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Dear RPPS Families,

We'd like to thank our families, staff, Governing Body, Friends of RPPS (PTA) and other volunteers for the tremendous role they play in ensuring that all children 'belong' at Roath Park.

Some of you will be celebrating Christmas in a week's time so wish you a wonderful time with your family and friends. We are proud to serve this community and celebrate the richness and diversity of everyone within it. This year, alike last, we have been thankful for living in a peaceful community.

Christmas holiday break

I am sure that you will agree our team have earned a well-deserved rest after an extremely busy Autumn Term. In the event of an **emergency** over the Christmas holiday period, please contact me via email – LFitzgerald@roathparkprm.co.uk

I will be checking emails sporadically and will reply to you when I am able to.

Mr. Newbury

This was Mr. Newbury's last week as a Teacher at Roath Park. We held a special celebration event for him yesterday which consisted of a banquet with our Year 2 children / staff and a celebration assembly. All children throughout the school contributed towards thank you cards with some of the older children thanking Mr. Newbury during the assembly. It was a lovely event for a brilliant man and teacher.

Mr. Newbury has very kindly offered to help with future trips and our annual Eisteddfod event in March. We'll see him again in the New Year. Until then, happy retirement Sir!

Moving from SIMS to Arbor

From Monday 5th January 2026, under the guidance of Cardiff Council, Roath Park Primary will move from SIMS to Arbor. Arbor is a comprehensive and user-friendly platform that brings together several school systems into one. This will streamline processes further here at school and will help you at home too.

Your child's historical information, including past attendance and records, will be safely transferred to the new system. We will need you to be patient as are likely to experience some issues in the first week of the Spring Term. Please leave voicemails if we do not answer or otherwise email the school office – Roathparkprm@cardiff.gov.uk

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Breakfast Club

The current paid breakfast club arrangements will continue for the first week of the Spring Term. We hope to roll out the Free Breakfast Club provision for from January 5th, but this will be delayed a week. This is due to the move to Arbor and not receiving an order of essential catering equipment.

Free Breakfast Club (from 8.25am)
12th January – Reception and Year 1

Other year groups - TBC

Governing Body – Annual Report to Parent / Carers

We have published our annual report on the school website. This reflects on progress made against targets last academic year. Read it here: [Governing Body Annual Report to Parents 2024-25](#)

We have two vacancies for Parent Governor positions. Please complete the nomination form sent home earlier this week and return it by 9.30am on Friday 9th January 2026.

School successes

I am delighted to share this year's final list of children who have achieved great successes outside of school. Please keep these coming in 2026 as I love to read them and see the children with their awards, certificates, medals and trophies.

Gymnastics: Majsofia (Year 5) was awarded a certificate for completing a Level 4 Gymnastics assessment at Cardiff Met.

Swimming: Lizzie (Year 4) won a medal in the Newport Swimming Club 'Christmas Cracker' event. She also picked up 3 'speeding tickets' for fast times in three races.

Enjoy the Christmas break – wishing you all a very Happy New Year too.

Many thanks for your continued support,

Mr. L Fitzgerald
Headteacher

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