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Dear RPPS Families,

I hope this newsletter finds you well. We are starting to enjoy clearer and milder weather which has helped us to enjoy more learning and play outside.

It has been a very busy time school, so I wanted to provide some information on what has been going on ahead of the half-term break next week. Please allow our team to rest next week. Any essential / emergency correspondence should be directed to me, and I will come back to you as soon as possible. My email address is [LFitzgerald@roathparkprm.co.uk](mailto:LFitzgerald@roathparkprm.co.uk)

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February is an INSET day here at Roath Park so all children will return to school on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February at 8.55am.

#### **Yearly Planner – Updated (IMPORTANT)**

Our Yearly Planner was recently updated: [YEARLY PLANNER 2025-26 \(UPDATED\)](#)  
Changes are highlighted in yellow – please check dates for the Year 2 / Year 3 celebration assemblies.

#### **Year 4's Celebration Assembly**

On Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January we enjoyed a fantastic assembly starring our Year 4 classes. It was great to see the children having so much fun whilst showcasing everything they've learnt since September. Thank you to those families came to watch the assembly – we hope you enjoyed it.

#### **UNICEF Rights Respecting School – Gold Award**

I am extremely pleased to announce that Roath Park has been re-accredited with Gold Award status as a UNICEF Rights Respecting School. Our Rights Leader, Mr. Loizos, and our Rights & Equality pupil leadership group deserve enormous praise for their hard work in preparing for and achieving the award.

Our Gold Award recognises how we have explicitly adopted a child rights approach based on the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) and embedded it in school practice, ethos and culture.

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### **Violin event at All Nations Church**

Some of our excellent Year 2 violinists took part in a special event at All Nations Church on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February. These children represented the school brilliantly and made us all proud. Thanks to those who attended the event and supported our young musicians.

### **February discos**

We had a great turnout at our disco last night. Both sessions were well attended, and it was lovely to see the children having so much fun with their friends. Together we raised £200 which will go back into school resources like outdoor play equipment.

### **Year 6 'Conflict and Peace' day**

Our Year 6 children and staff attended school as evacuees yesterday and they looked absolutely fantastic! Teachers from across the school chose evacuees to 'reside' with them for the first part of the day with evacuees completing tasks in return! The Year 6 staff planned a series of activities / events throughout the day and lots of fun was had by all.

### **Eisteddfod 2026**

Mr Parsons has shared information ahead of our annual Eisteddfod event on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2026. You can find the letter on Schoop (sent on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February) but we will re-share it later today.

Please read the letter carefully. It explains which events children across the school can enter and how to do so. You may want to use the half-term break to prepare for the competition.

### **Building update**

We have monthly meetings with Cardiff Council to discuss essential works to repair our Grade II listed school building and premises. Plans are progressing and we are told work will begin in the coming months. The façade (including brickwork and stonework) will be repaired first - a programme of works has been shared with the school and Governing Body.

### **Estyn Inspection – report publication date**

We feel that our colleagues at Estyn have captured what makes Roath Park such a special place within the local community. The report will be published on **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2026**. It will not include summative gradings (such as Adequate, Good, Excellent) as Estyn removed these in 2022.

### **Breakfast Club and Free Breakfast Club**

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Our 'Free Breakfast Club' provision will expand through to Year 6 after the February half-term break.

The timings and arrangements for both clubs can be found below;

Paid Breakfast Club (no spaces currently available)

8.00am until 8.25am

*Priority will be given to existing Breakfast Club members. The cost is £1.50 per session.*

Free Breakfast Club

8.25am until 8.55am – toast, yoghurt and fruit juice provided.

**Notification of absence due to illness**

All notifications of absence due to illness need to be reported to the School Office before 8.55am. This can be done via email [roathparkprm@cardiff.gov.uk](mailto:roathparkprm@cardiff.gov.uk) or call 02920 499549 (option #0). If there is no answer, our Office Team will be busy attending to something else so please leave a voicemail. Do **NOT** contact staff directly as we may not be able to report the absence for you. The school will contact you if you do not report your child's absence.

**Contacting staff – when and how**

We are receiving a high number of emails and notifications through Seesaw outside of our working hours which are between 8.30am and 5pm. It is important to consider the wellbeing of staff before making contact with us.

Please could parents / carers ensure they;

- Only contact staff via email or Seesaw if you cannot speak to them in person e.g. during drop off or collection
- Contact staff during working hours. Email is preferred (see Yearly Planner for email contacts)
- Contact the school office if the query is about; absence from school, appointments during school time, school meals, school uniform or lost property

**School successes**

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**Rugby:** Harseb (Year 4) recently played at Cardiff Arm's park representing his team Old Illtydians. He was named player of the match for two consecutive weeks.

**Dance:** Lily (Year 6) took part in a WDO dance competition. Her team came first in in the street dance category for their age group.

**Girlguiding:** Alice (Year 4) won the Brownie Bronze Award for completing a year with her Brownie group.

**Rugby:** Vinnie (Year 4) and his rugby team raised £765 for Noah's Ark charity.

**Taekwondo:** Abrish (Year 4) won a medal for sparring in Taekwondo.

**Mosque exams:** Murash (Year 5) won a trophy for completing 12 exams at his mosque - Masjid Umar.

**Football:** Angus (Year 5) won a medal and trophy after a football match at a birthday party.

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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