

Parentmail Friday 14th November, 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for joining in Odd Socks Day for the start of Anti-bullying Week. This week, pupils have enjoyed sharing the Pupil Leadership Team video that they made for Anti-bullying and discussing bullying issues in their classes. In a busy week, we also welcomed parents and carers of Year 6 pupils to their Remembrance Assembly. The children performed the assembly with respect, solemnity and complete engagement – well done to each one of them and the Year 6 staff – we're proud of you!

I'm delighted to share that we were able to donate £241.50 to the Royal British Legion from poppy sales on the school gate over the past couple of weeks – thank you. Also, the PTA tells me that the Spooks & Sparkles Discos raised a phenomenal £1400!!! Thank you to all who came along for a bop, and to the volunteers and organisers – an excellent result, as well as a great evening for the children.

Finally, thank you for joining in our Children in Need Pyjama Day today and especially to those of you who stuck with us out in the rain as we collected donations and listened to *Singin' in the Rain* playing on the speaker! I'm pleased to share with you that you have raised £272.52 for the Children in Need charity! So, yet another thank you for your generosity in all our fund-raising activities.

NEXT TUESDAY – 18th November – IS CHOCOLATE TUESDAY. PUPILS BRING IN A BAR/BARS OF CHOCOLATE READY FOR THE WINTER FAIR ON FRIDAY 28th NOVEMBER.

INSET Days

We have finalised the remaining Inset days across the school year. They are as follows:

Monday 5th January 2026

Monday 1st June 2026

Friday 17th July 2026

Monday 20th July 2026

PTA

Festive Fun Run

A reminder that tickets are now available for the PTA Festive Fun Run which will take place on **Sunday 7th December 2025 at 9.30am**. We sold out last year so don't miss your chance to take part in this amazing fun event! If you would like to volunteer at the event, as tail walkers, marshals or supporting with the refreshments please do email or message Lakeside PTA. A huge thank you to House of Sport for their generous sponsorship of the event.

Winter Fair

This will take place on **Friday 28th November** after school and will be packed with more stalls and activities than ever before. We have had confirmation that Father Christmas is visiting and will read a very special story to children who visit him in his grotto.

Donations of costumes/jumpers

We plan to sell good quality pre-loved Christmas performance costumes and Christmas jumpers at the Winter Fair. If anyone has any of these to donate we would be really grateful. Donations can be dropped off at the school office. 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 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:

(Entry through KS2 gates into Big Hall)

Nursery - Tuesday 2nd December: Morning Nursery children 9.30am
Afternoon Nursery children 2.30pm

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

Refreshments will be available before each sharing session (thank you PTA!)

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

November 2025

Tuesday 18th November – Chocolate Tuesday

Friday 21st November – Primary Netball Cup Girls Tournament

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

- Tuesday 2nd December
Morning Nursery Christmas Sharing 9.30am (Big Hall, entry via KS2 gate 9am)
Afternoon Nursery children 2.30pm (Big Hall, entry via KS2 gate 2pm)
- Wednesday 3rd December – Reception Christmas Sharing 9.30am (Big Hall, entry via KS2 gate 9am)
- Friday 5th December – Festival of Light, Christ Church, Roath: **Classes 3H, 4B, 5T** (Entry 2pm, refreshments available; performance begins at 2.30pm. Siblings of pupils taking part will be looked after at school until they are collected)
- 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
- Wednesday 10th December – Year 2 Christmas Sharing 9.30am (Big Hall, entry via KS2 gate 9am)
- Wednesday 10th December – Festival of Light, Christ Church, Roath: **Classes 3P, 4V, 5VP** (Entry 2pm, refreshments available; performance begins at 2.30pm. Siblings of pupils taking part will be looked after at school until they are collected)
- Thursday 11th December – Year 1 Christmas Sharing 9.30am (Big Hall, entry via KS2 gate 9am)
- Thursday 11th December – Choir visit to Llys Cyncoed Care Home 10.30am
- Thursday 11th December – Choir and Year 5 will join together for a Christmas music performance (2.30pm at school)
- Friday 12th December – Christmas Jumper Day (Save the Children fundraiser)
- Tuesday 16th December – Year 6 Christmas Sharing 9.30am (Big Hall, entry via KS2 gate 9am)
- 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

February 2026

Wednesday 18th February (during half term break) Ramadan begins

Friday 27th February - Eisteddfodau

March 2026

Wednesday 4th March – Holi

Thursday 5th March – World Book Day – bring a book to swap

Wednesday 11th to Friday 13th March – Year 5 residential visit to Llangrannog

Friday 20th March (TBC) – Eid ul-Fitr

April 2026

Tuesday 28th April – Colorfoto taking photos of classes and teams

May 2026

June 2026

Monday 1st June – INSET DAY

July 2026

Friday 17th July – INSET DAY

Monday 20th July – INSET DAY

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
INSET DAY	Monday 1 st June	
Last day for pupils before Summer Break	Thursday 16 th July	
INSET DAY	Friday 17 th July	
INSET DAY	Monday 20 th July	