

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for joining in our Shwmae Day celebrations – the school was a sea of red today and pupils enjoyed activities and singing, led by Criw Cymraeg throughout the day. Diolch Criw Cymraeg!

Many thanks to parents/carers of Year 6 pupils for dressing their children up as evacuees for the trip to Cardiff Castle this week – they looked wonderful in their old-fashioned hats, caps, dresses and jumpers. As always, the children behaved impeccably on the trip, and made us very proud of them.

We are excited about the PTA Spooks & Sparkles Disco on Wednesday – as are the children, which you may have noticed...

Parents' Consultations

We are looking forward to meeting Reception to Year 6 parents/carers at our Parents' Consultations on Monday and Tuesday next week. This year the consultations will take place in both school halls. For Reception to Year 2 please enter by the main door; for Years 3 to 6 please enter by the Key Stage 2 entrance. You will of course be able to move between both halls if needed.

Parking reminder

A reminder to please park and drive safely and considerately around the school site at drop-off and pick-up times. Pupils can earn WOW (Walk Once a Week) badges for walking some of the way to school, so they may be happy if you park-and-stride some distance away. Thank you.

South Wales Football Coaching at Eastern Leisure Centre

Please find attached information about football coaching at Eastern Leisure Centre during school term time (Friday evenings).

Reminder of Christmas Sharing Sessions for parents/carers

Year group	Sharing day and date
Nursery AM & PM	Monday 9 th December
Reception	Tuesday 10 th December
Year 1	Wednesday 11 th December
Year 2	Thursday 12 th December
Year 3	Friday 13 th December
Choir & Year 5	Friday 13 th December Festive Music Concert 2.30pm in Big Hall
Year 4	Tuesday 17 th December
Year 5	Wednesday 18 th December
Year 6	Thursday 5 th December

PTA news & events

- **PTA Spooks & Sparkles Discos - Wednesday 23rd October:**

Nursery to Year 2 Disco 5pm - 5.45pm;

Years 3 to 6 Disco 6pm - 7pm

- Friday 29th November - PTA Christmas Fair
- Sunday 8th December - PTA Fancy Dress Festive Family Fun Run around Roath Park Lake

Thank you,

PTA

The staff would like to thank the PTA – again! – for organising and purchasing 30 high-viz waistcoats for Foundation Phase children to wear during outdoor learning sessions. This will mean that they can be easily spotted during sessions and will go some way to protecting clothing if the weather is inclement. The PTA has also organised and donated several waterproof all-in-ones for Wellbeing Class pupils, who spend a great deal of their time outdoors. These will also protect clothing and keep children dry and warm so that they can stay out for longer. We are extremely grateful for the PTA's help with this and to Lakeside families for their continuing generosity, without which none of it would be possible xxx

(Another) Donation request

Please may we ask - if you are planning to donate clothing to charity, would you consider donating items to school instead? We ALWAYS need: socks of all sizes, small underwear and tights for boys & girls, joggers of all sizes (especially during the winter weather when children can get wet and muddy) and waterproof shoes/wellies. These can be brought to main reception or sent in with your child at any time. If possible, please label your bag of donations for the attention of Mrs Ullah. Thank you so much in advance for this – your help will make a huge difference.

Lost Property

We have added photos of the latest non-uniform lost property to the website. Please have a look and if you recognise anything please let us know, either by emailing LakesidePrimary@cardiff.gov.uk or send a note in with your child to give to their teacher, and we will get it back to you. Thank you. (After a certain time on the website, suitable unclaimed lost property is also retained for use in emergencies).

Remembrance and Poppies

From Monday 21st October, Year 6 pupils will be selling poppies at the school gate to raise money for the Royal British Legion.

Wishing you all a pleasant weekend.

Best wishes,

Rachel Mitchell

Upcoming events / Term dates

November 2024

- Monday 4th November – Lakeside Diwali celebrations
- Monday 4th November – PTA meeting - evening

- Monday 11th to Friday 15th November – Anti-bullying Week
- Monday 11th November – Year 6 Remembrance Assembly for Parents/Carers
- Tuesday 12th November – Odd Socks Day
- Friday 15th November – Children in Need – wear spots to school
- Friday 29th November – PTA Christmas Fair
- Saturday 30th November – end of ASDA Cashpots for Schools scheme

December 2024

- Tuesday 3rd December – School Choir taking part in music service Christmas Showcase at the All Nations Centre
- Sunday 8th December – PTA Fancy Dress Festive Family Fun Run around Roath Park Lake
- Friday 13th December – Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children

January 2025

February 2025

March 2025

- Thursday 6th March – World Book Day

Term dates

2024-2025 Academic year

Autumn Term 2024

Break up for Autumn Half Term break Friday 25th October

HALF TERM BREAK Monday 28th October Friday 1st November

Back to school Monday 4th November

Break up for Christmas break Friday 20th December

CHRISTMAS BREAK Monday 23rd December Friday 3rd January 2025

Spring Term 2025

Back to school Monday 6th January

Break up for Spring Half Term break Friday 21st February

HALF TERM BREAK Monday 24th February Friday 28th February

Back to school Monday 3rd March

Break up for Easter break Friday 11th April

EASTER BREAK Monday 14th April Friday 25th April

Summer Term 2025

Back to school	Monday 28 th April
BANK HOLIDAY	Monday 5 th May
Break up for Half Term break	Friday 23 rd May
HALF TERM BREAK	Monday 26 th May Friday 30 th May
Back to school	Monday 2 nd June
Break up for Summer	Friday 18 th July
INSET DAY	Monday 21 st July