

Parentmail Friday 10th January, 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year to all our Lakeside families! It's been a pleasure to welcome your children back to school for the Spring term in spite of the very cold weather. Thank you for taking extra care on roads and pavements and for wrapping your children up well against the cold, and for using the main gates, as our lower paths were slippery this week.

We have a lot to look forward to this term, including year group sharing sessions for parents/carers – an opportunity to share and join in your children's learning projects and enjoy the work they are doing this term. Parent consultations will take place at the end of the Spring Term.

PTA Cake Sale – Friday 17th January

The PTA are hosting their first cake sale of 2025 next Friday 17th, after school. Years 1 and 5 will be invited to donate cakes, but ALL donations most welcome. Please avoid using nuts, and some gluten/dairy-free options would be wonderful. Please also contact the PTA or speak to any PTA member if you can help set up, manage stalls and/or clear up afterwards. Thank you.

Learning Projects

As always, we welcome parent/carer-experts to come into school to share their knowledge and experience with pupils. This half term's learning projects are as follows:

- Year 6's learning project is Frozen Kingdom and they would love to hear from explorers/adventurers, anyone with 'polar' experience or knowledge of the Titanic.
- Year 5's learning project is Alchemy Island and any experience in the areas of minerals, riddles, maps, chemistry, and the ancient art of alchemy will be gratefully received.
- Year 4's learning project is Road Trip USA and they would love to meet someone who has lived in or has detailed knowledge of the USA, and tourism and travel in both the States and in Wales.
- Year 3's learning project is Myths & Legends and they'd like to hear from anyone who knows about traditional Welsh myths and legends; and from storytellers.
- Year 2's learning project is Towers, Tunnels & Turrets for which they'd like to meet someone with knowledge about the different parts of castles and the knights that used them.
- Year 1's learning project is Rio de Vida. Anybody with knowledge about carnivals and Brazil (the place, the food, the people) and a dancing expert (e.g. Samba) would be very welcome.
- Reception's learning project is Dangerous Dinosaurs and they'd love to hear from someone with knowledge of dinosaur habitats, their food, their bones, and anything else to do with these fascinating creatures.

- Nursery's learning project is Starry Night in which they look at the differences in the world at night compared to during the day, the importance of sleep, and finding out about nocturnal animals. Anyone with knowledge about the above will be most welcome.

After school clubs return dates reminder

Chess Club restarts on Monday, January 13th

Football restarts on Monday, January 20th

Dancefit restarts on Wednesday, January 15th

Young Life Savers (Year 5 pupils) starts on Thursday, January 16th

Netball restarts on Friday, January 17th

PTA News

- A reminder that there is a PTA AGM in the small school hall on Wednesday 15th January 7.30pm. All welcome to discuss fundraising and spending plans for the upcoming term.
- PTA Cake Sale after school Friday 17th January

Wishing you a pleasant and safe weekend.

Best wishes,

Rachel Mitchell

Upcoming events / Term dates

January 2025

Monday January 13th – Chess Club restarts

Tuesday January 14th – Year 2 visit Cardiff Castle

Wednesday January 15th – Dancefit restarts

Wednesday January 15th – PTA AGM 7.30pm at school

Friday 17th January – Netball restarts: Cardiff Dragons Netball Team running netball session, sponsored by The House of Sport

Monday 20th January – Football Club restarts

Wednesday 29th January – Chinese New Year

February 2025

Monday 3rd to Thursday 13th February – PTA Loose Change Challenge

Thursday 6th February – Dydd Miwsig Cymru / Welsh Music Day

Friday 7th February – NSPCC Number Day

Tuesday 11th February – Safer Internet Day

Wednesday 12th February – PTA 'Disglos' Ultra violet disco – 5-5.45pm for pupils in Nursery to Year 2; 6-7pm for pupils in Years 3 to 6

Friday 21st February – Eisteddfod

Friday 21st February – break up for Half Term

March 2025

Thursday 6th March – World Book Day

Wednesday 12th to Friday 14th March – Year 5 & 6 residential visit to Llangrannog

April 2025

Sunday 6th April – PTA Duck Race

w/c Monday 7th April – Parent Consultations this week

Friday 11th April – break up for Easter

Monday 28th April – back to school

May 2025

Friday 23rd May – break up for Half Term

June 2025

Monday 2nd June – INSET DAY

Tuesday 3rd June – back to school for pupils

Wednesday 18th June – Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 Sports Day – National Indoor Athletic Centre, Cardiff Met University – morning

July 2025

Wednesday 9th July – Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 Sports Day – National Indoor Athletic Centre, Cardiff Met University – morning

Friday 18th July – last day for pupils – break up for summer

Term dates

2024-2025 Academic year

Spring Term 2025

Back to school	Tuesday 7 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	
INSET DAY	Monday 2 nd June		

Return to school	Tuesday 3 rd June		
Break up for Summer	Friday 18 th July		
INSET DAY	Monday 21 st July		