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Dear RPPS Families,

We kicked off our Christmas Concerts with two outstanding shows from our Year 1 and Year 2 classes today. It was hard to believe that the children on stage were only 5 or 6 years old given their confidence and the quality of their performance. Their message of Christmas through the Nativity Story was wonderful and brightened up what's been a miserable day in terms of weather.

Thanks to all families who joined us for both showings of 'A Starry Night in Bethlehem'. We look forward to welcoming all other families into school from now until the Christmas holiday break.

Christmas Movie Night

92 children from Year 2 to Year 6 joined us for our annual Christmas Movie Night on Thursday 27th November. We enjoyed watching 'That Christmas' with our popcorn and snacks.

Remaining Christmas Concerts

You can find a full list of Christmas Concerts and Events below;

Friday 5th December: Reception "Whoops-A-Daisy Angel" (10am & 2pm)

Monday 8th December: Nursery "Christmas Chaos" (10am - Nursery AM & 2pm - Nursery PM)

Wednesday 10th December: Year 3 & Year 4 "The Magical Christmas Jigsaw" (10am & 4pm)

Wednesday 17th December: Year 5 & Year 6 "Christmas Spells C.H.R.I.S.T.M.A.S." (10am & 4pm)

Other events leading into Christmas

Monday 8th December: Year 1 & Year 2 visiting Sherman Theatre: 'The Frog Prince'

Thursday 11th December: Christmas dinners in school (order through ParentPay), Christmas Jumper Day, Rudolph Dance-a-thon fundraising for City Hospice.

Friday 12th December: Nursery and Reception visiting Sherman Theatre: 'The Frog Prince'

Friday 12th December: Rocksteady Christmas Show (Rocksteady musicians & families only)

Thursday 18th December: Class Christmas parties – see Class Newsletters for further information

Friday 19th December: INSET day 3 (school closed to all pupils)

Staffing updates

Parents / Carers of children in Class 6J (Miss James) have received information about changes at the start of the Spring Term. Miss James will reduce her working days from four to three. Ms Marker will teach two days to ensure consistency for the class.

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Our fantastic Mr. Newbury will leave Roath Park on 31st December 2025. We hope you will join us in wishing Mr. Newbury the very best for the future – he will remain connected to the school but feels now is the right time to step back from teaching. Miss Rachel Jenkins, who is well known to the children and school community, will take over Mr. Newbury's teaching timetable.

Breakfast Club – Update

The 'Free Breakfast Club' survey is 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

Free Breakfast Club

8.25am until 8.55am

Update: We will be in contact before Christmas to share how the changes will be rolled out. The youngest children will be able to access the new Breakfast Club first as there is more demand for spaces here.

Governing Body Annual Report to Families

We are just making our final changes to the GB Annual Report to Families. This provides a summary of last year's progress against the School Development Plan priorities as well as other key information for families. The report will be shared before the Christmas holiday break.

ParentPay – school meals

Please keep ordering school meals through ParentPay until the Christmas holiday period. You **DO NOT** need to add funds to your account – Universal Primary Free School Meal provision covers children from when they start Reception to the end of Primary School in Year 6.

School successes

Swimming: Nora and Sara (Year 1), Ezekiel (Year 2) and Idris (Year 4) achieved their 5m certificate and medal.

Swimming: Sufyaan (Year 2) achieved his 10m certificate and medal.

Swimming: Musa (Year 4) achieved his 200m certificate and medal.

Swimming: Alesha (Year 5) achieved her 800m certificate and medal.

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Karate: Noor (Year 4) retained her title as Welsh Karate League champion for 2025. She won an amazing 6 out of 6 events throughout the year.

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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