***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**  It may be November but Christmas comes early to Lostock this year! Our PTA has some wonderful events including a Christmas jumper donation which is such a great idea! We have put together a list of dates in this newsletter to help us all know exactly where we should be and what we should be doing! We just want our children at Lostock to have the most magical time, so deep breath here is the list!  **Lostock Gralam Christmas What’s On Guide for Parents!**   |  |  | | --- | --- | | 20th – 24th November  Donate jumpers  27th – 30th November  Christmas jumper sale |  | | 24th November | **Lostock Christmas Light Switch On**  **Please join the choir while they help light up Lostock for Christmas!**  Everyone is welcome to join us by the tree on Manchester Road in Lostock!  The PTA will be selling light ups so everyone can enjoy the fun; switch on is 5pm! | | 28th November 9:30am & 2pm and  29th November 2pm | **Christmas Play for Owls, Starlings and Swallows**  9:30 am and 2pm in the school hall on Tuesday 28th November  2pm in the school hall on Wednesday 29th November  Children and siblings to go home after the afternoon play if you would like them!  The PTA will be selling raffle tickets for the chance to win a festive hamper! | | 1st December | **Christmas Jumper Day and Elf Run for St Luke’s Hospice!**  Please wear your Christmas jumper and we will raise as much money as we can for St Luke’s Hospice. All children will get the following:   * An elf hat and sticker for each child to wear during the race and to keep afterwards * An ‘Elfie’ frame for each school – we want to see lots of ‘Elfie selfies’ * A pot of porridge for each child as Elves work very hard and need a healthy breakfast! * Certificate to display following the event   Festive Sweetie Tuck Shop run by the PTA after school on this day also! | | 6th December 1:30pm & 5pm  and  7th December 5pm | **Key Stage 2 Play**  Children back at 4:30 pm please.  The PTA will be selling raffle tickets for the chance to win a festive hamper! | | 8th December | **Christingle**  **E**very child to make a Christingle at school.  Parents invited to take part in a church service during the afternoon.  Reception & KS1 – 1pm in Church.  KS2 – 2pm in Church. | | 12th December | **Non uniform day** for the Christmas Fair donations:  Reception and KS1 – chocolate treats please!  KS2 – bottles of something lovely please! | | 13th December | **Whole school trip to the Pantomime** – please make sure you are in school at 8:30am as we will be leaving promptly at 9am.    **Christmas Fair** 3:15 – 5pm  Choir to sing! Please come and join us!  **Party Lunch** to be sausage roll and chips today!  Please can you pay £2.68 on the school gateway. | | 14th December | **School Christmas lunch** if you would like it please.  Please can you pay £2.68 on the school gateway!  Please join us for **Christmas Carols** on the playground at 2:45pm.  **PTA stall on the playground today** | | 16th December | School to finish at 1pm.  **Party lunch** for children – burger and chips!  Please can you pay £2.68 on the school gateway.  No Fun Foxes today. |   **Something Lovely from Mrs Powell – Happiness Jar**  When we go through challenges in our lives, it is easy to focus on the negative and the sad things. Each week or even every day ask your child to draw or write something lovely that has happened on a piece of paper and put it in jar. (You do the same!) At the end of each month read them together and chat about all the lovely moments that have happened to your family. This provides structure for a conversation and helps give a sense of perspective, why not try this at dinner time!  **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/>  **Clothes Donation**  We would really appreciate donations of outgrown socks, tights and jogging bottoms for children aged 3-8. Please bring them to Miss Dalby (Reception Classroom) - thank you in advance!  **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!*   |  |  | | --- | --- | | **16th November** | Flu immunisations in school | | **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 | | **24th November** | Choir singing at Lostock Christmas light Switch on | | **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. Children to return to school at 4:30pm. | | **7th December** | KS2 play – 5pm. Children to return to school at 4:30pm. | | **8th December** | Christingle | | **12th December** | PTA non uniform day for a donation for Xmas Fair. KS1 children to bring in chocolate gifts and KS2 children to bring in bottles for prizes. | | **13th December** | Panto & PTA Christmas Fair - Party lunch – sausage roll and chips! | | **14th December** | Christmas Lunch  Christmas Carol Concert. Parents to join us on the playground for carols at 2:45pm. | | **15th December** | Party lunch (Burger and chips!) and school finishes at 1 pm – No Fun Foxes | | **10th January 2024** | Toucans trip to the Imperial War Museum | | **30th January 2024** | Film Night | | **17th January 2024** | Goldfinches trip to Chester Grosvenor Museum | | **14th February 2024** | School Disco | | **5th March 2024** | Hair Workshop | | **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 | | **13th July 2024** | Summer Fair | |

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| **Worship**  Thank you to the parents who joined in with Vicar Andrew’s worship in church, it is really special to welcome you into our class worships. We have focused on love and friendship in worships this week as we joined in with National Anti-Bullying Week. It was super to see lots of odd socks on Monday which reminded us that we are all special and unique.  We also explored the Hindu festival of light – Divali. The children discussed how the theme of light is really important to Hindus during Divali as it welcomes God’s love into their homes. We then compared this to our vision statement which reminds us of God’s love and light.  **“Light guided Rama and Sita just like it guides us. Lights make me think that Jesus is near.” Year Two quote.** |

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| **Sunflower Award Children** | | |
| **Owls (Reception)** | Sean | For having the courage to share your voice with your friends in class. Thank you for letting your light shine! |
| **Starlings (Y1)** | Isla | For the wonderful perseverance she shows when completing Maths problems and the beautiful smile that lights up our room. Well done Isla! |
| **Swallows (Y2)** | Charlotte | For courage when reading her lines out loud. Beautiful reading Charlotte! |
| **Robins (Y3)** | Noah | For showing great courage to write done his amazing ideas in English and for the huge improvement he has made with his handwriting. |
| **Goldfinches (Y4)** | Lukas | For showing beautiful friendship, kindness and gentleness to your friends. You are a fantastic role model. |
| **Skylarks (Y5)** | Harriet W | For showing such gentleness and kindness in all that she does. Thank you for letting your light shine, Harriet! |
| **Toucans (Y6)** | Lily | For your focus and determination to present the work in all of your books so beautifully. |

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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)** | Hannah and Jaxx |
| **Starlings (Y1)** | Tilly and Callen |
| **Swallows (Y2)** | Gracie-Mae and Isla |
| **Robins (Y3)** | Rodrigo and Gabriel |
| **Goldfinches (Y4)** | Layla G and Megan |
| **Skylarks (Y5)** | Lydia and Alexia |
| **Toucans (Y6)** | Josh and Kyan |



Happy Birthday!

To Skyler in Starlings and Martha in Swallows

**Lunch Menu – Week 2**

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| **Monday** | **Tuesday** | **Wednesday** | **Thursday** | **Friday** |
| Sausages served with mashed potato & seasonal vegetables & gravy | Pasta Bolognese served with garlic bread and seasonal vegetables | Roast Chicken with roast/mashed potato served with seasonal vegetables & gravy | Chinese chicken curry served with rice, naan bread seasonal vegetables | Battered Fish served with Chips & Peas or Baked Beans |
| 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 |
| Deli Choice of Breads with a filling choice of ham, cheese or tuna Served with a Side Salad | Deli Choice of Breads with a filling choice of cheese, ham or tuna Served with a Side Salad | Deli Choice of Breads with a filling choice of ham, cheese or tuna Served with a Side Salad | Deli Choice of Breads with a filling choice of ham, cheese or tuna Served with a Side Salad | Deli Choice of Breads with a filling choice of cheese or tuna Served with a Side Salad |
| Peach crumble slice & custard | Chocolate Shortbread finger | Fresh Fruit salad | Lemon Drizzle Cake | Melting Moment |

**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

**TERM DATES 2024 – 2025**

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| **Holidays** | **Date of Closing** | **Date of Re-Opening** |
| **Summer break 2024** | Friday 19th July school finishes at 1pm – No Fun Foxes | Tuesday 3rd September |
| **Autumn Half-Term 2024** | Friday 25th October | Monday 4th November |
| **Christmas 2024/2025** | Friday 20th December school finishes at 1pm - No Fun Foxes | Monday 6th January |
| **Spring Half-Term 2025** | Friday 14th February | Tuesday 25th February |
| **Spring Break 2025** | Friday 4th April | Wednesday 23rd April |
| **May Day Weekend 2025** | Friday 3rd May | Tuesday 7th May |
| **Summer Half-Term 2025** | Friday 23rd May | Monday 2nd June |
| **Summer Break 2025** | Friday 18th July school finishes at 1pm - No Fun Foxes | Monday 1st September |

**INSET DAYS (Teacher Training) – 5 in total for 2024/25**

Monday 2nd September 2024

Monday 24th February 2025

Monday 21st July 2025

Tuesday 22nd July 2025

Wednesday 23rd July 2025

# **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).**