

Parentmail Friday 28th March, 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

I'm delighted to report that the PTA Cinema Nights raised a wonderful £1156.00! Well done to the PTA and all the volunteers, and to everyone who came to enjoy these great events.

It was a great pleasure to welcome parents and carers of years 4, 6 and 3 to their children's Sharing Sessions this week. I really enjoyed each of the sharing sessions and learned a great deal about the USA, the history of the Welsh language and the water cycle. Thanks to all the families who attended to enjoy your children's learning. Looking forward to the Year 2 and 5 sharing sessions next week.

Well done to the Year 5 netball players who came overall 4th in a netball tournament this week. Thanks to the parent-coaches for organising it and making it possible. Well done also to the football team, who also came overall 4th in their tournament in Ocean Park this week. Thanks to parents/carers for all their help and support with our sporting events.

We would like to wish Eid Mubarak to all who are celebrating Eid ul-Fitr either on Sunday or Monday. We hope you have wonderful and enjoyable times celebrating with your families and friends. **There will be an Eid Food Sale on Wednesday 2nd April after school.**

Easter Food Bank

As last year we would like to make an Easter Food Bank donation to Emmanuel Baptist Church in Gabalfa. The usual foods and products are most welcome (tins, cereals, pasta, rice, biscuits, hygiene products, etc.). We would also love to be able to donate Easter treats to the Food Bank, e.g. Easter eggs, chocolate bunnies, etc. We will collect donations on the gate from Monday, or donations can be brought into school. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Parent Governor applications

Your children will bring home ballot papers for voting for three school parent-governors today. Please indicate your choices of governor and return the form in an envelope to school via your children. Thank you.

Upcoming PTA events

- Wednesday April 2nd – Eid Food Sale after school. Come and celebrate Eid al-Fitr with some delicious snacks and treats.
- Sunday 6th April – PTA Duck Race at Roath Park 9.30am. **The PTA are keen to secure some sponsorship for this popular event. If you can help with this, please contact the PTA on the email above or speak to a PTA committee member. Thank you.**

DUCKS WILL BE SOLD AT THE MAIN SCHOOL GATE BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL OVER THE NEXT TWO WEEKS.

- Friday 9th May – Spring Fair after school – seeds/plants, books, cakes, and more
Calling all gardening, crafting and DIY-ing family and friends!

We will also be offering interactive games to play (we have Splat the Rat, Ball Run and Hook a Duck, and would love some more). If anyone has any of the hobbies/skills above, we would love your contributions!

Plants and crafts can be brought to school during the week commencing 6th May. Please can DIY/makers contact the PTA on lakesideprimarycardiffpta@gmail.com so that we can coordinate. Thank you!

- 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 6th March 9.15am
Year 1	Thursday 20th March 9.15am
Year 2	Wednesday 2 nd April 9.15am
Year 3	Thursday 27th March 9.15am
Year 4	Tuesday 25th March 9.15am
Year 5	Thursday 3 rd April 9.15am
Year 6	Wednesday 26th March 9.15am

Staff news – Year 3 teacher

Year 3 teacher Miss Hopkins (formerly Mrs Vanstone) is leaving us after 31 years of teaching at Lakeside. She would like to share the following message, thanking the children and families for the wonderful memories that she will take with her from her time at Lakeside.

Having been a teacher at Lakeside Primary School for 31 years, I have had the privilege of teaching many of your children and, sometimes, their children too (which makes me feel very old!). I have so many fond memories of being a teacher at Lakeside and will cherish those for ever. There have been many changes over those three decades, but what has remained constant is the wonderful children – their fun, enthusiasm, good manners and their love of learning. I really couldn't have wished for better pupils and feel very lucky to have been part of their lives. It is now time for me to move onto pastures new, utilising the skills that I have learned throughout my career. I would like to thank the families in Lakeside community for all your support over the years and wish you all the best for the future. Miss Hopkins (formerly Mrs Vanstone)

I am sure you will join me in wishing Miss Hopkins all the best in her future endeavours.

Wishing you all a pleasant weekend.

Best wishes,
Rachel Mitchell

Upcoming events / Term dates

March 2025

Sunday 30th March/Monday 31st March – Eid ul Fitr

Monday 31st March – Year 3 Swimming – two weeks at Cardiff Met

April 2025

Wednesday 2nd April – Year 2 Sharing Session

Wednesday 2nd April – Eid food Sale – after school

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

Wednesday 30th April – Reception visit to Barry Island

May 2025

Thursday 8th May – Year 1 visit to Mountain View Ranch

Friday 9th May – 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 4th June – Reception visit to Cefn Mably Farm

Tuesday 10th June – Year 4 visit to Bristol Aquarium

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		