

Parentmail Friday 6th March, 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

**Important information for the Iftar event: we commence at 5.45pm in the Big Hall at school so that we are ready for sunset which is due at 6.13pm. TICKETS FOR THIS EVENT ARE NOW SOLD OUT. Thank you!**

It's been an incredibly busy week at Lakeside with a total of five trips/visits leaving Lakeside on Monday! Thanks to all parents and carers who accompanied Year 2's visit to Roath Park and Year 3's visit to Dwr Cymru. We hope that Year 6 parents/carers didn't miss their children *too* much while they were in Abernant!

We were delighted to welcome parents and carers of Reception and Year 3 this week for their sharing sessions. Both were a mixture of music, information and lots of fun for audience and participants alike – thank you for joining us for these. Next week we look forward to Year 1's sharing session, which takes place on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>.

Also on Monday, Professor Popov and other Chess Club parents/carers took a group of players to play in a tournament in Bristol – an event of which they were the overall winners. This in addition to a tournament they took part in last week in which they played 40 games. They drew one and won **all** the others! Phenomenal playing from our talented chess players – well done to all of them and thank you to parents, carers and organisers / coaches for your commitment to the club. It would be impossible to run without you.

Today, pupils have enjoyed sharing books on World Book Day, plus our Pupil Leadership Team's challenge in this morning's assembly. Each pupil will have received a Book Token today which they can put toward the purchase of a book.

We're all looking forward to welcoming many of you to our Iftar event next Wednesday evening – at **5.45pm**. Please will guests enter school through the **main entrance – doors open at 5.30pm**.

And finally... last-minute news! A small group of netball players played in a tournament at Cardiff Netball Arena today and won the trophy! Well done to all of them and a huge, huge thank you to our volunteer coaches and parent/carers for your hard work and support.

#### **Parents' Consultations and Disco clash**

We are aware that one of the Year 1 parent consultation days is on the same day as the PTA Silent Discos. Please note that the consultations will take place in classroom 2EA (by the car park) and we will work around any issues parents/carers have with timings. Just speak to the class teacher for help to sort this out. Thank you.

#### **Author visit: Alex Wharton: Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March**

As part of our World Book Day celebrations, Children's Laureate Wales, Alex Wharton, will be visiting school on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March to work with children across the school. During his visit, Alex will also be available to sign copies of his books many of which are available to buy on his website:

[www.alexwhartonpoet.co.uk](http://www.alexwhartonpoet.co.uk) (Choose Menu > Books) Please feel free to buy a book for your child to bring to school for signing on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March.

### **PTA News**

#### **Silent Discos**

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March.** Nursery to Year 2 disco 5-5.45pm; Years 3 to 6 6-7pm. More details to follow.

#### **Spring Fair**

**Friday April 24<sup>th</sup> April**, after school. **Time to plant your seedlings for selling at the Spring Fair.** Particularly popular are tomato plants, sunflowers, petunias, geraniums and herb seedlings, also cuttings of plants from gardens.

#### **Toy Box Collection: Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May**

As you know, Toy Box in Caerphilly have generously given Lakeside all kinds of lovely play resources for learning projects and indoor and outdoor areas. As well as giving, Toy Box is also delighted to receive donations. With this in mind, therefore, on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May, we are hosting a Toy Box Collection Day. If you are planning a sort-out over the Easter break, please bring your good quality (and complete – e.g. jigsaws, games) toy and game donations into school for Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May and they will be transported to Caerphilly for use by Toy Box. A poster is attached. Thank you.

#### **Year group Sharing Sessions for parents/carers**

The sessions take place in the Big Hall and start at 9.15am and last for around 45 minutes. Parents/carers will enter via the KS2 gate (up the steps from the car park) from around 9am once most pupils have entered the school.

Year 1: Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March 9.15am

Year 2: Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 9.15am

Year 4: Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March 9.15am

Due to residential visits Years 5 and 6 sharing sessions will be later in the school year.

#### **\*\*Parents' Consultations - changes below\*\***

The dates for Parent Consultations at the end of the Spring term are:

RECEPTION: RRS & RES: Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> and Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March

YEAR 1: 1D & 1BN: Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> and **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March**

YEAR 2: 2T: Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> and Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March

**YEAR 2: 2EA: Monday 27<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April** (will be available after Easter for bookings)

YEAR 3: 3H & 3P: Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> and Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March

YEAR 4: 4B & 4V (4M): Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> and Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March

YEAR 5: 5T & 5VP: Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> and Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March

YEAR 6: 6F & 6L: Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> and Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March

**NURSERY parents' consultations will take place during the week of Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April**

Information will be shared with parent/carers shortly on how to book consultation slots.

Wishing you all a pleasant weekend.

Best wishes,

Rachel Mitchell  
Headteacher

### **Upcoming events / Term dates**

#### **March 2026**

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March – Year 5 residential visit to Llangrannog  
Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March – Author Alex Wharton visit to school  
Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March – Ramadan Iftar event 5.45pm at school  
Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March - Year 1 Sharing Session for parents/carers  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March – Year 6 netball tournament  
Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March – Year 4 Sharing Session for parents/carers  
Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March – Year 2 Sharing Session for parents/carers  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March (TBC) – Eid ul-Fitr  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March – Red Nose Day (& Year 6 v Staff netball match in afternoon)  
Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March – Parent Consultations  
Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March – Morning Nursery Easter Bonnet Parade 10.45am  
Afternoon Nursery Easter Bonnet Parade 2.30pm  
Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March – Parent Consultations  
Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March – PTA Silent Discos  
Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March – break up for Easter  
Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March – Palm Sunday  
Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April – Good Friday  
Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Sunday

#### **April 2026**

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April – back to school  
Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April – Year 3 Swimming  
Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April – Codi Llais concert Years 5& 6  
Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April –Home Netball match against Lisvane Primary School (from 3pm)  
Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April – Year 3 Swimming  
Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April – PTA Spring Fair  
Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April – Colorfoto taking photos of classes and teams

#### **May 2026**

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May – Bank Holiday  
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May – Toybox Collection Day  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May – Lakeside Netball Festival at school 1.30-4.30pm  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – break up for Half Term  
Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May – Whitsun  
Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May – Bank Holiday  
Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> May – Eid ul-Adha (during Half Term break)

#### **June 2026**

##### **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June – INSET DAY**

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June – return to school  
Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June – Foundation Phase Sports Day

#### **July 2026**

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July – Key Stage 2 Sports Day  
 Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July – PTA Summer Fair and Colour Run  
 Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> – last day for pupils  
**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July – INSET DAY**  
**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July – INSET DAY**

**Term dates**  
**2025-2026 Academic year**

**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	
<b>HALF TERM BREAK</b>	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	
<b>EASTER BREAK</b>	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	
<b>HALF TERM BREAK</b>	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May
<b>INSET DAY</b>	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	
Last day for pupils before Summer Break	Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	
<b>INSET DAY</b>	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	
<b>INSET DAY</b>	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	

**Autumn Term 2026**

<b>INSET DAY</b>	Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> September	
<b>INSET DAY</b>	Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	
1 <sup>st</sup> day for pupils	Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	