

Parentmail Friday 12th December, 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

A great many of us enjoyed the PTA Festive Fun Run on Sunday in spite of the rain – thank you so much for supporting this excellent event, and again to the PTA and volunteers for running it. I'd also like to thank all the PTA members who step in to help with teas and coffees at our Christmas performances and Festivals of Light – it is much appreciated!

I'm delighted to share with you the news that the Winter Fair raised £1450! Thank you and well done to all involved.

We have enjoyed a number of Christmas performances this week: Years 1 and 2 shared with parents and carers in school and the remainder of Years 3, 4 and 5 in the second Festival of Light at Christ Church. In addition, this week our school choir visited Llys Cyncoed Care Home to sing for and with the residents. Again, we're indebted to parents and carers who accompanied Mrs Rayer on this community visit. Then there was an additional performance yesterday afternoon, with the choir entertaining us again, alongside Year 5 sharing what they have learned this term in their woodwind lessons – financed by our PTA. Thank you to all parents/carers who attended and for joining in with such enthusiasm! (Please see below for CF Music information)

This week also, Lakeside hosted our own chess tournament, the choir joined other musicians from Cardiff and Vale for a Festive concert at Cardiff High School on Monday, our footballers played a match against Radyr on Monday and our girls' football team took part in a tournament on Tuesday.

Yet more thanks to families for your donations so far to the Christmas Food Bank collection. We will be receiving donations until 18th December, when Mrs Street will deliver them to Emmanuel Church in Gabalfa ready for the final Food Bank session before Christmas, on the 19th. There will be some very happy children receiving selection boxes and other treats, thanks to our Lakeside families.

Today was Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save the Children – thank you for joining in and due to your continuing generosity I'm pleased to share that we have raised £160.19 for the charity!

Next week

- We have one Christmas performance left to enjoy – Year 6's is on Tuesday 16th December at 9.30am in the Big Hall.
- There is no choir session next week
- Children will enjoy a pantomime at school on Thursday 18th, paid for by the PTA

Year group Christmas Parties next week

Dates below. Pupils may wear Christmas/party clothes on their party day. All treats and snacks will be provided by school – please don't send in any food with your children.

Reception's party is on Wednesday 17th December

Year 1's party is on Monday 15th December

Year 2's party is on Tuesday 16th December

Year 3's party is on Thursday 18th December

Year 4's party is on Tuesday 16th December

Year 5's party is on Tuesday 16th December

Year 6's party is on Friday 19th December

Carol Service

Please find attached information about Carols at the Crossroads in Park End Church on 20th December between 4 and 6pm.

CF Music Service

Some of you who attended our Festive Music performance yesterday may wish your children to continue with woodwind lessons (or other instrument lessons). Parents/carers of other year groups may also find the information useful, so please find attached relevant information and guidance.

It seems that the Round Table Santa Sleigh Tour scheduled for today was moved to yesterday. We were unaware of the change and apologise for any disappointment.

Wishing you a pleasant weekend

Best wishes,

Rachel Mitchell
Headteacher

Upcoming events / Term dates

December

- 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

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	