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Dear RPPS Families,

Happy Diwali to our families who celebrated on Monday 20th October. Some families have travelled abroad for Diwali this year – we wish them a safe journey back to Cardiff.

Next week is October half-term and Monday 3rd November is an INSET day. All children will return to school on Tuesday 4th November from 8.55am. Please could you direct any **urgent** correspondence to me next week – it is important to allow our team the opportunity to rest and enjoy time with their family / friends.

Glow Disco

Our annual 'Glow Disco' is on **Thursday 23rd October**. Entry cost is £2 per child – cash only. A drink, snack and face painting is included in the price.

Years 1, 2 and 3 will be from 3.45pm until 4.45pm. **Please collect your children as normal and escort them to the school hall for the start time.**

Year 4, 5 and 6 will be from 5.00pm until 6.00pm. Drop off is from 4.45pm until 5.00pm – via the blue double gates on Pen-Y-Wain Road.

All children (except Year 6 pupils with consent) are to be collected by parents / carers) at the finish time(s) listed above. Please collect from the blue double gates on Pen-Y-Wain Road. All children can wear bright colours / party clothes to school.

School photographs – individual and sibling

Individual and sibling photographs are scheduled for **Friday 24th October 2025**. These will be taken and supplied by Colorfoto. Following your feedback, we will look at alternative providers for next year.

Breakfast Club

The 'Free Breakfast Club' survey has now closed – we received a great response and there is high demand for spaces. We expect Breakfast Club provision to look like this;

Paid Breakfast Club (no spaces currently available)

8.00am until 8.25am

Priority will be given to existing Breakfast Club members

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Free Breakfast Club
8.25am until 8.55am

Next steps: We now need to check that we have the correct number of staff available and ensure that they have completed Level 2 Food Hygiene training. We want to launch the new Breakfast Club arrangements from 1st January 2025 at the latest – these may be ‘phased in’ earlier.

Stay and Play / Parents Evening Events

All Parents / Carers consultation events are now complete for the Autumn Term.

We were unaware that the ‘Teachers 2 Parents’ platform had moved from a text message to an email notification-based system and appreciate that this change caused some confusion for families of children from Year 2 – Year 6. However, we are delighted that a fantastic 87% of our families joined in with Stay and Play / Parents Evening events.

If you haven’t done so already, we would value your feedback to our biannual Parent / Carer Questionnaire: [Parent / Carer Questionnaire - October 2025](#)

School meals

Nearly all children had a school meal ordered for them today. We really appreciate your support with this – please continue to order school meals after half-term.

Yearly Planner - UPDATED

We noticed that the email address for Mrs. Watts (Year 1 Teacher) was incorrect on the Yearly Planner. I have corrected this and updated the version on our website.

It can be found here: [YEARLY PLANNER 2025-26 NEW](#)

School successes

Fundraising: A huge well done to Ben (Year 3) and Dylan (Reception) who completed a sponsored walk. They raised £350 for the charity 'Forgotten Women' who are helping families in Gaza.

Star on screen: Hardhaya (Year 3) will be involved in filming a rugby scene in Death Valley Series 2.

Literacy and Maths: Zach (Year 6) received an "Outstanding Achievement Award" from his tutor at Kip McGrath tuition.

Swimming: Alex (Year 6) recently won three 3rd place medals (for 200m backstroke, 200m breaststroke, 100m freestyle) and two 2nd place medals (for 50m backstroke, and 100m breaststroke).

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A huge well done to each of you for your fantastic achievements – we are extremely proud of your efforts in school and outside of school. Thank you to parents / carers who have shared these achievements – I look forward to reading more as the year goes on.

Many thanks for your continued support,
Mr. L Fitzgerald

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