

Learning for Life!



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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of a busy and rewarding term, I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your support, encouragement and the partnership you have shown throughout the year. Together, we have helped our children grow in confidence, curiosity and kindness – qualities that shine through in everything they do.

Our Macmillan Coffee Afternoon events ran throughout a week at the end of September 2025. Many parents supported with cake donations and many of you took the opportunity to come in to meet your child's form tutor, class team and other parents and joined in with some fun learning activities with the pupils.

From November, we were able to revert to our usual timetable, and pupils have been engaging in their ACE afternoons on Fridays on projects linked to the school's values of ambition, empowerment and community.

School Council representatives met three times this term to discuss various topics brought by classes to the meetings, which included clubs, educational visits, school events, charity work, Christmas arrangements and catering. They also met one of our Governors to talk about the Maths provision at Lonsdale School. Representatives of the School Council also met the Senior Leadership Team to give their feedback.

After-school clubs ran during the Autumn Term with two clubs per week. We did not receive a lot of interest for the first half of the Spring Term, and we will write to you again next term with our club offer from Easter.

We welcomed M&M Productions to the school, who performed "Beauty and the Beast" in October. Curriculum events this term included Black History Month, History and Remembrance.

Seven classes went on educational visits, including bowling, a sports event at Wodson Park, watching a pantomime at the Gordon Craig, Christmas shopping and a visit to see Santa at Willows Farm. Other classes are planning their visits for the coming term.

A House event ran last week where they were asked to create a giant Christmas decoration and a Christmas jingle. Red House won the competition with their own interpretation of "Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer". This week, our Primary department were thrilled to see so many parents join their musical nativity play this week.

As the festive season begins, I wish you and your families peace, joy and time to rest together. May the holiday bring warmth and laughter, and may the New Year be filled with hope and opportunity.

On behalf of all the staff at Lonsdale School, thank you once again for being such an important part of our school community. We are looking forward to seeing everyone back on the 6th January.

With kind regards,

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