

Parentmail Friday 19th June, 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to thank parents/carers and pupils for all the good wishes and gifts I received on my 'Big' birthday this week. All day I was visited by pupils from across the school, with cards, gifts and treats and I had a really lovely day. Thank you xx

Thank you to all who donated to, ran and bought from our Eid Bake Sale last Friday, which was so popular the food ran out!

Also last Friday, our lately formed Korfball team WON their tournament at House of Sport. On Saturday, the Lakeside A team came close runners-up in the Lions Football Tournament, won by Llysfaen Primary. Congratulations to Llysfaen and a huge well done to all players who took part in the tournament.

This week, our footballers have been VERY busy. In Monday's match against Rhydypenau the B team drew 5-all; A team won 5-2; in Wednesday's tournament in Ocean Way they won 4 games and drew 1. Playing brilliantly, they only lost in the quarter finals; in Thursday's football tournament for Bronwen's Wish, also at Rhydypenau, the Lakeside team finished 3rd. We would like to congratulate all korfball and football players for taking part and extend a HUGE thank you to parents and carers, without whose support in transporting the players to and from matches all of this would be impossible.

This Sunday, our netball team is playing in the finals of the Urdd U11s National Netball Competition in Aberystwyth. The players and coaches have worked really hard training for this over the last few weeks and we wish them all the very best for a successful visit to mid-west Wales. If you'd like to follow the team's progress you can use the following link to look at the results which will be updated throughout the day:

<https://www.schoolssports.com/CompetitionMicrosite/Competition.asp?TID=urdd-pel-rwyd&TSID=11926>

Also on Sunday, 6 of our children will be competing in the ECF Schools Chess Finals in Nottingham University. We wish them lots of luck.

Yesterday, three pupils accompanied Mrs Thomas to Cardiff University to receive an award for achieving first place in the Walk Once a Week scheme. Thank you again to our Lakeside families for your commitment to this scheme – we are very proud to have won the award!

Hot weather

It looks as if we are about to have another heatwave next week. As always, please ensure that children are well-protected from the sun with hats and sun cream, and have plenty of drinks to last all day. We have several water fountains around the school where children can refill bottles as many times as they need to.

PTA Ice Pop Sale

The PTA will be organising an Ice Pop sale at the end of the school day on Friday 26th June.

Squishies

There seems to be a current trend in 'Squishy' toys being brought into school. This can result in them being lost or damaged and sometimes causes disruption when they are 'traded' or not shared. We of course appreciate that some children need support for sensory regulation, but resources are available in school and do not need to be brought from home. Thank you in advance for your support in this.

Food Bank

We have collected a wonderful amount of donations for our Summer Food Bank collection. There is still time to bring in non-perishable items as the donations will not be delivered until Thursday 9th July. Many thanks for your continuing generosity.

Parent Governor Ballot

We have a vacancy for a Parent Governor. If you wish to nominate yourself, please complete the form sent previously or collect one from the office. The term of office is for four years and your child must be in Reception or above. The closing date for nominations is Wednesday 24 June at 12 noon.

Parent Support Coffee Morning – Tuesday 7th July 10am

We are hosting our first **Parent Support Coffee Morning** for parents and carers of neurodivergent children, or those currently on the diagnostic pathway. The session will be supported by **AP Cymru** - the neurodiversity charity. This support group will provide a relaxed, welcoming space where families can meet the team, ask questions, and access guidance grounded in lived experience.

Our coffee morning helps to:

- Build trust and strengthen relationships between home and school
- Offer early support and reduce feelings of isolation
- Connect families with a community that understands
- Share practical, easy-to-use strategies that make a real difference

The session will be held at **Lakeside Primary School** on **Tuesday 7th July at 10am**.

Please can you contact school, via the office, if you are interested in attending so that we can get an idea of numbers - LakesidePrimary@cardiff.gov.uk

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

An excellent 62% of you have downloaded the Arbor App – thank you all very much. We do need all families to switch in time for our changeover on 1st July, 2026.

Instructions are attached on how to download the app and set up an account. If you have any problems or difficulties, please email or see a member of the school office staff.

PTA Summer Fair and Colour Run – Friday 3rd July, from 3.30pm

We are looking forward with great excitement to the PTA Summer Fair and Colour Run!

We will soon be asking for donations of good quality teddy bears/soft toys, Chocolate bars (on **Chocolate Tuesday – Tuesday 30th June**), good quality children's books, uniform – we are in need of larger (junior) sizes - and cakes on the day of the fair.

Wishing you a pleasant weekend.

Best wishes,

Rachel Mitchell
Headteacher

Upcoming events / Term dates

June 2026

Monday 22nd to Friday 26th June – Year 5 Cycling Proficiency
Monday 22nd June – Chess Club on
Tuesday 23rd June – School Choir taking part in Music Service concert at Whitchurch High School 6.15pm
Wednesday 24th June – Foundation Phase Sports Day
Thursday 25th June – Nursery Sports Days: 9.30am and 2pm – school fields
Monday 29th June - Chess Club on
Monday 29th June to Friday 3rd July – Year 5 Cycling Proficiency

July 2026

Wednesday 1st July – Key Stage 2 Sports Day
Thursday 2nd July – Cardiff High School Transition Day for Year 6 pupils attending in September
Thursday 2nd July – LAST CHOIR SESSION FOR THIS YEAR
Thursday 2nd July – Parents’/Carers’ meeting Cardiff High School
Friday 3rd July – PTA Summer Fair and Colour Run
Monday 6th July - Chess Club on – LAST CHESS SESSION FOR THIS YEAR
Tuesday 7th July - Parent Support Coffee Morning for parents and carers of neurodivergent children – please confirm if you are attending so that we can get an idea of numbers
- LakesidePrimary@cardiff.gov.uk
Wednesday 8th July – Year 5 visit to West Midlands Safari Park
Wednesday 8th July – FINAL DANCEFIT SESSION FOR THIS YEAR
Friday 10th July – Year 6 Leavers’ performance for parents/carers: 2pm
Monday 13th July – Year 6 Leavers’ Party – evening
Tuesday 14th July – Lakeside’s Got Talent
Tuesday 14th July – LAST BASKETBALL SESSION FOR THIS YEAR
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	