

Parentmail Friday 13th September

Dear Parents/Carers,

We've come to the end of the first full week of this academic year! A big welcome to our new Reception pupils and their families. The Reception children have settled in beautifully and we were delighted to see them at our whole school assembly this morning. Pupils are awarded Lakeside Learner certificates at the Friday assembly and they are applauded on the stage for their achievements. Today's Reception Lakeside Learner achievers took the experience in their stride with big proud smiles as they joined other pupils on the stage.

Thank you for sending in wet play activities for your children. It's been very nice not to have to use them very much this week, though the temperature has plummeted. If you haven't yet done so and would like your child to have something quiet to do during wet play times, please send in a colouring or puzzle book for them to use when it's raining. Thank you.

Thank you to those of you who have donated waterproof clothes/wellies to school. They will be well used! We'd be delighted to receive any further donations. Thank you.

ASDA Cashpot for Schools

I'm sure that many of you are aware of this scheme by now, but just in case...

ASDA supermarkets are running a scheme where if you shop either in-store or online a percentage of your spend will be donated to your school. Just go to Asda Cashpot for Schools online or use this link <https://www.asda.com/cashpotforschools> Thank you!

Harvest celebration: Wednesday 2nd October

We will be collecting donations of non-perishable food for the Food Bank at Emmanuel Baptist Church, Gabalfa as part of this year's harvest celebration. The donations can be brought into school from Monday 30th September. Here is a list of items that are always in short supply, but ANY non-perishable supplies are always gratefully received.

- Tinned meat, fruit and vegetables
- Dried rice
- Squash
- Toiletries – shower gel, deodorant and single toilet rolls
- Sanitary products
- Long Life milk
- Biscuits
- Crisps
- Treats – chocolate, sweets

Following our Harvest assembly, members of the School Council will deliver the donations to the Food Bank. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Parent/Carer learning project experts

We have already had a few parent-experts into school to support our Autumn Learning Projects. If you are interested in supporting any of these, please let us know. Our Autumn term projects are as follows:

Year 1	Memory Box: a health visitor would be very welcome to come and see us
Year 2	Mud, Mess & Mixtures: any scientists or STEM experts
Year 3	Scrumdiddlyumptious: all about different foods, healthy eating and hygiene
Year 4	Burps, Bottoms & Bile: biology – teeth and the digestive system. We have already received a visit from two dentists – many thanks to them for visiting.
Year 5	Roses and Royals: the history of the Tudors: we would love to meet a history expert/archaeologist, or anyone who knows about Tudor life
Year 6	A Child's War: someone who has knowledge about the 2 nd World War, evacuees to Wales, and the Swansea Blitz

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

PE days reminder

Here are the PE days for your child's year group. Pupils should wear their PE kit on their PE day.

Year group	PE day
Reception	FRIDAYS
Year 1	TUESDAYS
Year 2	MONDAYS
Year 3	FRIDAYS
Year 4	WEDNESDAYS
Year 5	TUESDAYS
Year 6	THURSDAYS

First Aid training for Nursery to Year 2 parents/carers – Monday 30th September

Child and Infant First Aid Awareness sessions for parents/carers of pupils in Nursery, Reception, Years 1 and 2 will take place on Monday 30th September. These will be provided by St John's Ambulance. Letters with detail about how to sign up for the sessions will follow shortly.

After-school Clubs

Club	Day & Time	Year Group	Start date
Chess	Mondays 3.30-4.15	Years 3 to 6	TBC – October start
Football	Mondays 3.15-4.15	5 & 6	Monday 30 th September (letters will go out next week)
Choir	Tuesdays 3.15-4.15	4, 5 & 6	Started
Dance fit	Wednesdays 3.30-4.15	3, 4, 5 & 6	Wednesday 18 th September
Netball	Fridays 3.30-4.30	Year 6	Friday 13 th September

PTA

The PTA AGM will take place in the big school hall on **Wednesday 25th September at 7pm**. All are welcome to attend 😊

Thanks, PTA

Wishing you all a pleasant weekend.

Best wishes,
Rachel Mitchell

Upcoming events / Term dates

September 2024

- Wednesday 18th September – Year 1 Curriculum Meeting 2.45pm
- Thursday 19th September - Year 2 Curriculum Meeting 2.45pm
- Monday 23rd September – Year 3 Curriculum Meeting 2.45pm
- Tuesday 24th September - Year 5 Curriculum Meeting 2.45pm
- Wednesday 25th September – PTA AGM Big Hall 7pm
- Thursday 26th September - Year 6 Curriculum Meeting 2.45pm
- Friday 27th September – St John’s Ambulance Fundraising Day
- 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 and delivery of Food Bank donations
- Thursday 3rd October – Reception Reading Meeting for Reception parents/carers
- 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
- Week commencing Monday 21st October – Parent/Carer consultations

November 2024

- Monday 4th November – Lakeside Diwali celebrations
- Saturday 30th November – end of ASDA Cashpots for Schools scheme

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	
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		