

Parentmail Friday 24th October, 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

While the time has flown since early September it's not too hard to believe that we are at the half term break already as we're all a bit tired in school after such a busy term. I'm sure that you are too - especially if you were at last night's discos! Thank you to the PTA for organising these hugely popular events and especially to Daron Probert for DJ-ing the discos and Al Power for sorting out the sound.

I hope that you've had a chance to look at the photos on the website of the School Council delivering the Food Bank donations. We have received the following message from Emmanuel Baptist Church in Gabalfa:

Dear families and teachers at Lakeside Primary, Thanks so much for your very generous donation of food and toiletries for our foodbank. You've really helped us out at a time when our stocks were low and, more importantly, you'll be helping out lots of people over the next couple of months. We really appreciate your selfless giving, not to mention the help delivering and packing away by the School Council! Yours, Emmanuel Church Foodbank team.

Thank you again Lakeside families xxx

I would also like to thank the volunteers who co-ordinated and attended our Chess Tournament at school last Saturday and the parents and carers of Lakeside pupils who took part. This was a great event. Congratulations to all of them for taking part and to those who have qualified for the next heat in the London Schools Chess Tournament.

It was lovely to see some of our children wearing their smart Diwali clothes to school on Monday, and we enjoyed a visit from two families who told us all about the celebration and whose children treated us to a beautiful Diwali dance.

Active Travel: walking, cycling and scooting to school

Following the success of our Cycle to School Week, it has been great to see many children continuing to walk, cycle and scoot to school. With pupil safety in mind, please remember that the road is closed to cars (excluding residents) between 8.30 and 9.30am and 3-4pm, and please remember to park safely so that children and parents/carers can use the pavements safely. Thank you.

Half-term flu vaccine catch-up clinic

Please see the attached information about catch-up flu vaccination clinics that are available during the half-term break. Please phone to make an appointment **02920 907661/664**

COLORFOTO - Wednesday 5th November

Colorfoto are coming to school on the first Wednesday after the half term break to take pupils' individual and school sibling photos.

PTA

Meeting: The PTA are meeting briefly on Friday 7th November in the Key Stage 2 staffroom to go through arrangements for the Festive Fun run on Sunday 7th December (9-11am) - all welcome.

Workshop: some things need to be prepared for the Christmas Fair (e.g. scavenger hunt pics, Elf on a Shelf, cup Christmas tree and more) so we are having a workshop session in the KS2 staffroom after school on **Wednesday 12th November from 3.30pm**. Again, all welcome.

Donations for Christmas Fair: If you are having a sort out over the half term break, the PTA are collecting random Lego pieces and Christmas baubles (not glass, with loops) for the Christmas Fair. Boxes will be placed in the main foyer after the break for any donations of Lego and baubles you'd like to send in. Thank you.

Cardiff High School open evening - Thursday 6th November 4-6pm

Year 6 pupils and parents/carers are invited to Cardiff High School to have a look around on Thursday 6th November from 4pm to 6pm.

REMINDER - Year 6 Remembrance Assembly - Tuesday 11th November, 9.15am

On Tuesday 11th November at 9.15am, Year 6 pupils will present their Remembrance Day assembly for Year 6 parents and carers. Please come to the KS2 entrance after drop-off. Thank you.

REMINDER - Christmas Sharings

This year there is a change to our Christmas Sharings offering from Years 3, 4 & 5. We have been invited to take part in a 'Festival of Light' in conjunction with staff from Llandaff Cathedral. The pupils in these year groups are busy learning and practising the songs at the moment.

Festival of Light performances will take place at Christ Church, Lake Road North on Friday 5th December and Wednesday 10th December. Both performances start at 2.30pm and end at 3.30pm. Arrangements will be made to look after siblings at school until parents/carers can get here to pick them up. The year groups will be split due to limited capacity at the church as follows:

Friday 5th December: Classes 3H, 4B, 5T

Wednesday 10th December: Classes 3P, 4V, 5VP

The dates for other year groups' Christmas Sharings are as follows:

Nursery - Tuesday 2nd December (one in morning and one in afternoon)

Reception - Wednesday 3rd December 9.30 am

Year 2 - Wednesday 10th December 9.30 am

Year 1 - Thursday 11th December 9.30 am

Year 6 - Tuesday 16th December 9.30 am

Lost Property

There are photos on the school website of non-school-uniform items of lost property. If you recognise anything, please send a note to school with your child, or email the school on lakesideprimary@cardiff.gov.uk and we will make every effort to return the item.

It helps us a great deal if a child's clothing and belongings are labelled with their child's name (and surname). Thank you.

Wishing you all a pleasant half term break.

Best wishes,
Rachel Mitchell

Upcoming events / Term dates

November 2025

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 - wear pyjamas to school

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

Monday 8th December - School choir joining music service Christmas concert at 6.30pm at Cardiff High School

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	