

Parentmail Friday 6th September, 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for making the first week of the 25-26 academic Year so pleasant and successful. It's been a joy to welcome the children back and we're extremely pleased with how they have all settled in to their new year groups.

Below you will find PE Day information and also the dates and times of our Curriculum Meetings for Parents and Carers (and the Reception Reading Meeting)

Learning Projects

As always, we invite parents/carers who are experts in areas that coincide with our learning projects to get in touch – either with me (rmitchell@cardiff.gov.uk) or your child's teacher – if you can visit and share your knowledge, experience and skills with the children. Our relevant learning projects are as follows:

Year 1	Moon Zoom (2 nd Autumn half term): pupils learn about space and space travel, so if there are any astronauts, astro-physicists or extra-terrestrials out there...!
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.
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

Thank you in advance for your help.

Important note about healthy snacks

You will be aware that whole grapes can be a choking hazard for children. Parents/carers are strongly advised to cut grapes lengthwise twice so that you have four long quarters of grape.

PE lessons

Reception - Fridays

Year 1 – Tuesdays

Year 2 – Mondays

Year 3 – Tuesdays

Year 4 – Tuesdays

Year 5 – Wednesdays

Year 6 – Thursdays

Curriculum Meetings reminder

We will shortly be welcoming parents/carers to school to share information about the contents of each year group's curriculum for the new school year. This will be an opportunity for you to ask

questions, and receive guidance on how you can help your child with their learning. Details and dates of the meetings below.

All meetings will take place in the Small Hall from 2.45pm to 3.15pm: entry via school main entrance

Year group	Day/Date
Reception (Reading meeting)	Thursday 2 nd October
Year 1	Monday 22 nd September
Year 2	Thursday 25 th September
Year 3	Wednesday 17 th September
Year 4	Monday 29 th September
Year 5	Tuesday 30 th September
Year 6	Tuesday 23 rd September

Nasal flu immunisations

The School Nursing Team will be visiting Lakeside on Monday 15th September. Parents/carers should already have received a letter with a link to the consent form and it is also attached to this Parentmail. The vaccine is in the form of a nasal spray.

After-school club information – reminder

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

And finally...

We are looking for an ice-cube maker (or possibly two) for use in school and we wonder if any of our families have one that they don't use any more that they are happy to donate to us.

Wishing you all a pleasant weekend

Best wishes,
Rachel Mitchell

Upcoming events / Term dates

September 2025

Monday 15th September – children's nasal flu immunisations for pupils from Reception to Year 6

Wednesday 17th September – Year 3 Curriculum Meeting for parents/carers
Wednesday 17th September – first Dancefit session of the new school year
Friday 19th September – PTA Cakes and Uniform sale after school

Monday 22nd September – Year 1 Curriculum Meeting for parents/carers
Monday 22nd September – After-school Football restarts
Tuesday 23rd September – Year 6 Curriculum Meeting for parents/carers
Thursday 25th September – Year 2 Curriculum Meeting for parents/carers

Monday 29th September – we start collecting for our Harvest Food Bank donations
Monday 29th September – Year 4 Curriculum Meeting for parents/carers
Tuesday 30th September – Year 5 Curriculum Meeting for parents/carers

October 2025

Thursday 2nd October – Reception Reading Meeting for parents/carers
** DATE CHANGE** Thursday 2nd October – after Reception Reading Meeting – PTA Teddy Bears' Picnic for new Reception and Nursery parent/carers
Friday 3rd October – Year 3 visit to Roath Park

Friday 10th October – pupils and staff wear yellow/bright colours for Wear Yellow for Mental Health Day (Bronwen's Wish fundraiser)

Week of 13th October – Food Bank donations are delivered to Emmanuel Baptist Church in Gabalfa
Wednesday 15th October – pupils and staff wear red to school and enjoy Welsh-themed activities to celebrate Shwmae Day

Monday 20th October – Diwali
Thursday 23rd October – PTA SPOOKS & SPARKLES DISCO Foundation Phase: 5 – 5.45pm; Key Stage 2: 6-7pm.
Friday 24th October – break up for Half Term break

November 2025

Monday 3rd November – pupils return to school
Thursday 6th November – Year 6 Open Evening at Cardiff High School 4-6pm

Monday 10th – Friday 14th November – Anti-bullying Week
Tuesday 11th November – Remembrance Day
Friday 14th November – Children in Need Day

Friday 28th November – we learn all about Advent and light the first candle. The remaining candles will be lit on the following three Fridays
Friday 28th November – PTA Christmas Fair after school

December

Friday 12th December – Christmas Jumper Day (Save the Children fundraiser)
Friday 19th December – break up for Christmas
Thursday 25th December – Christmas Day

January 2026

Monday 5th January – INSET DAY
Tuesday 6th January – pupils return to school

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	