

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you all had a lovely Summer break with a chance to enjoy yourselves and relax in the wonderful weather. We are all looking forward to welcoming children from Years 1 to 6 back to school tomorrow - **Thursday 3rd September** – and to welcoming our new pupils and families to Nursery and Reception over the next couple of weeks.

We send our best wishes to our former Year 6 pupils for their first day at high school.

Staff news

- We are delighted to share the lovely news that Mrs Holly Bird has had a baby boy and both are doing very well. Tomorrow and Friday Class 4B will be taught by our PPA teacher Miss Rachel Parry, and Mrs Bird's maternity cover teacher will be confirmed next week.
- Miss Fry – 6F teacher – is still recovering from her surgery last term and we hope that she will be returning later in the term. Tomorrow and Friday Class 6F will be taught by Miss Jess Lewis, and Miss Fry's long-term cover teacher will be confirmed next week.
- We welcome Mrs Lisa Green as our new School Business Manager.
- Our PPA teachers this year will be Mr Ben Jones and Miss Rachel Parry.
- Mr Ben Jones will also be teaching alongside Mrs Evans in Class 2EJ. Mrs Evans teaches Monday to Thursday; Mr Jones teaches on Fridays.

School lunches

- Please remember to book your child(ren)'s school lunch by 8am tomorrow morning via Parentpay.
- Cardiff Catering have upgraded the school kitchen and are now offering Halal options.

Physical Education

There will be no PE lessons this week. Your child's PE day will be decided before the end of this week and shared with you and your child. From next week, pupils should wear their PE kit to school on their PE day.

School timings

- Year 3 pupils will be met at the KS2 gate tomorrow morning so that they can be escorted to their classrooms by staff.
- Please note that the school gates and doors are open between 8.45 and 8.55am (any pupils who arrive at school after 8.55am must go to the office in order to enter the school and be signed in, as class teachers will be busy taking registers and introducing lessons after 8.55am).
- If your child is being collected by another adult, e.g. they are going home for tea with a friend, it is really important that you inform the school office either by phone (029 20767050) or email (lakesideprimary@cardiff.gov.uk) so that the staff are aware of the arrangement. Thank you.

Uniform and personal belongings

- Jewellery: pupils should not wear any jewellery to school, mainly due to the risk of injury, damage and loss. In the case of pierced ears, **stud earrings only** can be worn and these must be taped over for PE and sports activities.

- Smart watches/mobile phones: pupils are not permitted to bring mobile phones or smart watches to school. If a mobile phone is brought to school by a pupil (and we recognise that this may be necessary if a child needs their phone after school, for example) it will be kept secure by the teacher throughout the school day and returned at home time. Please do not bring smart watches into school.
- School shoes and trainers: a reminder that school footwear should be weather-appropriate and suitable for play, and either black/a dark colour, or white.
- Squishies: please do not allow your children to bring toys or squishies into school. We have sensory regulation resources in school that are available when required.

Snack

A reminder that if pupils bring snacks into school for break time, they need to be healthy snacks, e.g. fruit or vegetables; not crisps or chocolate snacks, please.

Water

Children may bring reusable plastic bottles of water into school for drinking. These can be refilled at our water stations. PLEASE LABEL YOUR CHILD'S BOTTLE (AND OTHER ITEMS) WITH THEIR NAMES. Thank you.

Walking home

Only Year 6 pupils are allowed to make their own way home after school (but not at the end of after-school clubs).

Medication expiry dates

Please make sure that any medication sent to school with pupils is in date and that all the appropriate paperwork has been completed. We are only allowed to administer medication that has been prescribed for your child by a health practitioner.

After-school club information

- Pupils from the relevant year groups who express an interest in joining an after-school club will be given a letter to bring home for parents/carers to complete.
- **All** members of after-school clubs **must** be collected by a responsible adult at the end of the club; club members are not permitted to walk home alone from these clubs.
- Below are start dates for some of our after-school clubs. Other club details will follow in due course.

	Year group	Weekday	Start date	End date (if known)
Dancefit	Years 4 to 6	Wednesdays	16 th September	
Choir	Years 4 to 6	Thursdays	10 th September	
Netball	Years 5 & 6	Fridays	18 th September	

I look forward to seeing you all tomorrow.

Best wishes,

Rachel Mitchell

Upcoming events / Term dates

September 2026

Thursday 3rd September – Year 1 to Year 6 pupils return to school

Thursday 10th September – Nursery pupils return to school

Thursday 10th September – Choir restarts

October 2026

Friday 9th October – Wear Yellow for Mental Health Day

Thursday 15th October – School Council delivers Food Bank donations

Friday 16th October – Lakeside celebrates Shwmae Day

Friday 23rd October – break up for Half Term

November 2026

Monday 2nd November – return to school

Sunday 8th November – Hindu festival of Diwali

Wednesday 11th November – Remembrance Day

Friday 13th November – Children in Need

Monday 16th to Friday 20th November – Anti-bullying Week

Friday 27th November – we light the first Advent candle for Christmas

December 2026

Thursday 10th December – Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children

Friday 18th December – break up for Christmas

Friday 25th December – Christmas Day

January 2027

Monday 4th January – INSET DAY

Tuesday 5th January – pupils return to school

February 2027

Friday 5th February – break up for Half Term

Saturday 6th February – Chinese New Year

Monday 8th February – Ramadan begins

Wednesday 10th February – Lent begins

Monday 15th February – Return to school

March 2027

Monday 1st March – St David's Day and Eisteddfod

Friday 5th March – Lakeside celebrates World Book Day

Tuesday 9th March – Eid ul-Fitr – TBC (may be Wednesday 10th)

Monday 15th March – Parent Consultations (TBC)

Tuesday 16th March - Parent Consultations (TBC)

Friday 19th March – Comic Relief Red Nose Day

Friday 19th March – Break up for Easter

Monday 22nd March – Hindu festival of Holi

Friday 26th March – Good Friday

Sunday 28th March – Easter Sunday

April 2027

Monday 5th April – return to school

Wednesday 14th April – Sikh festival of Vaisakhi

May 2027

Monday 3rd May – Bank Holiday

Monday 17th May – Eid ul-Adha

Friday 28th May – break up for Half Term

June 2027

Monday 7th June – INSET DAY

Tuesday 8th June – pupils return to school

Friday 11th June – Day of Welcome

Monday 14th to Friday 20th – Refugee Week

July 2027

Tuesday 20th July - pupils break up for Summer

Term dates**2026-2027 Academic year**

There will be 2 additional Inset Days during the academic year – to be confirmed

Autumn Term 2026

INSET DAY	Tuesday 1 st September
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1 st day for pupils	Thursday 3 rd September
Nursery Return to School	Thursday 10 th September
Choir restarts	Thursday 10 th September
Break up for half-term	Friday 23 rd October
Half-term break	Monday 26 th – Friday 30 th October
Return to school	Monday 2 nd November
Break up for Christmas	Friday 18 th December

Spring Term 2027

INSET DAY	Monday 4 th January, 2027
Break up for half-term	Friday 5 th February
Half-term break	Monday 8 th – Friday 12 th February
Return to school	Monday 15 th February
Break up for Easter	Friday 19 th March

Summer Term 2027

Return to school	Monday 5 th April
Break up for half-term	Friday 28 th May
Half-term break	Monday 31 st May – Friday 4 th June
INSET DAY	Monday 7 th June
Return to school	Tuesday 8 th June
Break up for Summer	Tuesday 20 th July