

Parentmail Friday 13th March, 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

We waved off 45 Year 5 pupils to Llangrannog on Monday and welcomed them back on Wednesday. A good time was had by all, and we understand that the pupils behaved excellently which has made us very proud of them all. Thank you to the staff members who went on both residential trips – it would be impossible without them.

As part of our World Book Day celebrations, we welcomed poet, writer, composer and musician Alex Wharton to school. He inspired pupils and staff alike to write and enjoy poetry, and we are extremely grateful to the PTA for paying for this excellent experience.

We received a visit from Councillor Sarah Merry this week. She came to look at Ty Bronwen, our wellbeing pod, and observe a Year 4 class session there. Thanks to the Year 4 pupils for their involvement in this – they did us proud.

Wednesday evening, we enjoyed an Iftar celebration in both school halls organised by the PTA and volunteers from the community. The halls were decorated and at 6.13pm we broke our fast with dates and water, one of our Year 6 pupils gave the call to prayer, then several hundred people were fed with curry, pizza, chips, salad and cake. £350 was raised for Bronwen's Wish and the PTA. Thank you so much to all who organised the event, volunteered and helped and those who attended. This was an excellent community event, and we're looking forward to next year's!

We welcomed parents and carers to Year 1's sharing session this week. We learned about their Rio de Vida learning project, all about Brazil, heard the pupils' fruit poems, listened to Brazilian songs then the children shared some challenges comparing Wales and Brazil. Thanks to Year 1 for putting us in a carnival mood!

Following last week's trophy win at a Netball Tournament, our players are playing at yet another today and one of our teams has so far won every match, so it looks as if there's another trophy on the way to Lakeside! Well done all the players and thanks to coaches and parents/carers for all your support.

Finally, I'm delighted to share with you that an excellent £266.24 was raised from our Marie Curie Daffodil sales. As always, thank you to Lakeside families for your generosity in support of this charity as well as all the others we are proud to support.

Eid ul-Fitr

Eid is scheduled for Thursday evening and Friday – to be confirmed. We would like to wish all families celebrating a huge **Eid Mubarak!** We hope that you have a joyful and enjoyable celebration.

Red Nose Day – Friday 20th March

Next Friday is Red Nose Day. Staff and pupils are invited to wear red to school, and to come prepared with some jokes. Classes will vote for the best joke, and the winner will deliver it in assembly. We will be collecting donations on the gate for the charity, and Year 5 will be running their Comic Relief charity stalls for Years 3, 4 and 6 on **Wednesday 25th March**. Thank you.

Parent Consultations

The booking system for Parent Consultations will go live tomorrow – 14th March at 12 noon. Instructions on how to book will be sent out to you in a separate Parentmail. (The booking system for Class 2EA will go live closer to the date of the consultations).

RECEPTION: RRS & RES: Monday 23rd and Tuesday 24th March

YEAR 1: 1D & 1BN: Monday 23rd and Wednesday 25th March

YEAR 2: 2T: Monday 23rd and Tuesday 24th March

YEAR 2: 2EA: Monday 27th & Tuesday 28th April (bookings available after Easter break)

YEAR 3: 3H & 3P: Monday 23rd and Tuesday 24th March

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

YEAR 5: 5T & 5VP: Monday 23rd and Tuesday 24th March

YEAR 6: 6F & 6L: Monday 23rd and Tuesday 24th March

NURSERY parents' consultations will take place during the week of Monday 20th April

PTA News

Silent Discos – poster attached – Wednesday 25th March

Lakeside PTA, with generous sponsorship from Rhostio Coffee, are delighted to present the first ever Lakeside Silent Disco!

The disco takes place on Wednesday 25th March. **Nursery to Year Two Disco 5-5.45pm; Years Three to Six 6-7pm.**

This is a unique, fun disco where each participant will have their own wireless headphones and can choose from THREE different music channels to dance along to, hosted by DJs Sarah and Daron - an enormous thank you for your support!

Adults can also join the fun with a dedicated 80s, 90s and 00s channel and hire your own headphones (come show the pupils your finest dance moves!)

Tickets are on sale now from ParentPay (£4 per child; £2 for additional headphones for adults). Refreshments, starting from 50p, will be available to purchase. Parents must stay for the infant (Nursery to Year 2) disco.

If you would like to volunteer to help at the discos please email Lakeside PTA:
lakesideprimarycardiffpta@gmail.com

We hope to see you there!

Spring Fair

Friday April 24th 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.

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 2: Wednesday 18th March 9.15am

Year 4: Tuesday 17th March 9.15am

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

Wishing you all a pleasant weekend.

Best wishes,

Rachel Mitchell

Headteacher

Upcoming events / Term dates

March 2026

Tuesday 17th March – Year 4 Sharing Session for parents/carers

Wednesday 18th March – Year 2 Sharing Session for parents/carers

Friday 20th March (TBC) – Eid ul-Fitr

Friday 20th March – Red Nose Day (& Year 6 v Staff netball match in afternoon)

Monday 23rd March – Parent Consultations

Tuesday 24th March – Morning Nursery Easter Bonnet Parade 10.45am

Afternoon Nursery Easter Bonnet Parade 2.30pm

Tuesday 24th March – Parent Consultations

Wednesday 25th March – Year 1 Parent Consultations

Wednesday 25th March – PTA Silent Discos

Friday 27th March – break up for Easter

Sunday 29th March – Palm Sunday

Friday 3rd April – Good Friday

Sunday 5th April – Easter Sunday

April 2026

Monday 13th April – back to school

Monday 13th April to Friday 17th April – Year 3 Swimming

Wednesday 15th April – Codi Llais concert Years 5& 6

Friday 17th April – Home Netball match against Lisvane Primary School (from 3pm)

Monday 20th April to Friday 24th April – Year 3 Swimming

Friday 24th April – PTA Spring Fair

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

May 2026

Monday 4th May – Bank Holiday

Friday 8th May – Toybox Collection Day

Friday 15th May – Lakeside Netball Festival at school 1.30-4.30pm

Friday 22nd May – break up for Half Term

Sunday 24th May – Whitsun

Monday 25th May – Bank Holiday

Wednesday 26th to 30th May – Eid ul-Adha (during Half Term break)

June 2026

Monday 1st June – INSET DAY

Tuesday 2nd June – return to school

Wednesday 24th June – Foundation Phase Sports Day

July 2026

Wednesday 1st July – Key Stage 2 Sports Day

Friday 3rd July – PTA Summer Fair and Colour Run

Thursday 16th – last day for pupils

Friday 17th July – INSET DAY

Monday 20th July – INSET DAY

Term dates

2025-2026 Academic year

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	

Autumn Term 2026

INSET DAY	Tuesday 1 st September	
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INSET DAY	Wednesday 2 nd September	
1 st day for pupils	Thursday 3 rd September	