

Parentmail Friday 10th October, 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for joining in with our Bronwen's Wish fundraiser today. Our whole school assembly was a sea of yellow and bright colours this morning and we are delighted to have raised £214.57 for the charity! As always, thank you for your generosity.

Thank you also for the donations to our Harvest Food Bank collection - we look forward to displaying them on the stage for our Harvest assembly next week and delivering them on Friday 17th October. (Reminder: 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. Thank you.

We look forward to welcoming parents and carers to school next Thursday (16th October) for the first of our parent consultation evenings. Parents/carers of pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 should enter the school via the main entrance; parents/carers of pupils in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 should enter via the KS2 entrance. Parents' consultations will take place in the school halls. Our second PC evening takes place on Tuesday 21st October.

Cycle to School Week - next week 13-17 October

Next week is Cycle to School Week. Our Lakeside Citizens pupil group have launched a competition for the week and we have a special assembly on Friday all about the benefits of cycling, scooting or walking to school, with a special guest and a video. The result of the competition will be announced in Friday's assembly. For our video, please can families who go cycling together this weekend or next week send us a video or photos of you and your children enjoying the activity. Please email clips/photos to UllahB5@Hwbcymru.net. Thank you!

Competition information:

Design or colour a cycling helmet

- A good cycling helmet should also be highly visible with an eye-catching design, so think BRIGHT COLOURS!
- This competition has to be completed individually
- There will be a prize for the winner of each competition

Deadline: Wednesday 15th October 2025. Entries should be handed in to the class teacher.

Shwmae Day - Wear Red - Wednesday 15th October

Next Wednesday is Shwmae Day. Pupils and staff are invited to wear red or Wales-themed clothes to school and enjoy a day of Welsh-themed activities presented by Criw Cymraeg, our Welsh-language pupil group. There will be Welsh music on the gate, and we may even have a Sosban Fach sing song!

LOCKDOWN DRILL

All the schools in the Cardiff local authority have been charged with carrying out a Code Red Lockdown drill. We carried ours out this morning. Children were told in assembly that when the **fire alarm** goes off everyone has to go **outside** as quickly as possible, and for a **Code Red** situation everyone has to come **inside** - and to their classrooms - in order to keep them safe.

Children from year 3 to year 6 were asked to hide under tables for a short amount of time; younger pupils gathered together on the carpet area as class teachers made sure the room was secure.

Mr Carey and I visited all the classrooms and I'm so proud to tell you that all the children did exactly as they were asked, they did it sensibly and quietly, and understood that this was a drill and they now know what to do when the classroom receives a 'Code Red' notification (a phone call to the classroom phone). If your child wishes to discuss the exercise with you, or if they show anxiety about it, please reassure them that it was just a drill so that everyone knows what to do if there is a danger outside. A couple of years ago we had swarms of bees flying toward the school and we had a 'Code Red' then. This was an example used to describe a 'danger outside'.

PTA Spooks & Sparkles Neon Discos - Thursday 23rd October

It's time to dress up in scary costumes and white or neon for our PTA discos! They take place on Thursday 23rd October. Spooky snacks will be available from 50p to £1 and spooky, sparkly or neon clothes are encouraged but not essential.

The Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 disco is from 5pm to 5.45pm. A parent/responsible adult will need to stay with the child. Siblings can be brought to the disco if needed e.g. they're younger or in KS2 but have to come with their parents. You will only pay for the child actually attending the disco.

The Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 disco is from 6pm to 7pm. No mobile phones please and ALL children must be collected by an adult.

Tickets are £3.50 per child and available through Parentpay - please see the attached poster. (As we are moving to a new data system, some of you - eg Nursery parents/carers may not have access to Parentpay yet - please reach out to a PTA member who will help you with this - thank you).

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.

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 weekend.

Best wishes,
Rachel Mitchell

Upcoming events / Term dates

October 2025

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 hosts the Cardiff qualifying round in the London Junior Chess Championships

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	