***Children are at the heart of everything we do and Christ is the light that guides us.***

***John 8:12***

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| **Weekly Message**  Thank you so much for your incredible pumpkins - we have some very creative families! It was lovely to see how much we all enjoyed our pumpkin art gallery! Our PTA are amazing, thank you! You will notice Christmas comes early to Lostock this year and we have a very busy term; as always, we will keep the newsletter updated with everything you need to know!  **Something lovely!**  **Each week we will give you an idea to support your child’s wellbeing on the newsletter. Mrs Evans is going to start us off!**  Please have a look at the links below to some New Horizons Guided Mindfulness and Sleep Meditation for children. I used these regularly during lockdown both in school and at home with my 3 children.  <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FUb6Pf1KiHw> <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DWOHcGF1Tmc> <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gwytGLzMu7s>  <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GNKA2k44aTw>  <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3fXr8nR8g9E>  <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kQsp9SchSoE>  <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WToh_dpg7mE> <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Uv08oxaUr70>  **Children in Need – Friday 17th November**  As always, we will be supporting this wonderful cause with a non-uniform day, donations can be given on the day or sent to the link below! Thank you!  https://donate.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/  **Phonics Meeting for Parents – Reception and Year 1**  On **Tuesday 14th November**, we will be having a Reception and Year 1 parent meeting regarding how to support your child in early reading at home. We will be sharing example lessons, resources and giving support on the correct pronunciation of sounds. There will be a meeting at **2:45pm** and **4:30pm**; these sessions are for parents only. Please email [admin@lostockgralam.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:admin@lostockgralam.cheshire.sch.uk) by **Friday 10th November** to let us know whether you will be attending so we have an idea of numbers. Thank you for your support with this.  **Friday 15th December – we will be finishing at 1pm and there will be no Fun Foxes. A party lunch of burger and chips will be available from the school kitchen.**  **Remembrance Day**  We are continuing to sell poppies on the playground before and after school. Thank you for supporting this special charity.  To celebrate Remembrance Day this year, we’d like to make a poppy out of red and green reused plastic milk bottle lids. Please send any that you have into your child’s class teacher and together, we’ll make a school poppy to commemorate this special national event.      **Please click on the PDF for further information about how to enter:**  **Very Green Grocery Northwich**  **(formally the Cheshire Food Hub)**  Click [here](https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100088398463051) to follow on Facebook – it really is worth it as they offer an incredible service!  **Online Safety**  To help keep your children as safe as possible online, please click [here](https://assets.thekeysupport.com/company/demos/elearning-parental-controls-on-devices-20-21/index.html#/) to access an interactive guide. It gives you practical instructions on how to set parental controls on the most common devices children use. |

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| **Diary Dates**  *This will be added to each week!*   |  |  | | --- | --- | | **6th November** | Years 5 & 6 worship in Church led by Vicar Andrew – parents welcome to join | | **13th November** | Years 3 & 4 worship in Church led by Vicar Andrew – parents welcome to join | | **15th November** | Robins trip to Beeston Castle | | **17th November** | Non-uniform day to raise money for BBC Children in Need | | **20th November** | Years 1 & 2 worship in Church led by Vicar Andrew – parents welcome to join | | **21st November** | Skylarks trip to Lion Salt Works | | **22nd November** | Swallows trip to Titanic Museum | | **28th November** | KS1 Christmas play – 9:30am and 2pm | | **29th November** | KS1 Christmas Play – 2pm | | **1st December** | Christmas jumper day for St Luke’s and Elf run | | **6th December** | KS2 play – 1:30pm and 5pm | | **7th December** | KS2 play – 5pm | | **8th December** | Christingle | | **12th December** | PTA non uniform day for a donation for Xmas Fair, chocolate KS1 and bottles KS2. | | **13th December** | Panto & PTA Christmas Fair | | **14th December** | Christmas Carol concert & Christmas Lunch | | **15th December** | Party lunch and school finishes at 1 pm – No Fun Foxes | | **10th January** | Toucans trip to the Imperial War Museum | | **17th January 2024** | Goldfinches trip to Chester Grosvenor Museum | | **12th March 2024** | Swallows Trip to Fox Howl Centre, Delamere | | **8th May 2024** | Skylarks Trip to Tatton Park | | **3-5th June 2024** | Toucans Residential Petty Pool Centre | |

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| **Worship**  **Owls class enjoyed their first church worship with Vicar Andrew this week. It was lovely to welcome so many families into church to join in this special worship with us. Thank you for your kind comments, the children and staff really enjoyed sharing our beautiful church with you.**  Year Six Ethos members led a role play where the characters needed to use courage in order to over come an unfamiliar experience. We discussed how a rope is strong as the threads are woven together and how the rope can be a physical reminder of the tools we have inside us, places we can go and things we can hold in order to feel God’s courage all around us, making us as strong as the rope in tricky situations.  **“Even though I am not right there with you, I am with you in spirit.” (1 Corinthians 5)**    We have also began exploring the significance of Remembrance Day in preparations for our worships next week. |

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| **Praise Children** | | |
| **Owls (Reception)** | Alfie | With resilience and respect, Alfie has come to school every day this week with a fantastic learning attitude. Well done superstar! |
| **Starlings (Y1)** | Callum | Callum always has the biggest smile and has a wonderful love of reading. I enjoy reading about all the wonderful stories you have enjoyed at home. well done Callum! |
| **Swallows (Y2)** | Braydon | For kindness, patience and always showing respect to others. I am also really impressed with your Maths this week! |
| **Robins (Y3)** | Marnie | For showing courage to complete more work in Maths by herself! Loving the ‘have a ‘go’ attitude! Well done, Marnie. |
| **Goldfinches (Y4)** | Layla W | For letting your light shine by showing courage in expressing your thoughts and views in class. Your confidence is glowing! |
| **Skylarks (Y5)** | Jacob C | For his wisdom and beautiful presentation in his fact file about the Lion Salt Works. Thank you for showing such respect for your work. |
| **Toucans (Y6)** | Gracie | For always bringing joy into our classrooms with your patience, hard work and gorgeous smile. |

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| **‘Top Table’ children for wonderful manners at lunchtime** | |  | **Before & After school clubs – Autumn Term**   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | **Name** | **Day/Time** | **Key Stage** | | Dodgeball | Monday 8-9am | Years 1-6 | | Girls Football | Monday 3.15-4.15pm | KS2 | | Hockey/Basketball | Wednesday 8-9am | Years 1-6 | | Football | Wednesday 3.15-4.15pm | Years 1,2,3 | | Athletics/Benchball | Friday 8-9am | Years 1-6 | | Football | Friday 3.15-4.15pm | Years 4,5,6 | |
| **Owls (Reception)** | Lana and Edie |
| **Starlings (Y1)** | Emilio and Chester |
| **Swallows (Y2)** | Alba and Harry |
| **Robins (Y3)** | Annabelle and Olivia |
| **Goldfinches (Y4)** | India and Owen |
| **Skylarks (Y5)** | Molly and Naomi |
| **Toucans (Y6)** | Amy and Alexa |



Happy Birthday!

To Evelyn and Henry in Swallows and Kenzie in Robins

**Lunch Menu – Week 3**

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| **Monday** | **Tuesday** | **Wednesday** | **Thursday** | **Friday** |
| Homemade sausage roll served with mashed potato & baked beans | Tomato & mascarpone cheese pasta served with garlic & herb bread and seasonal vegetables | Cottage Pie served with seasonal vegetables | Chicken korma served with Rice, Naan Bread & Seasonal Vegetables | Breaded Mozzarella sticks with chips beans or peas |
| Jacket Potato with a Selection of Fillings Served with a Side Salad | Jacket Potato with a Selection of Fillings Served with a Side Salad | Jacket Potato with a Selection of Fillings Served with a Side Salad | Jacket Potato with a Selection of Fillings Served with a Side Salad | Jacket Potato with a Selection of Fillings Served with a Side Salad |
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| Fruit and Ice-cream | Chocolate Crispy Cake | Apple & Grape Pot | Fruit Jelly | Vanilla biscuit |

**TERM DATES September 2023/August 2024**

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|  | **Date of Closing** | **Date of Re-Opening** |
| **Christmas 2023/2024** | Friday 15th December school finishes at 1 pm – No Fun Foxes | Tuesday 2nd January |
| **Spring Half-Term 2024** | Friday 16th February | Monday 26th February |
| **Spring Break 2024** | Wednesday 27th March | Monday 15th April |
| **May Day Weekend 2024** | Friday 3rd May | Tuesday 7th May |
| **Summer Half-Term 2024** | Friday 24th May | Monday 3rd June |
| **Summer break 2024** | Friday 19th July school finishes at 1 pm – No Fun Foxes | Monday 2nd September |

**INSET DAYS (Teacher Training) – 5 in total for 2023/24**

Thursday 28th March 2024

Monday 22nd July 2024

Tuesday 23rd July 2024

Wednesday 24 July 2024

# **HOLIDAYS IN TERM TIME**

Pupils are discouraged from taking holidays in term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. It is very rare that any holiday would be authorised. Good attendance is key to pupils making good progress and taking time out to go on holiday can significantly hamper progress. Where a holiday is unauthorised the LA is informed. A Fixed Penalty Notice will then be issued in accordance with section 444 of the Education Act 1996. The current rates payable by parents are £60 where the amount is paid within 21 days and £120 where the amount is paid within 28 days. The charge is per parent/carer per child. If the Fixed Penalty Notice remains unpaid this could lead to prosecution in the Magistrate’s Court.

For the DfE statutory guidance on school attendance please click on the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/school-attendance-absence>

**Attendance**

Attendance is crucial for all children in order that they will achieve and is monitored closely by school. We are always happy to help any families who are struggling for any reason. Emily Leather our family support worker is in school Monday, Tuesday and Friday and is always keen to help.

“Central to raising standards in education and ensuring all pupils can fulfil their potential is an assumption so widely understood that it is insufficiently stated – pupils need to attend school regularly to benefit from their education. Missing out on lessons leaves children vulnerable to falling behind. Children with poor attendance tend to achieve less in both primary and secondary school.” School Attendance DfE May 2022

**If your child is ever unwell, please do let us know the reason for the absence by 8:45am on 01606 668270 (a message can be left on the school answer phone).**