

Parentmail Friday 26th September, 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to the PTA for last Friday's Cakes and Uniform Sales, to all who donated cakes and uniforms, and to everyone who bought from the stalls.

We welcomed parents and carers to the Year 1, Year 6 and Year 2 Curriculum Meetings this week, and look forward to the remaining meetings next week, including the Reception Reading meeting followed by a Teddy Bear's Picnic for new Nursery and Reception pupils and families.

SCHOOL I.T. CHANGES

As of now, our SIMS system - which we use for pupil records, assessment, data, Parentmail communications - is offline while the move is made to a new system being brought in by the local authority. Hopefully the migration of information will go smoothly and we will keep you updated with any new systems you may need to register with. Thank you in advance for your patience.

School dinners

Please can we remind parents/carers that your child's school dinners need to be ordered **before 8am every day**. You can book these for the whole week on a Sunday evening if preferred. If the meals are not booked in this way, it is very difficult to ensure that enough food is prepared for the day's lunches. Thank you.

Harvest Food Bank collection

This morning (Friday) in assembly, our School Council launched our Harvest Food Bank collection. Over the next couple of weeks we will be collecting donations of food, toiletries and other essentials for the Food Bank at Emmanuel Baptist Church in Gabalfa. The donations will be delivered by Mrs Street and the School Council on Friday 17th October.

The following items are particularly requested by the Food Bank, but any and all non-perishable foodstuffs, and toiletries are gratefully received:

Tins of curry or chilli
Tinned hot dog sausages
Tinned fruit or veg
Long Life Milk
Pasta
Rice
Squash / Long Life Juice
Toilet Rolls
Shower gel
Toothpaste
Shampoo
Any other tinned or packet foods

Information from Dragonflies Playcare

We currently have a limited number of spaces available at Dragonflies Out of School Playcare Ltd. Dragonflies provides breakfast, wrap-around, after school, Inset and holiday care for the children of Lakeside Primary School.

The club is open Monday to Friday from 7.40am for breakfast club and runs from the school day until 6.15 pm for after-school club. Wrap-around sessions are available both morning and afternoon for children attending Lakeside Nursery. Our holiday club runs 8.00am - 6.00pm all school holidays (with the exception of Christmas); Inset club runs 8.00am - 4.00pm.

Children attending the club are provided with a healthy and nutritious buffet-style breakfast and afternoon snack in line with the Welsh Assembly Guidelines for Healthy Eating. Packed lunches are required from home for the midday meal at wrap, holiday and Inset club.

Children attending the club are offered a variety of activities including, group games, art and craft, cookery and outdoor play.

The club is registered with The Care Inspectorate Wales (CIW) which means that parents/carers may be eligible to access help towards their childcare costs. To check eligibility contact HMRC directly.

For those parents and carers with children aged 3 to 4 years, you may be entitled to up to 30 hours of free childcare each week through the 30 Hours Free Childcare Offer for Wales, for more information visit <https://www.gov.wales/childcare-offer-for-wales-campaign>

If you would like to make a booking for your child to attend the club or would like more information about Dragonflies and how we can help meet your childcare needs, please contact our Head Office on 02920 864780.

A reminder of the dates of Parent Consultations: Reception to Year 6

These will take place as follows:

Thursday 16th October

Tuesday 21st October

Sessions will start at 3.40pm. The booking system will be shared with families in due course.

Curriculum Meetings reminder

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

Wishing you all a pleasant weekend

Best wishes,
Rachel Mitchell

Upcoming events / Term dates

September 2025

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

Thursday 2nd October – after Reception Reading Meeting – PTA Teddy Bears' Picnic for new Reception and Nursery parent/carers

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

Monday to Friday 13th to 17th October - Cycle to School Week: children will be encouraged to cycle or scooter to school and the Lakeside Citizens pupil group will be running a Cycle-themed competition.

Wednesday 15th October – pupils and staff wear red to school and enjoy Welsh-themed activities to celebrate Shwmae Day

Thursday 16th October - Parent Consultations

Friday 17th October – Food Bank donations delivered to Emmanuel Baptist Church in Gabalfa

Saturday 18th October - Lakeside Chess tournament

Monday 20th October – Diwali

Tuesday 21st October - Parent Consultations

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

Wednesday 5th November - Colorfoto individual photos

Thursday 6th November – Year 6 Open Evening a Cardiff High School 4-6pm

Monday 10th – Friday 14th November – Anti-bullying Week

Tuesday 11th November – Remembrance Day - Year 6 assembly for parents/carers 9.15am

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

Sunday 7th December - PTA Christmas Fun Run, Roath Park 9-11am

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	