

Parentmail Friday 14th February, 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

A huge thank you to the PTA, the DJ and all volunteers for the amazing Neon Discos this week. As always, the children had a wonderful time, and the neon lights created an amazing effect! We look forward to Monday when we will be visited by none other than Gladiator Steel, who will spend time talking to pupils across the school. A big thank you to the PTA for organising and financing this wonderful treat for us.

I'd also like to thank our Digital Leaders pupil group for their excellent assembly and video on Safer Internet Day, where they talked about how to stay safe online and avoid scams. The video is available on the school website or via this link:

<https://www.lakesideprimaryschool.co.uk/page/?title=Pupil+Voice+Groups+%2F+Grwpiau+Llais+y+Disgybl&pid=67&postLogin=true>

Thank you also to our School Council for their International Mother Languages Day assembly today (Friday). It was lovely to see so many children in national costume for Mother Languages Day – thank you families for your support. We counted how many languages pupils at Lakeside speak and there are an amazing 38! This makes us very proud.

Date changes

- Please note that we have changed the date of our World Book Day celebration to Friday 7th March. Pupils (and staff) are invited to wear pyjamas to school on that day so that they are comfy for lots of lovely reading
- The last day of the school year for pupils will be Thursday 17th July as Friday 18th July is now an INSET DAY

World Thinking Day – Thursday 20th February

World Thinking Day falls on Friday 21st February but as this is our Eisteddfod Day we will mark **World Thinking Day on Thursday 20th February**. Pupils who attend Rainbows, Brownies, Beavers and Cubs are invited to wear their respective uniforms to school on Thursday for World Thinking Day.

Eisteddfods and St David's Day, 2025

We will be celebrating St David's Day and holding our Eisteddfods (one for Reception to Year 2, and the other for Years 3 to 6) on **Friday 21st February**. Children will be taking part in a variety of competitions, including art, handwriting, reciting, singing and dancing.

Children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 invited to come to school in Welsh national costume on Friday 21st February. Children in Years 3 to 6 are invited to wear their house colours for the Eisteddfod.

Children will be able to buy an artificial Marie Curie daffodil at the school gate during the week commencing 17th February for a donation of £1.

Junior Parkrun – Sunday mornings

Please see the attached information about Junior Parkrun which takes place across the UK every Sunday morning.

Softball cricket at Howells School

Also attached is information about softball cricket taster sessions at Howells School on Fridays.

Upcoming PTA events

- Wednesday 19th March – Nursery to Year 2 PTA Cinema Night in school: arrive 5pm for 5.15pm start
- Thursday 20th March – Years 3 to 6 PTA Cinema Night in school: arrive 5pm for 5.15pm start
- Sunday 6th April – PTA Duck Race at Roath Park 9.30am
- Friday 16th May – Spring Fair after school – seeds/plants, books, cakes, and more
- There will also be Cake Sales dotted across the term and a parents/carers event.

Sharing Sessions dates: Spring 2025

Below are the dates for our parent/carer sharing sessions which will take place in the large school hall during March and into early April.

Nursery	Easter Bonnet parades Tuesday 8 th April 10.45am & 2.30pm
Reception	Thursday 6 th March 9.15am
Year 1	Thursday 20 th March 9.15am
Year 2	Wednesday 2 nd April 9.15am
Year 3	Thursday 27 th March 9.15am
Year 4	Tuesday 25 th March 9.15am
Year 5	Thursday 3 rd April 9.15am
Year 6	Wednesday 26 th March 9.15am

Wishing you a pleasant and safe weekend.

Best wishes,
Rachel Mitchell

Upcoming events / Term dates

February 2025

Monday 17th February – Gladiator Steel visiting Lakeside
Thursday 20th February – World Thinking Day
Friday 21st February – Eisteddfodau
Friday 21st February – break up for Half Term
Friday evening 28th February to Sunday 30th March: Ramadan

March 2025

Thursday 6th March – Reception Sharing Session
Thursday 6th March – Year 5 Young Lifesavers session for 5B pupils: session 1 of 5
Friday 7th March – World Book Day – wear pyjamas to school
Wednesday 12th to Friday 14th March – Year 5 & 6 residential visit to Llangrannog
No Young Lifesavers session this week due to Y5 and Y6 residential
Wednesday 19th March – Reception to Year 2 PTA Cinema Night
Thursday 20th March – Year 1 Sharing Session
Thursday 20th March – Year 5 Young Lifesavers session for 5B pupils: session 2 of 5
Thursday 20th March – Years 3 to 6 PTA Cinema Night
Friday 21st March – COMIC RELIEF DAY

Friday 21st March – Pupils v Staff netball match for Comic Relief (during school day)
 Tuesday 25th March – Year 4 Sharing Session
 Wednesday 26th March – Year 6 Sharing Session
 Thursday 27th March – Year 3 Sharing Session
 Thursday 27th March – Year 5 Young Lifesavers session for 5B pupils: session 3 of 5
 Sunday 30th March/Monday 31st March – Eid ul Fitr

April 2025

Wednesday 2nd April – Year 2 Sharing Session
 Thursday 3rd April – Year 5 Sharing Session
 Thursday 3rd April – Year 5 Young Lifesavers session for 5B pupils: session 4 of 5
 Sunday 6th April – PTA Duck Race
 w/c Monday 7th April – Parent Consultations this week
 Tuesday 8th April – Easter Bonnet parades
 Thursday 10th April – Year 5 Young Lifesavers session for 5B pupils: final session
 Friday 11th April – break up for Easter
 Monday 28th April – back to school

May 2025

Friday 16th May – proposed date of Spring Fair in lower playground (after school)
 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
 Thursday 17th July – last day for pupils – break up for summer
Friday 18th July – INSET DAY
Monday 21st July – INSET DAY

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	Thursday 17 th July		
INSET DAY	Friday 18 th July		
INSET DAY	Monday 21 st July		