

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a pleasure to welcome you and your children back to Lakeside. The children have settled really well into their new year groups and we look forward to a busy term ahead.

Staff News: 4B & 6F

We are delighted to welcome Miss Charlotte Hutchings to Class 4B as maternity cover for Mrs Bird and are also delighted to welcome Miss Aoife Cremin to Class 6F as cover for Miss Fry. Both teachers started this morning.

Outdoor Learning

Children will need to bring wellies to school on the days that they have Outdoor Learning (or wellies can be left in school if preferred). Also on these days, please ensure that pupils have a suitable waterproof coat. Thank you.

Class	Outdoor Learning Day
Reception	Every other Tuesday, starting next week
Year 1	Every other Tuesday, starting this week (tomorrow) but please don't panic if you haven't got any for tomorrow!
Year 2	Every other Monday, starting this week (so the week after next – 21 st September)
Year 3	Every other Wednesday, starting this week
Year 4	Every other Thursday, starting next week
Year 5	Every other Wednesday, starting next week
Year 6	Every other Thursday, starting this week

PE and Reading Folder days

Class	PE Day	Folders go home	Folders back to school
Reception	Friday	Please see Reception communications for details	
Year 1	Tuesday	Friday	Wednesday
Year 2	Monday	Friday	Wednesday
Year 3	Wednesday	Teachers will inform pupils directly	
Year 4	Tuesday		
Year 5	Wednesday (also awaiting information from Cardiff Met.)		
Year 6	Thursday (also awaiting information from Cardiff Met.)		

After-school club information

- 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.

	Year group	Weekday	Start date	End date (if known)
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Chess*	Years 3 to 6	Monday	28 th September	
Football	Years 5 & 6	Monday	21 st September	
Basketball**	Year 6	Tuesdays	15 th September	20 th October
Dancefit***	Years 3 to 6	Wednesdays	16 th September	9 th December
Choir	Years 4 to 6	Thursdays	10 th September No session Thurs 15 th October	
Netball	Year 6	Fridays	18 th September	

*More details to follow shortly

**Please see the attached letter about Basketball coaching at Lakeside. This is run by Cardiff Met Archers

***You can book Dancefit at Lakeside via their website. The following link will take you to the Lakeside section: <https://www.ticketsource.com/booking/select/kxybxyjoqrrj> Sessions take place in the Small Hall, start at 3.30pm and end at 4.30pm.

Lost Property

We already have some items of lost property featured on the school website. Go to Parents/Carers > Lost Property. If an item belongs to you please send a note to school or email us on lakesideprimary@cardiff.gov.uk. Please remember to label your child's clothing and items with their name. Thank you.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,
Rachel Mitchell

Upcoming events / Term dates

September 2026

Thursday 10th September – Nursery pupils return to school
Thursday 10th September – Choir restarts
Tuesday 15th September – Basketball restarts
Wednesday 16th September – Dancefit restarts
Friday 18th September – Netball restarts
Monday 28th September – Chess 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 – wear red to school
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
Thursday 12th November – Y3 visit to Caerleon
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)
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
Monday 5th to Friday 9th April – Week 1 Year 3 Swimming
Monday 12th to Friday 16th April – Week 2 Year 3 Swimming
Wednesday 14th April – Sikh festival of Vaisakhi

May 2027

Monday 3rd May – Bank Holiday
Monday 17th May – Eid ul-Adha
Mon-Fri 24th- 28th May – Y5 Cycling Proficiency 1
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 18th – Refugee Week

July 2027

Mon-Fri 5th-9th July - Y5 Cycling Proficiency 2
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