

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for a great first full week back in school, and a big welcome to our new Reception and Nursery pupils. Below you will find information on upcoming events and initiatives, including Parent/Carer curriculum meetings. These are an opportunity for your child's teacher to explain what will be studied this year and ways in which you can help your child at home.

The PTA will be selling Preloved school uniform after school today – by the big green container. This is a great opportunity to pick up some spare uniform at bargain prices. A big thank you to the PTA volunteers for this.

Communication on Seesaw

Next week your child will bring home a log-in code for the Seesaw communication platform. This will enable you to access Seesaw, communicate with school and receive information specific to your child/child's class.

Harvest Food Bank

Our School Council launched our Harvest Food Bank donations drive in Assembly today. These will be delivered to the Food Bank at Emmanuel Baptist Church in Gabalfa on Thursday 15th October. As always, there will be collection boxes at the main gate and the Foundation Phase entrance. We are looking for donations of any non-perishable foods, in particular tinned meat, tinned fruit and vegetables, and Long Life Milk. Other very welcome items are dried foods such as pasta and rice, toiletries (hair care, sanitary products, toilet rolls) and cereals. ALL donations of non-perishables will be gratefully received. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Cycle to School Week – 5th–9th October

Following the huge success of last year's Cycle to School Week which saw a huge majority of pupils (and sometimes parents!) coming to school on wheels (bikes and scooters), we will again be marking the week by encouraging families to join in. The Lakeside Citizens will shortly deliver an Assembly all about it, and they will launch a 'Design Your Perfect Bike' competition.

Parent/Carer Curriculum Meetings

These will all take place in the Small Hall at 2.30pm

Year group	Date
Reception	Reading meeting: Thursday 8 th Oct
Year 1	Monday 21 st September
Year 2	Wednesday 23 rd September
Year 3	Friday 25 th September
Year 4	Friday 2 nd October
Year 5	Monday 28 th September
Year 6	Tuesday 29 th September

October Parent Consultation dates (3.40 – 6.30pm)

1. Thursday 15th October
2. Tuesday 20th October

Other dates to note:

- Thursday 8th October: **PTA Teddy Bear's Picnic** for Reception families. This will take place directly after the Reception Reading Meeting on the 8th October. Please bring your teddies and a blanket to enjoy a treat or two and a lovely story.
- Friday 9th October: **Wear Yellow For Mental Health Day**. On this day we raise money for a charity that is very close to our hearts at Lakeside – Bronwen's Wish. It was this charity that provided us with our lovely wellbeing pod in the school grounds: Ty Bronwen. We ask pupils and staff to wear yellow (or other bright colours) to school on this day.
- Friday 16th October: **Shwmae Day**. Everyone is invited to wear red or Welsh-themed clothes on Shwmae Day. Our Criw Cymraeg pupil group will choose some cool Welsh music to play on the gate in the morning and pupils across the school will enjoy some Welsh-themed activities.

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)
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	

*Here is an online form to sign your child up for chess club:

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/kCjsGusLKH?origin=lpLink>

The link will be available from 3:30pm today (Friday 11th September) until 3:30pm on Friday 18th September.

**Choir letters were issued yesterday after the first session. Please return these to school before next Thursday (17th Sept).

***Today, Year 6 pupils will enjoy a netball taster session. If they are then interested in joining the club, they should see Mrs Armstrong (Class 4A) **on Monday (14th Sept)** for a letter to bring home.

High School Admissions

Please see the attached poster about high school admissions in September 2027.

In-school music lessons

At Lakeside, CF Music offer guitar and keyboard lessons for KS2 pupils that take place during the school day on a weekly basis. If you would like to sign your child up for these lessons, please visit www.cfmusiceducation.co.uk

Lost Property

Unlabelled items of non-school uniform lost property are featured on the school website. Go to Parents/Carers > Lost Property. If an item belongs to your child please send a note into 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

Tuesday 15th September – Basketball (Y6) restarts
Wednesday 16th September – Dancefit (Y3-6) restarts
Friday 18th September – Netball (Y6) restarts
Monday 28th September – Chess restarts

October 2026

Friday 9th October – Wear Yellow for Mental Health Day – wear yellow or bright colours to school
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
~~INSET DAY~~	Wednesday 2 nd September
~~1st 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
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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