

Parentmail Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November, 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

We've had a very busy week at school on our return from the half term break. We'd like to congratulate our footballers for playing so well at their tournament on Tuesday and wish good luck to our netball players who are taking part in a tournament today – a huge thank you to the netball coaches and parents who are making this possible, and also to Total Support Services for their generous sponsorship of the Lakeside netball team. **(Stop press: we've just heard that the Lakeside team has won the tournament! – Well done team!!!!)**

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November** is the start of Anti-bullying Week and pupils and staff are invited to wear **odd socks** to school. Children were reminded of this in today's assembly in which we also shared a video made by the Pupil Leadership Team for Anti-bullying Week, called Power for Good.

One more piece of news is that – thanks to the efforts of our families walking, cycling and scooting to school – Lakeside is at the top of the Active Travel Wales leader board! Well done everyone, and thank you for your support.

#### **Children in Need – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November**

Also this morning, the School Council launched a competition for **Children in Need**, which is on **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November**. Details:

Reception to Year 2 children will colour in a Pudsey template;

Year 3 to 6 pupils are invited to create a Pudsey (or Pudsey scarf, hat, etc) using any suitable material e.g. fabric, Lego, paper/origami, crochet/knitting, etc.)

The deadline is next Wednesday – 12<sup>th</sup> November – and the winners will be announced at Friday's assembly on Children in Need Day.

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November is Children in Need Day.** Pupils and staff are invited to wear pyjamas to school on this day, and we will be collecting donations at the school gate for the charity.

#### **Chess Club**

The club has now restarted and runs from 3.30 to 4.15pm on Mondays. Please can we remind parents and carers to collect their children at **4.15pm** as no club members are allowed to make their own way home. Thank you.

#### **PTA**

Please see the attached posters.

**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 12<sup>th</sup> November from 3.30pm**. Again, all welcome.

**Donations for Christmas Fair:** the PTA are collecting random Lego pieces and Christmas baubles (not glass, with loops) for the Christmas Fair. There are boxes in the main foyer for any donations of Lego and baubles you'd like to send in. Thank you.

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

On Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> 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**

Festival of Light performances for Years 3, 4 & 5 will take place at Christ Church, Lake Road North on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December and Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> December: Classes 3H, 4B, 5T**

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December: Classes 3P, 4V, 5VP**

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

**Nursery** - Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December (one in morning and one in afternoon)

**Reception** - Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 9.30 am

**Year 2** - Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 9.30 am

**Year 1** - Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December 9.30 am

**Year 6** - Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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**

**November 2025**

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November –netball match versus Lisvane Primary after school: Lakeside hosting

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November – Primary Netball Cup Girls Tournament

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November – we learn all about Advent and light the first candle. The remaining candles will be lit on the following three Fridays

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November – PTA Christmas Fair after school

**December**

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December - PTA Christmas Fun Run, Roath Park 9-11am

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

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December – Choir and Year 5 will join together for a Christmas music performance (2.30pm at school)

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Jumper Day (Save the Children fundraiser)

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December – break up for Christmas

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Day

**January 2026****Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January – INSET DAY**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January – pupils return to school**Term dates****2025-2026 Academic year****Autumn Term 2025**

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

**Spring Term 2026**

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

**Summer Term 2026**

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