

Parentmail Wednesday 3rd September, 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you all had a great Summer break with a chance to enjoy yourselves and relax in the wonderful sunny weather, which seems to have changed a lot now...

We are all looking forward to welcoming your children back to school tomorrow – **Wednesday 3rd September** – and to welcoming our new pupils and families to Nursery and Reception over the next couple of weeks. Some year groups will be welcoming new pupils and we look forward to welcoming you and your families to Lakeside.

We'd like to send our best wishes to our former Year 6 pupils for their first day at high school.

School lunches

Please remember to book your child(ren)'s school lunch by 8am tomorrow morning via Parentpay. Thank you.

Physical Education

There will be no PE lessons this week. Your child's PE day will be decided before the end of this week and shared with you and your child. From next week, pupils should wear their PE kit to school on their PE day.

Late arrival at school

The school gates and doors are open between 8.45 and 8.55am. Any pupils who arrive at school after 8.55am must go to the office in order to enter the school and be signed in, as class teachers will be busy taking registers and introducing lessons after 8.55am.

After-school club information

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE CHOIR DAY HAS CHANGED FROM TUESDAYS TO THURSDAYS.

- After-school clubs usually start at 3.30pm and end at 4.30pm, but this will be confirmed by the staff member or organisation delivering the sessions. After-school clubs do not take place during school holidays/half-term breaks.
- Pupils from the relevant year groups who express an interest in joining an after-school club will be given a letter to bring home for parents/carers to complete.
- **All** members of after-school clubs **must** be collected by a responsible adult at the end of the club; club members are not permitted to walk home alone from these clubs.

	Year group	Weekday	Start date	End date (if known)
Chess	Years 2 to 6	Mondays	TBC	
Football	Years 5 & 6	Mondays	22 nd September	
Dancefit	Years 4 to 6	Wednesdays	17 th September	3 rd December
Choir*	Years 4 to 6	*Thursdays*	11 th September	
Netball	Years 5 & 6	Fridays	19 th September	

*new day

Uniform and personal belongings

- Keyrings: many of you will be well aware of the current craze for keyrings, which pupils attach to their school bags. We have found that they cause a number of issues in school, so we are asking pupils **not to bring keyrings into school** any more please.
- Jewellery: pupils should not to wear any jewellery to school, mainly due to the risk of injury, damage and loss. In the case of pierced ears, **stud earrings only** can be worn and these must be taped over for PE and sports activities.
- Smart watches/mobile phones: pupils are not permitted to bring mobile phones or smart watches to school. If a mobile phone is brought to school by a pupil (and we recognise that this may be necessary if a child needs their phone after school, for example) it will be kept secure by the teacher throughout the school day and returned at home time. Please do not bring smart watches into school.
- School shoes and trainers: a reminder that school footwear should be weather-appropriate and suitable for play, and either black/a dark colour, or white.

Snack

A reminder that if pupils bring snacks into school for break time, they need to be healthy snacks, e.g. fruit or vegetables; not crisps or chocolate snacks, please.

Water

Children may bring reusable plastic bottles of water into school for drinking. These can be refilled at our water stations. PLEASE LABEL YOUR CHILD'S BOTTLE (AND OTHER ITEMS) WITH THEIR NAMES. Thank you.

Birthday cakes

A reminder that we are unable to distribute cakes or other treats sent into school to celebrate a birthday or other event. The PTA hosts regular cake sales and would be delighted to receive any treats you can donate for their sales.

Walking home

Only Year 6 pupils are allowed to make their own way home after school (but not at the end of after-school clubs).

Medication expiry dates

Please make sure that any medication sent to school with pupils is in date and that all the appropriate paperwork has been completed. We are only allowed to administer medication that has been prescribed for your child by a health practitioner.

Curriculum meetings for parents/carers

We will shortly be issuing dates for curriculum meetings with your child's year group teachers, at which you will be given information about the year ahead for your child, and the opportunity to ask any questions.

I look forward to seeing you all tomorrow.

Best wishes,
Rachel Mitchell

Upcoming events / Term dates

September 2025

First day back for pupils – Wednesday 3rd September

Term dates

2025-2026 Academic year

Autumn Term 2025

INSET DAY	Monday 1 st September	
INSET DAY	Tuesday 2 nd September	
1 st day for pupils	Wednesday 3 rd September	
Break up for Half Term	Friday 24 th October	
HALF TERM BREAK	Monday 27 th October	Friday 31 st October
Return to school	Monday 3 rd November	
Break up for Christmas	Friday 19 th December	

Spring Term 2026

INSET DAY	Monday 5 th January	
1 st day for pupils	Tuesday 6 th January	
Break up for Half Term	Friday 13 th February	
HALF TERM BREAK	Monday 16 th February	Friday 20 th February
Return to school	Monday 23 rd February	
Break up for Easter	Friday 27 th March	
EASTER BREAK	Monday 30 th March	Friday 10 th April

Summer Term 2026

Return to school	Monday 13 th April	
Break up for Half Term	Friday 22 nd May	
HALF TERM BREAK	Monday 25 th May	Friday 29 th May
Return to school	Monday 1 st June	
Last day for pupils before Summer Break	Friday 17 th July	
INSET DAY	Monday 20 th July	