

Parentmail Friday 5th June, 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you all had a lovely half-term break. We have our final school term coming up, with lots of outdoor activity (weather permitting), the PTA Summer Fair and Colour run, Sports Days, trips and plenty more. It's wonderful to see the children able to play on the school fields and enjoying themselves in the open air.

We look forward to welcoming Year 5 parents and carers to school on Tuesday 9th June for their sharing session – please come to the KS2 gate for a 9.15am start.

Eid Bake Sale – Friday 12th June

Eid ul-Adha was celebrated during the recent half-term break and as part of the celebrations members of our school community are holding an Eid Bake Sale after school next Friday (12th June) at the main school gate. As always there will be a mixture of sweet and savoury snacks and treats, with proceeds going to the PTA. As usual, I will be first in the queue for cakes...

Lions Football Tournament – Saturday 13th June

Every June, Lakeside Primary hosts the Lions football tournament which was set up in memory of the late Jim Rogers, father of Lakeside's former headteacher, Liz Counsell. Play starts at 9.30am and should end around 2pm with medals awarded to every player. Refreshments will be available courtesy of our PTA. There are nine teams taking part, two from Lakeside. So, if you'd like to watch some great football come along and support the Lakeside players on the 13th. There is a promotional video for the tournament on the school website (Children > Lakeside Videos).

(If anyone is available to help set up and clear away for the tournament, we will need chairs set out, etc., from around 8.30am, and put away at 2pm. If anyone can help, please contact Beth Ullah on 07711 379401 – thank you!).

Food Bank

This morning in assembly our (very busy!) School Council launched our Summer Food Bank collection drive. There will be collection points on the main gate and in the Foundation Phase playground and the donations will be delivered to Emmanuel Baptist Church Food Bank on Thursday 9th July. The Food Bank is specifically looking to stock up on the following items but, as always, any non-perishable items are all gratefully received:

Tinned tomatoes

Tuna

Rice

Coffee

UHT milk and juice

Corned beef

Biscuits

Cooking oil

Shreddies / Rice Krispies / Cornflakes / Weetabix (generic or supermarket own is fine)

Squash

Thank you in advance for your continuing generosity.

Relationships and Sex Education

This area of the curriculum will be taught over the next six weeks. As always, the content is available for parents and carers to look at in the main school office. We will also email out the overview of content for each year group early next week.

*****Change in school communication system*****

As mentioned previously, we are moving our parent communication system from Parentmail to the Arbor app. This will be for communications from the school office such as the Friday Parentmail. Attached are instructions on how to download the app and set up an account.

We will stop using Parentmail on **1st July, 2026**, so please sign up for Arbor before then. If you have any problems or difficulties, please email or see a member of the school office staff. Thank you very much in advance for your support with this transition.

Please note that teachers will still be using Seesaw to communicate class information, and school dinner bookings and trips/visits will still be on Parentpay for the time being.

Important information about Chess Club

There will be **no Chess Club on Monday 15th June** because of staff training.

Chess Club will be **as normal** on:

Monday 8th June

Monday 22nd June

Monday 29th June

Monday 6th July – THIS IS THE FINAL SESSION

Wishing you a pleasant weekend.

Best wishes,

Rachel Mitchell
Headteacher

Upcoming events / Term dates

June 2026

Tuesday 9th June – Year 5 parent/carer sharing session (9.15am, in the Big Hall)

Wednesday 10th June – Year 4 visit to Bristol Aquarium

Friday 12th June – Day of Welcome

SATURDAY 13th June – Lions Football Tournament @ Lakeside 9.30am

Monday 15th to Friday 19th June – Refugee Week

Wednesday 24th June – Foundation Phase Sports Day

Thursday 25th June – Nursery Sports Days: 9.30am and 2pm – school fields

July 2026

Wednesday 1st July – Key Stage 2 Sports Day

Friday 3rd July – PTA Summer Fair and Colour Run

Wednesday 8th July – Year 5 visit to West Midlands Safari Park
 Friday 10th July – Year 6 Leavers’ performance for parents/carers: 2pm
 Monday 13th July – Year 6 Leavers’ Party - evening
 Thursday 16th – last day for pupils
Friday 17th July – INSET DAY
Monday 20th July – INSET DAY

Term dates

2025-2026 Academic year

Summer Term 2026

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