

Parentmail Friday 29th September

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you so much for joining in our non-uniform day to raise funds for St John Ambulance today. As always, you have been so generous and I'm delighted to say that you have raised £289.10 for this worthy cause.

As part of our Harvest celebrations, next week we will be collecting for the Food Bank at Emmanuel Baptist Church in Gabalfa. Donations are welcome from Monday onwards – at the main school gate, or pupils may bring them in and put them on the stage in the big hall, or you can drop them at the school office.

The Food Bank informs us that they need tinned meat, tinned fruit, tinned vegetables, dried rice, squash, toiletries (shower gel, deodorant and single toilet rolls), sanitary products, Long Life milk, biscuits, crisps, treats (chocolate & sweets). Any and all donations, however, are gratefully received. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Looking forward to the PTA's Teddy Bears' Picnic for Nursery and Reception families this afternoon!

First Aid training for parents/carers – Monday 30th September

We're looking forward to hosting the St John Ambulance Child and Infant First Aid Awareness sessions for parents/carers on Monday. Many thanks to St John Ambulance for delivering these important and interesting sessions.

Reminder of the upcoming Year Group Information meetings

YEAR GROUP	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Reception	Thursday 3 rd October	2.30 pm	Small Hall
Year 1	Wednesday 18 th September	2.45pm	Small Hall
Year 2	Thursday 19 th September	2.45pm	Small Hall
Year 3	Monday 23 rd September	2.45pm	Small Hall
Year 4	Tuesday 1 st October	2.45pm	Small Hall
Year 5	Tuesday 24 th September	2.45pm	Small Hall
Year 6	Thursday 26 th September	2.45pm	Small Hall

After-school Clubs

Club	Day & Time	Year Group	Start date
Chess	Mondays 3.30-4.30	Years 3 to 6	Monday 30 th September
Football	Mondays 3.15-4.15	5 & 6	Started
Choir	Tuesdays 3.15-4.15	4, 5 & 6	Started
Dance fit	Wednesdays 3.30-4.15	3, 4, 5 & 6	Started
Netball	Fridays 3.30-4.30	Year 6	Started

PTA events

The first PTA meeting of this school year took place on Wednesday evening – thanks to those who attended and to Lisa and Rhi for the refreshments and cakes! Discussions were around what to spend the money on, and upcoming fundraising ideas and events. Much excitement about the Easy

Fundraising scheme which donates a percentage of money spent online at a large selection of mainstream stores. One parent reported netting £20 for the PTA by booking hotel rooms via the app - basically money for nothing. Anyone can set up easy fundraising and we would ask as many parents to try it out! Use the QR code below or go to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/> – especially useful as Christmas approaches.



After raising nearly £9000 last year, the PTA shared where some of this money has been spent for the children and the school including:

- Wet Weather gear for Forest School Outdoor Learning
- £100 class donation for every teacher in the school to spend for their class
- The annual Christmas pantomime
- Playground equipment
- Money towards Year 6 leavers' activities later this year
- Music lessons offered by CF Music for Year 5, with the plan that these lessons will be covered by the PTA each year going forward for every Year 5 class.

For this year, there is a real focus on science and technology spend that would benefit all year groups so a lot of the PTA events will be working to raise money for this – more detail will follow.

Here are some confirmed upcoming fundraising dates:

- Friday 4th October – Cake and Preloved Uniform Sale: Years 2 and 6 to provide cakes
- Wednesday 23rd October - PTA Spooks & Sparkles Discos: 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

Thanks, PTA

On behalf of the school staff and each and every pupil at Lakeside I'd like to sincerely thank the PTA for their commitment to the school, their hard work in fundraising, and their enthusiasm for supporting what we do. The PTA support and financial contributions make a huge difference to us. Thank you.

Wishing you all a pleasant weekend.

Best wishes,
Rachel Mitchell

Upcoming events / Term dates

September 2024

- Monday 30th September - Child and Infant First Aid Awareness sessions for parents/carers of pupils in Nursery, Reception, Years 1 and 2

October 2024

- Tuesday 1st October – Year 5 visit to Llancaiach Fawr Manor
- Tuesday 1st October - Year 4 Curriculum Meeting 2.45pm
- Wednesday 2nd October – Harvest celebration
- Thursday 3rd October - Delivery of Food Bank donations

- Thursday 3rd October – Reception Reading Meeting for Reception parents/carers
- Friday 4th October – PTA Cake and Preloved Uniform Sale
- Monday 7th October – Flu immunisations
- Friday 11th October - Wear Yellow for Mental Health Day
- Tuesday 15th October – Year 6 visit to Cardiff Castle
- Friday 18th October – Shwmae Day – wear red to school
- Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd October – Parent/Carer consultations for pupils in Reception to Year 6
- Wednesday 23rd October – Spooks & Sparkles Disco 5pm for Nursery to Year 2 pupils; 6pm for Y3-6 pupils.

November 2024

- Monday 4th November – Lakeside Diwali celebrations
- Monday 11th to Friday 15th November – Anti-bullying Week
- 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

- Sunday 8th December – PTA Fancy Dress Festive Family Fun Run around Roath Park Lake
- Friday 13th December – Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children

Term dates

2024-2025 Academic year

Autumn Term 2024

Break up for Autumn Half Term break	Friday 25 th October		
HALF TERM BREAK	Monday 28 th October	Friday 1 st November	
Back to school	Monday 4 th November		
Break up for Christmas break	Friday 20 th December		
CHRISTMAS BREAK	Monday 23 rd December	Friday 3 rd January 2025	

Spring Term 2025

Back to school	Monday 6 th January		
Break up for Spring Half Term break	Friday 21 st February		
HALF TERM BREAK	Monday 24 th February	Friday 28 th February	
Back to school	Monday 3 rd March		
Break up for Easter break	Friday 11 th April		
EASTER BREAK	Monday 14 th April	Friday 25 th 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		