

Parentmail Friday 5th December, 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

A huge thank you to the PTA, all volunteers and of course all of you who came to enjoy the event, for the wonderful Winter Fair last Friday. Thank you also to Father Christmas for making the time to visit Lakeside. The money raised is still being counted and we will get the total next week.

This week saw the first of our Christmas performances with Nursery and Reception children delighting parents and carers at school. Today, three classes from Years 3, 4 and 5 will share a performance at Christ Church in Roath. Thank you to all the parents and carers for your support of these events. Next week, we will enjoy another performance at Christ Church, and Years 1 and 2 sharing with us at school. Year 6 will share with parents and carers the following week on the 16th (all dates below).

Huge congratulations to our netball team, who won the Urdd tournament yesterday out of 42 teams! Well done to them and many, many thanks to the coaches and parents/carers for their support of the team. Go Lakeside!!!

Christmas Food Bank

Some of you have very kindly asked if we are doing a Christmas Food Bank collection, so from Monday we will be accepting donations of Christmas treats (e.g. chocolate, selection boxes, Christmas puddings, biscuits, etc.) and other basics (tinned food, toiletries, dried food, etc.) for Mrs Street to deliver to the Food Bank on Thursday 18th December. Thank you in advance for your continuing generosity.

PTA Festive Fun Run – Sunday 7th December 9.30am Roath Park

We are all looking forward to this excellent event – there will be refreshments from 9.30am – behind the ice cream kiosk at the Lake Road West gate of Roath Park. The Run should start around 9.45am. Please see the attached FAQs for a reminder of how it will all work. There are only 15 tickets left at the time of writing, so it's your last chance to take part!

Music Service Concert at Cardiff High School – Monday 8th December

Members of the Lakeside School choir have been invited to take part in this concert as follows:

Rehearsal 4:45pm at Cardiff High School

Blue Jeans and school polo / t-shirts and Christmas bling!!!

Concert is at 6:15pm

Mince pies and refreshments will be available to purchase after the concert.

[Tickets link for CHS Music Service concert](#)

Festival of Light: Wednesday 10th December

Please can the children wear Christmas jumpers / Christmassy colours for this event – they may wear these to come to school on the day of their performance.

Children taking part in Festival of Light will have an early lunch before walking to Christ Church.

If any parents/carers are able to join us for the walk to the church at 12pm we would be very grateful. If you can help, please message Mrs Ullah on 07711 379401 or email her on

UllahB5@hwbcymru.net Thank you!

Christmas Dinner Thursday 11th December

Christmas dinner is on Thursday 11th December. If you would like your child to have one, please can you **book by MONDAY 8th December** to help the kitchen place their order for the correct amounts.

Choir and Year 5 Woodwind performance: Thursday 11th December 2.30pm

Parents and carers of children in Year 5 and the school choir are invited to join us for a Christmas sing-song on Thursday 11th in which the choir will be performing and our Year 5 will share their achievements in woodwind, which they have been learning this term, financed by our PTA. **Please note that there will be no choir session after this performance; there will be no choir the following week either.**

Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day – Friday 12th December

Next Friday, pupils and staff are invited to wear Christmas jumpers or Christmassy colours to school to celebrate Christmas Jumper Day and raise money for Save the Children.

Penylan & Roath Santa Sleigh tour – Friday 12th December

We have it on good authority that thanks to Cardiff Round Table, Father Christmas will be visiting our area on his sleigh on Friday 12th December. He will start from Lakeside Primary at 6.30pm, then Roath Park Primary at 6.50pm, Marlborough Road Primary at 7.10pm and Stacey Road Primary at 7.30pm

Wishing you a pleasant weekend and looking forward to seeing some of you Sunday morning at the lake.

Best wishes,

Rachel Mitchell
Headteacher

Upcoming events / Term dates

December

- Sunday 7th December - PTA Christmas Fun Run, Roath Park 9-11am
- Monday 8th December – Lakeside Chess tournament 3.30-5pm
- 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)
- NO CHOIR
- 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)
- Thursday 18th December – NO CHOIR
- 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

Wednesday 14th January – Dancefit sessions restart

February 2026

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

Friday 27th February - Eisteddfodau

March 2026

Monday 2nd – Wednesday 4th March – Year 6 residential visit to Abernant

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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	