

Parentmail Friday 14th March, 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

We send all who are observing the Holi Festival of Colours this weekend our best wishes for a wonderful celebration.

We're all looking forward to next week's PTA Cinema Nights – the details are repeated below as a reminder. We're also excited for the Year 1 parent/carer Sharing Session next week – looking forward to welcoming Year 1 families to school on Thursday.

Thank you very much to the parents who delivered our very interesting Ramadan assembly this week, in which we learned the meaning of the Holy Month to those who observe it. (*Please see below).

Many of us have been in Llangrannog since Wednesday on the Year 5 & 6 residential visit. We expect those children who attended to spend a lot of time sleeping this weekend, as will those of us who accompanied them! Pupils who remained in school enjoyed off-timetable activities and will probably be equally tired. Thank you to all involved – including pupils – for a successful residential visit period.

RED NOSE DAY – Friday 21st March, 2025

Next Friday we will be celebrating Red Nose Day. Donations will be collected on the gate and pupils in Year 5 will be running charity stalls in the Big Hall that morning. Please can children in Years 3, 4 and 6 bring change with them if they wish to purchase anything from the Year 5 stalls. Thank you.

Pupils and staff are invited to come to school in non-school uniform and sporting **FUNNY HAIR!**

A pupils versus staff netball match will take place on the afternoon of Friday 21st March.

***The Date Project**

A huge thank you to Mrs Rauf and Mrs Morgan who delivered an assembly about Ramadan this week. They also gifted us some tins of delicious dates for children to try. Once empty, the tins can be filled with gifts for children across the world, who are living in conflict, facing starvation, or are seriously ill. As with Christmas shoe boxes, we will fill the tins (and more boxes if we have enough items) with gifts for girls or boys from three age groups: 0 to 3 years, 4 to 8 years, and over 9 years.

Gift ideas include: small toys, hygiene items, pens, pencils, crayons, yoyos, sunglasses, colouring books, puzzles, stationery, T-shirts, socks, children's plasters, jewellery, balloons, cards, and hairbands. (Please do not include foodstuffs and sweets, medicines, or weapon-related toys).

Please send any gifts you wish to donate to school with your child, or drop them into the school office. Many thanks in advance.

Parent Governor applications

We have three vacancies for parent governors at Lakeside. A parentmail was sent out yesterday with information and an application form was attached. There are hard copies of the form in the

school office if required. The deadline for applications is 12 noon on the 27th March. If we receive more than three applications the decision will go to ballot. Thank you.

PTA CINEMA NIGHTS

Wednesday 19th March (Reception to Year 2 pupils) & **Thursday 20th March** (Years 3 to 6)

Please see the attached poster as the snack options have been updated, thanks to Deli Fuego!

Cinema Nights FAQs

KS1 Movie night - Wednesday 19th March (Reception to Year 2)

Start time: 5pm, Main Hall, Lakeside Primary

Approx. Finish time: 6.45pm

Film: Secret Life of Pets

Ticket price: £5 including popcorn & a drink – tickets available via Parentpay

Entrance: through School Main Entrance (by office)

Ticket sales will end Monday 17/3/25

A space will be set up in the small hall for parents to sit while their children watch the film. Tea and coffee will be available to purchase.

Children are welcome to come in animal fancy dress, pyjamas or comfy clothes. They are welcome to also bring a cushion to sit on or a blanket to snuggle into should they wish.

Hot food, sweets, fruit and drinks will be available to purchase during the film time, so if children would like to buy anything, please can they come with change. The PTA will send out a price list before the event to help parents plan.

A 'quiet area' will be available during the film in the small hall for children to access if needed.

KS2 movie night - Thursday 20th March (Year 3 to Year 6)

Start time: 5pm

Approximate finish time: 7.15pm

Film: Wonka

Ticket Price: £5 including popcorn & a drink - tickets available via Parentpay

Entrance: through School Main Entrance (by office)

Pick up: KS2 exit

Ticket sales will end Monday 17/3/25

Parents can drop off children for the duration of the film. No mobile phones allowed and children are not allowed to walk home afterwards unaccompanied

We encourage children to come along in fancy dress, pyjamas and comfy clothes if they wish. They are welcome to also bring a cushion to sit on and a blanket to snuggle into.

Hot food, sweets, fruit and drinks will be available to purchase during the film time, so if children would like to buy anything, please can they come with change.

If you would like to volunteer to help at the event or have any questions please contact the PTA on: lakesideprimarycardiffpta@gmail.com

Other upcoming PTA events

- 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.**
- 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/carers 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 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

Swimming – Year 3

Swimming will be taking place for Year 3 (at Cardiff Met) for 2 weeks beginning 31st March. More information to follow shortly.

Wishing you a pleasant weekend.

Best wishes,
Rachel Mitchell

Upcoming events / Term dates

March 2025

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

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		