask at your local branch.

**Class 1 Updates**  
from  
Mrs Bateman

***Please find detailed below Class 1 updates from Mrs Bateman. If you have any queries, please contact the school office in the first instance ([lothersdale@ycatschools.co.uk](mailto:lothersdale@ycatschools.co.uk)).***

What a super end to the year! Enjoying the sunshine and the cool shade with Class 1. Busy bees as ever, the children have not slowed down with a focus on writing and reading right until the end! The birds nesting at the front of school were our inspiration this week and their amazing journeys to Africa and back to Lothersdale! The children have been keen to be sporty - football, basketball, hula-hoops and Californian rounders have all been enjoyed...lots of sweaty children who have been drinking plenty of water.

Mrs Gallagher and I will really miss our wonderful class. It has been a year full of emotions, but the highlight has been the fabulous faces we see every day in Class 1. The children are a delight and have made us proud over and over again.

Have a lovely summer together and come back ready to enjoy Class 2 and all the great learning you will do with Mr Craven and Miss Thompson.

Take care

Love from Mrs B and Mrs G

### **Curriculum Outline for the autumn term**

Class 1 will be learning about 'My school, my friends and me' - a special time to gain confidence and feel settled and secure, to build new relationships and learn about each other. We have also planned a special day called Bedtime Story Day when Class 1 enjoy sharing their favourite bedtime stories and spend the day in their PJs!

**Class 2 Updates**  
from  
Mr Craven

***Please find detailed below Class 2 updates from Mr Craven. If you have any queries, please contact the school office in the first instance (lothersdale@ycatschools.co.uk).***

We have made it! When the going gets tough, the tough get going. I think this sums up Class 2 this year. I am so incredibly proud of each and every one of the children in Class 2 for how resilient and hardworking they have been this year. The last 18 months has thrown up so many challenges, but they have all adapted so well and continued to have huge smiles on their faces and positive attitudes.

This term has perhaps been my most enjoyable as a teacher so far. To see the huge amounts of progress you have all made and the determination to do your best has been a real pleasure. I couldn't have asked for more and you are all more than ready for next year. This summer holidays has been well earned and I hope you all have a brilliant, relaxing and safe time. Well done!

### **Curriculum Outlines for the autumn term**

Science - Humans - How do our bodies work?

Computing - Online safety & Maze explorers

**Class 3 Updates**  
from  
Miss Gallagher & Mrs Daniell

***Please find detailed below Class 3 updates from Miss Gallagher & Mrs Daniell. If you have any queries, please contact the school office in the first instance (lothersdale@ycatschools.co.uk).***

What a hot end to the term! We have had a lovely week in Class 3 and made most of the weather by going out and about in Lothersdale and searching for human and physical geographical features to finish off our topic eg., the Cenotaph, old Bethel Chapel and hill gradients.

We have also had fun playing rounders and watching the dress rehearsal of the Year 6 Leavers' Concert. We will miss our Year 4s and hope they have a wonderful time in Class 4 with Mrs Fawcett and Mrs Hill next term, but we are looking forward to seeing our new Year 3s in September.

We hope you all stay safe and have a wonderful summer break ~ you all deserve to have a rest and enjoy the sun.

## Curriculum Outlines for the autumn term

History - Ancient Egypt

Geography - Rivers

Science - Animals including humans

Design and Technology - Cookery

### Class 4 Updates from Mrs Fawcett

***Please find detailed below Class 4 updates from Mrs Fawcett. If you have any queries, please contact the school office in the first instance (lothersdale@ycatschools.co.uk).***

What a fabulous last week of term we have all had. The Year 6 children worked so hard to ensure their Leavers' production was polished and ready for their special evening on Tuesday. They quickly mastered using the microphones in the morning of the performance, and the production was a triumph; We are very proud of each and every one of them. The children were thrilled and very grateful to receive a Leavers' hoody, kindly purchased by the LSA and a dictionary and calculator provided by The Raygill Trust; Year 6 would like to say thank you very much indeed for these items which they will treasure for years to come.

After a late night on Tuesday, on Wednesday morning, Year 6 took to the high ropes at Raven Tree Tops in Skipton. This was an amazing experience for the children, and again, thanks go to the LSA for funding this special end of Year 6 treat.

We were blessed with glorious weather on Wednesday evening, and the Leavers' discos were a huge success.

Both Year 5s and 6s are to be congratulated on their excellent approach to learning, in what has been a challenging year for all. We wish the Year 6 the very best of luck for their moves to secondary school and look forward to welcoming the Year 5s back in September as Year 6s and the Year 4s as Year 5s.

We hope you all have a fantastic summer holiday and are able to enjoy quality family time; fingers crossed that we are blessed with the glorious weather we have become accustomed to of late! Take good care and we will see you in September.

## Curriculum Outlines for the autumn term

History - The Tudors

Geography - Location knowledge- Humphrey Head

### School Office Information

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## Class Structure from September 2021

Class	Year Group	Teacher	Support Staff
1	Reception	Mrs Bateman	Mrs Gallagher
2	1 and 2	Mr Craven	Miss Thompson
3	3 and 4	Mrs Knight (Mon-Thu) Mr Grogan (Fri)	Miss Laycock
4	5 and 6	Mrs Fawcett	Mrs Hill & Mrs Binns

## Student Placement

Miss Clare Grundy will be joining us in September on a student teaching placement for the next academic year and will be supporting Mrs Bateman and Mrs Gallagher in Class 1.

## Additional Teaching

Mr Grogan will be supporting teaching arrangements in Class 3 & Class 4.

Gerry Harrison will continue to teach PE in all classes on a Thursday and Friday.

Mrs Turvey will continue to teach music to all classes in school on a Tuesday.

## End of the School Year ~ Payments

**It is extremely important that all ParentPay accounts are up-to-date, and a zero or credit balance remains on accounts. This is particularly important if your child is in Year 6 and leaving school. Mrs Ellison will be carrying out an end of year return on ParentPay next week and we would be grateful if parents/carers could support her by settling their school meal accounts by today, Friday 23 July 2021, at the latest.**

## School Meal Menu

The menu for the autumn term is attached to this newsletter for your information.

## School Meal Payments for Children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6

The cost of a school meal from September 2021 will remain at **£2.44** per meal for children in Class 3 and Class 4. Please note the following:

- **School meals must be paid for in advance.** The school office generates a report of outstanding dinner money each week and reminders are issued to parents/carers in line with the School Meal Arrears Procedures. Please help us keep administrative time and costs to a minimum by ensuring your child's meal account is kept up-to-date.
- For parents/carers who wish to pay weekly the cost will be £12.20 per child.
- For parents/carers who wish to pay up to half-term (Friday 22 October 2021) the cost will be £82.96.\*
- For parents/carers who wish to pay for the full term (up to and including Friday 17 December 2021) the cost will be £168.36.\*

*\*please remember to deduct/adjust for pupil illness, educational visits etc., when making payments over the year.*

## Friday Meals (for those pupils who have packed lunches)

If you have informed school that your child would like to have a school meal on Fridays during the autumn term, the cost will be £34.16 via ParentPay. If you wish to pay this amount in full, please pay via the Pupil Meals Service of your ParentPay account. Alternatively, you can pay weekly but note that payment must be made in advance.

## Change to Lunchtime Arrangements

In order to help with the administration and ordering, parents must inform school in writing, giving two full weeks' term time notice, if a child is to change their lunchtime arrangements from school meal to packed lunches or vice-versa.

Please note that, as term ends today, any requested changes to your child's lunchtime arrangements over the summer holiday will take place week commencing 20 September 2021.

## ParentPay payments for the new academic year

Please note that ParentPay end of year will take place over the next two weeks and the switch over to the new academic year will be at the beginning of September. Extended Schools Activities will be input onto ParentPay over the holidays.

### Class 3 Swimming Lessons (current Year 2 & Year 3)

Class 3 swimming lessons will start on Friday 10 September 2021 and a letter will be sent out to all parents/carers of children currently in Year 2 and Year 3 over the summer holidays with full details.

### Sales of Suncream

Thank you to everyone who has donated to the school via our sales of suncream this term. We would like to say a massive 'thank you' to Mr Pitchfork for his support in donating the suncream, which has now raised approximately **£262.00** towards school funds. Limited supplies are still available to purchase via your ParentPay account. Any purchases made over the summer holidays will be handed out on 7 September 2021.



#### School Website Updates

***Remember to look on our School Website for further information on what is happening around school! New postings on our website this week are listed below:***

Friday News

School Meal Menu ~ Autumn Term

#### 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.***

### Christ Church, Lothersdale ~ Saturday 25 July 2021



Do you fancy being a "wildlife detective"? Come along to the church yard at Christ Church, Lothersdale, this Sunday afternoon (25th July) at 4pm. To help you discover the names of whatever wildlife you spot, flora or fauna, we have plenty of recognition books to help. It's amazing what's around us, when we really look! Everybody is very welcome, but children will need to be accompanied please.

### Wildflower Walks in Lothersdale

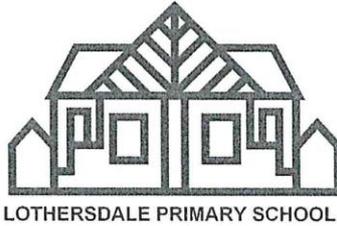
*Wild about Lothersdale!* has produced a wonderful leaflet providing information on wildflower walks around Lothersdale and we attach a copy to this newsletter ~ you may wish to try some of them in the school holidays.

#### Diary of Events

***If you wish to promote a community event in our diary below, please contact the school office. Please note there may be circumstances in which these dates are subject to change:***

#### School Events:

- Fri 23 Jul 2021** - School breaks up for the summer at 3.15pm
- Wed 1 Sep 2021** - Skipton Music Festival Competition ~ closing date for entries
- Mon 6 Sep 2021** - School closed for Staff Training Day
- Tue 7 Sep 2021** - School re-opens for the 2021-2022 academic year
- Wed 22 Sep 2021** - Class 2 visit to Eureka! Children's Museum
- Wed 22 Sep 2021** - Year 6 (current Year 5) South Craven School Opening Evening – 2022 Intake
- w/c 18 to 22 Oct** - Class 4 residential visit to Humphrey Head
- 25 to 27 May 2022** - Year 4 residential visit to Eshton Grange



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## THE GOVERNING BODY

23 July 2021

Dear Children

The school year draws to a close and we cannot believe what another strange year it has been!

Mr Grogan has led a dedicated team of teachers and support staff who work tirelessly to provide you with the highest quality teaching and learning; and to provide a safe, caring, exciting and fulfilled school life.

You don't always see us around the school but your school's Governing Body works very hard on your behalf, consistently supporting and challenging the schools' leaders to ensure they provide the best education possible. We would like to thank all those involved with the school for their commitment in making Lothersdale unique and successful.

The school year has been somewhat disrupted by the Coronavirus pandemic, however I am sure you join me in thanking the whole school for their pro-active approach to enable your teaching and learning to continue, whether it has been with home learning work packs or actually within the school itself. It has been an extremely difficult time for everyone and I am proud of the school and all of you for your positive thinking.

We say a final farewell to children in Year 6 as they leave primary school to start at their new secondary schools. We also welcome all our new reception children, who we hope will thrive and have a happy time at Lothersdale Primary School.

Finally, I hope you all have a great summer break and we look forward to seeing you in September, when Mr Grogan and the fantastic team of teachers, support staff along with school Governor's will again do everything in their powers to deliver the best learning experience possible.

Yours sincerely

**ANDREW TWIGG**  
Chair of the Governing Body



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AUTUMN TERM

	<b>WEEK ONE</b> - w/c 20 Sep w/c 11 Oct w/c 1 Nov w/c 22 Nov w/c 13 Dec	<b>WEEK TWO</b> w/c 6 Sep w/c 27 Sep w/c 18 Oct w/c 8 Nov w/c 29 Nov -	<b>WEEK THREE</b> w/c 13 Sep w/c 4 Oct w/c 25 Oct w/c 15 Nov w/c 6 Dec -
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>HAND STRETCHED PIZZA MARGARITA</b> Potato Wedges Sweetcorn Garden Peas ***** Vanilla Ice Cream	<b>MEATBALLS</b> Penne Pasta Garlic Bread Buttered Sweetcorn Broccoli ***** Strawberry Ice Cream	<b>MEXICAN CHILLI</b> Baked Jacket Potato Sweetcorn Green Beans ***** Chocolate Ice Cream
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>COTTAGE PIE</b> Cauliflower Green Beans ***** Marbled Biscuit	<b>SAUSAGES</b> Chips Baked Beans Garden Peas Tomato Ketchup ***** Flapjack	<b>BURGER</b> Potato Wedges Beans Garden Peas ***** Iced Vanilla Sponge
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>ROAST CHICKEN</b> Potatoes Broccoli & Carrots Gravy ***** Pink Lemonade Jelly	<b>ROAST CHICKEN</b> Potatoes Cabbage & Swede Mash Gravy ***** Cherry Shortbread	<b>ROAST CHICKEN with YORKSHIRE PUDDING</b> Potatoes Carrots & Cabbage Gravy ***** Chocolate Fudge Pudding
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>OVEN BAKED SAUSAGES</b> Mashed Potato Carrots Green Cabbage ***** Golden Sponge with Custard	<b>BEEF BOLOGNESE with SPAGHETTI</b> Broccoli Carrots ***** Lemon Sponge with Custard	<b>HOMEMADE CORNISH PASTY PIE</b> Gravy New Potatoes Broccoli & Cauliflower ***** Apple Crumble with Custard
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>CHICKEN KORMA</b> Rice Garden Peas & Sweetcorn Naan Bread ***** Chocolate Sponge & Sauce	<b>BREADED MSC FISH FINGERS</b> Chips Garden Peas & Sweetcorn ***** Frosted Carrot Cake Muffin	<b>BREADED MSC FISH FILLETS</b> Chips Garden Peas & Baked Beans Tomato Ketchup ***** Oak Cookie



the end of year  
**PHOTO GALLERY**



YEAR 6 LEAVERS



JULY 2021











We wish you all a very  
**HAPPY SUMMER  
HOLIDAY**

## Wildflowers in Lothersdale



**1**  
Common knapweed (*Centaurea nigra*)  
Flowers: July-September  
Size: 15-100cm  
Large stout, hairy plant with thistle-like, dark purplish flowers. Source of nectar for many butterfly species.



**2**  
Cowslip (*Primula veris*)  
Flowers: April-May / Size: to 30cm  
Cluster of cup-shaped yellow petalled flowers. Leaves grouped at base of stem. Name derived from 'cowslups', meaning 'cowpat'.



**3**  
Common spotted orchid (*Dactylorhiza fuchsii*)  
Flowers: June to August / Size: 15-60cm  
Pale to reddish purple flower head, darkly spotted, upward facing leaves.



**4**  
Great burnet (*Sanguisorba officinalis*)  
Flowers: June to September / Size: to 100cm  
Dull, crimson, oblong flower heads on tall stems. Burnet derives from old French for 'dark brown' and similar to 'brunette'.



**5**  
Ox-eye daisy (*Leucanthemum vulgare*)  
Flowers: May-September  
Size: 50-80cm  
Large daisy-like flowers, lower leaf spoon-shaped. Also known as 'moon daisy' or 'dog daisy'.



**6**  
Red clover (*Trifolium pratense*)  
Flowers: May-September / Size: 20-40 cm  
Deep pink flowerheads, leaflets in three, white markings on leaf surface. Important nectar source for bumblebees.



**7**  
Yellow rattle (*Rhinanthus minor*)  
Flowers: May-August / Size: to 50cm  
Yellow hooded flowers, protruding from upright stem. Seeds rattle in capsules when ripe. Known as 'meadow maker'.



**8**  
Devil's bit scabious (*Succisa pratensis*)  
Flowers: June-October / Size: 50-100cm  
Rounded, pin cushion-like, violet-blue flowerheads on long stems. Important nectar source for butterflies and bees.



**9**  
Water avens (*Geum rivale*)  
Flowers: May-September  
Size: to 50cm  
Attractive, drooping bell-shaped peach and red-purple flowers. Important nectar source for bumblebees.



**10**  
Ragged robin (*Lychnis flos-cuculi*)  
Flowers: May-August / Size: 20-50cm  
Bright pink flowers with narrow petals deeply dividing into lobes, giving an untidy, ragged appearance.



**11**  
Foxglove (*Digitalis purpurea*)  
Flowers: June-September / Size: to 200cm  
Tall spikes of pinkish-purple pouch-like flowers, spotted inside throat. Important source of nectar for bumblebees.



**12**  
Meadowsweet (*Filipendula ulmaria*)  
Flowers: June-September  
Size: to 120cm  
Fragrant, frothy creamy flowers. Leaves traditionally strewn across medieval house and church floors.

Thanks to Marianne Von Tucka, Ingleton and Rachel Benson, Broadrake (<http://broadrake.co.uk/>) for donation of wildflower seed.

Wild About Lothersdale is a voluntary group aiming to help residents and visitors to the village to enjoy and understand the local flora and fauna. The production of this leaflet has been supported by Lothersdale Parish Council and United Benefice of Sutton, Cowling & Lothersdale. More local wildlife information can be found at [www.lothersdaleparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.lothersdaleparishcouncil.gov.uk).

When visiting Lothersdale, please remember to keep to footpaths, leave gates as you find them and respect village residents' property, parking, land, livestock and machinery. All dogs must be kept under control at all times, especially during Spring, with lambing and ground-nesting birds.

Please take litter home.

Parking - Limited parking outside Christ Church and bottom of Tow Top bridal path. Please do not block resident or farm entrances.

Thank you.

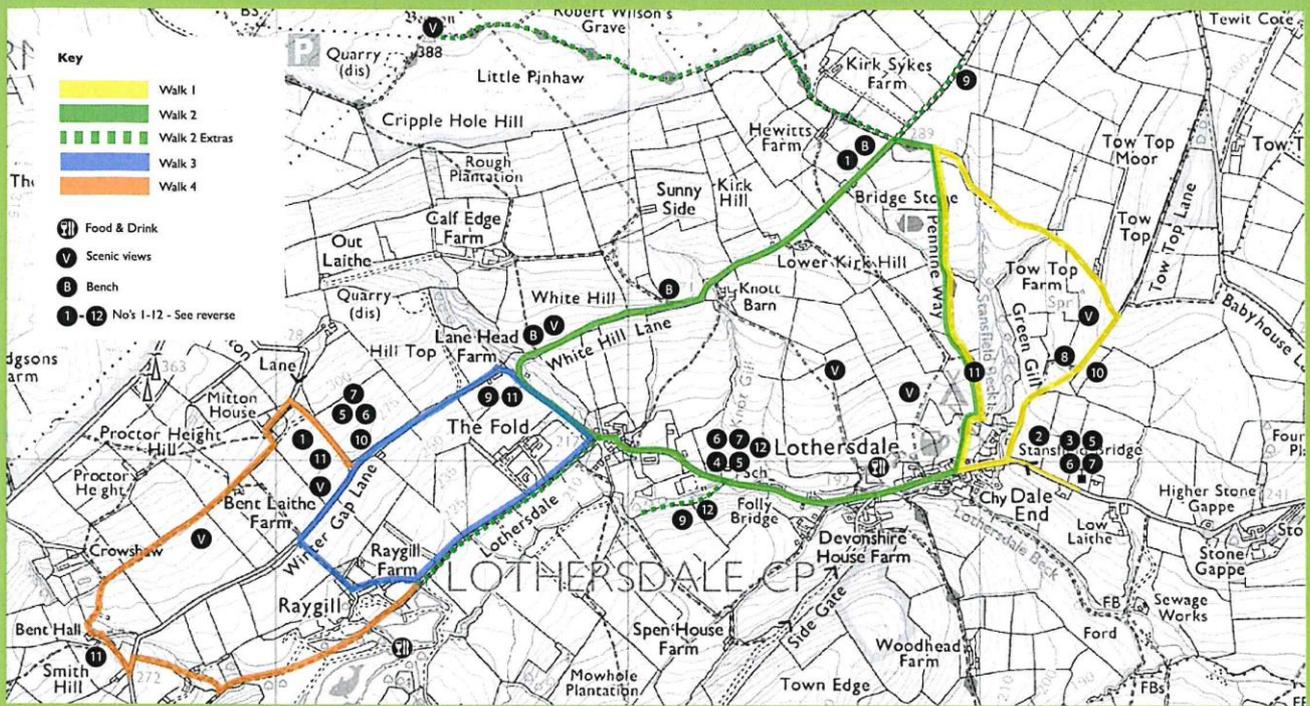
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# Wildflower Walks in Lothersdale

The best time to see wildflowers is April-July, but these walks are equally enjoyable at other times of the year.



### Wildflower Walk Around Lothersdale 1

A 2 mile circular walk, with wonderful views of Lothersdale.

- Start at Christ Church, built in 1838. Spot the carved mouse on the oak entrance doors, indicating it was made by Robert Thompson of Kilburn. The eastern side of graveyard is a wildflower meadow containing cowslips, common spotted orchid, ox-eye daisy, red clover and yellow rattle. Snowdrops and primrose provide early colour.
- From the Christ Church gate, turn right and walk down to where the road widens. At the signpost for "Tow Top Moor", turn right. Go up this narrow (and often muddy) bridleway track, pausing before barn to look over the left hand wall, on unimproved pasture land called 'Betty's Hill'.
- Continue up the bridleway. After the gate, into a

diamond-shaped field and site of the former old quarry. Cross diagonally up and on your right, damp marsh land containing ragged robin, devil's-bit scabious and knapweed. Continue up the narrow walled section to gate.

- Turn right down steep concrete road, past Tow Top Farm, down a grassy lane, over stream and stile. Walk over another stream and continue along a sometimes boggy Stonyfirth lane.
- At field gate, turn left and head down 2 fields crossing wooden stile towards the village. Keep the wall/hedge to your right.
- Through gate, follow along the walled lane, until you reach the village road. There is an option here to turn right to visit The Hare & Hounds pub or turn left and go back up to Christ Church.

### Wildflower Walk Around Lothersdale 2

A 3 mile circular walk (with option of 2 mile return walk to Pinhaw Beacon), with wonderful views of Lothersdale.

- From The Hare & Hounds pub, keep the pub on your left and walk until the Pennine Way Sign. Turn left and you're now on the famous Pennine Way, a 270 mile walk from Edale in Derbyshire, to the Scottish borders. Follow the walled track lined with foxgloves, to field gate. Then keeping the hedge/wall on left, walk uphill for 1/2 mile, through two fields, with a wooden stile in between.
- At the sign post "PW" turn left, climbing over the walled stile and head up field. Through the next field gate, you are on White Hill Lane.
- If good weather, an option here to cross the road and continue another mile along Pennine Way, through moorland and the resident grouse, up to local highest peak, Pinhaw Beacon. Here you can tick off Trawden, Pendle Hill, Ingleborough, Wherside (just), Malham Cove, Pen-y-Ghent, Buckden Pike, Great Wherside and Simon's Seat.
- If sticking to the wildflower walk, turn left on White Hill Lane. This is a quiet lane with a number of benches looking onto scenic views of the village below. Although most of the village valley sides and floor are formed of millstone grit, there are crops

of limestone. Goat's beard, marsh marigold, water avens and willowherb species abound. Continue walking until after a sharp bend and steep incline up, you reach Lane End.

- Turn left down hill on Calf Wood Lane, into the village. There is an option here to turn right and follow signs to Raygill Fisheries and Lakeside bar. This is also the start of walks 3 and 4.
- Carry on through village until you see imposing Bethel Methodist Chapel on your left. Now under private ownership, so please continue another 50 metres until you see the graveyard entrance on left. Bethel Chapel is a fine example of how wildlife can thrive in a 'working' graveyard. You will see common knapweed, great burnet, ox-eye daisy, red clover, yellow rattle and meadowsweet.
- Opposite Bethel Chapel entrance, you will see village recreational park. If you walk along and behind the football pitch, you will see 'Woodland Area'. Here and along back-side bank, you will see water avens, butterbur and meadowsweet.
- Back on the road, head east back through the village. Pass High Dam which provided the head of water for the village mill, until you are back at The Hare & Hounds pub.



Refreshments: There are two great options in the village. Lakeside Bar at Raygill Fisheries ([www.raygillfisheries.co.uk](http://www.raygillfisheries.co.uk)) and Hare and Hounds pub ([www.hareandhoundslothersdale.com](http://www.hareandhoundslothersdale.com)) Check websites for opening times and menus.

### Wildflower Walk Around Lothersdale 3

A 1.5 mile circular walk, with wonderful views of across upper Lothersdale.

- Start at The Fold, and head south west along Quarry Road towards Raygill Fisheries. The fields on either side are occasionally left to develop a meadow hay crop so look for meadow buttercup and cuckoo flower. Dandelion and lesser celandine line the drystone walls.
- Underneath some of the mature beech and ash trees there are more shade tolerant species to be found: ramsons, bluebell, dog's mercury, and violet.
- Just past the entrance to Raygill Fisheries (a good place for light refreshments), a footpath leads up a farm lane to the right (alternatively carry straight on to a farm lane to the left). Wind your way between the buildings staying on the track. Some mature hawthorns sport tremendous blooms and are buzz with bees and hawthorn flies in late April / May.
- On reaching a wooden gate at the top of the field, turn right onto the road. The verges here are awash with sweet cicely, meadow cranesbill, willowherb and cow parsley.
- Mitton Lane stretches uphill to the left (and is the return route of Walk 4). The banks of Mitton Lane are heavily planted with ornate daffodils but knapweed, foxglove and cuckoo flower take over later in the year.
- Mitton Lane Triangle is under Wild About Lothersdale stewardship and hosts primrose, viper's bugloss, yellow rattle, meadow buttercup, meadow cranesbill, white and red clover, and red bartisia amongst others. A real treasure trove. The views

toward the village and over the quarry are spectacular from here.

- Immediately past Mitton Lane Triangle, on the lefthand side, a strip of woodland contains ground ivy, bluebell, primrose, stitchwort, ramsons and various willowherb species. Gullies with ephemeral water and damper patches contain yellow flag, ragged robin and marsh marigold.
- Opposite the woodland strip, the garden of Winter Gap (private residence) is one of the Wild About Lothersdale wildflower nurseries. Cowslip, primrose, red and bladder campion, meadow cranesbill, white dead nettle, woundwort, marsh woundwort, betony, ox-eye daisy, nestle-leaved bell flower and various knapweed and scabious species all flourish here. Take a respectful peek over the wall to the west of the house – beware of the guinea fowl!
- Continue along Winter Gap Lane. Lesser celandine, and dense stands of garlic mustard and greater willowherb follow the wall line.
- On reaching Lane Head Farm, follow the road around to the right. White Hill Lane branches off to the left and Walks 1 & 2 can be linked to from here. The shady start of White Hill Lane boasts primrose, bluebell, stitchwort, lesser celandine and ramsons in profusion.
- Otherwise, to stay on the walk and return to the starting point in The Fold, descend along Calf Wood Lane. The shadier parts are more interesting, with wood avens, water avens, meadow cranesbill and meadowsweet on the banks.

### Wildflower Walk Around Lothersdale 4

A 1.5 mile loop extending Walk 3.

- With the entrance to Raygill Fisheries behind you, head left along the shady track past Raygill House and other dwellings. The track rises and skirts old quarry workings.
- Crossing the Lothersdale Beck (warning – can be muddy here), the track enters mixed woodland.
- As the woodland peters out, there should be a signpost for the footpath on the right passing through a garden and skirting the house. Keep to the field boundary and onward to a stile in the wall at the road.
- Turn left on the road and almost immediately right at the footpath sign at the brow leading to Bent Hall. Marsh marigold and meadowsweet are common along the beck.

- Proceed to the field boundary, and keep heading north east, parallel to Winter Gap Lane. Views down the dale to the village are impressive.

- At Bent Laithe Farm, wiggle past Mitton House via the driveway and onto Mitton Lane.
- Turning left will take you up to Old Skipton Road and Pinhaw Beacon. The lane banks host self-heal, daisy, cuckoo flower, bilberry, coltsfoot and early purple orchid.
- Turning right will take you back to Walk 3. Descend towards Mitton Lane Triangle. The banks of Mitton Lane are heavily planted with ornate daffodils but knapweed, foxglove and cuckoo flower take over later in the year. There are some interesting ferns on the steeper banks, plus dog rose, bird cherry, rowan and guelder rose – all important flowering trees for pollinators.

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