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Dear RPPS Families,

We wish our whole school community well - especially as the Lunar New Year, Ramadan and Lent have recently got underway. Furthermore, Dydd Gŵyl Dewi Hapus (Happy St. Davids Day) to everyone who celebrated yesterday.

We enjoyed a great week last week and there are only four weeks until the Easter holiday break. In this issue of my newsletter, I have provided updates and a timetable of events occurring across the half-term. Please continue to check and read our 'Class Newsletters' as these contain important information too.

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 and a corrected date for 'Stay and Play' events in Nursery and Reception.

ALN Coffee Morning

Thank you to those families who attending the first of our ALN Coffee Morning events last Thursday. The session focused on emotional dysregulation.

Our ALNCo (Mrs. Rigby) coordinated the event and ran it alongside and our linked Specialist Teacher from the Local Authority (Mr. Chris Walker). We will run further sessions in the future.

Eisteddfod 2026

Last Friday we celebrated St. David's Day with our annual Eisteddfod. It was wonderful to see every child from Nursery through to Year 6 enjoy celebrating Wales, Welsh culture and heritage.

Every year we are impressed with the hard work, effort and quality shown in events. This year we were truly blown away! The cakes, model, poems, recitations, signing and musical performances were sensational. A huge 'diolch yn fawr' to Mr Parsons and Mr Newbury for organising a great event and 'llongyfarchiadau' to this year's Eisteddfod Bard – Benji P!

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Tŷ Dyfed (Red House) won this year's Eisteddfod with 211 points. Well done to them!

World Book Day

On Thursday 5th March we will take part in national 'World Book Day' celebrations. We do not ask for a donation on this day as we collect for other causes throughout the school year.

If children want to dress up on this day, they are very welcome to. Please do not feel there is a need to purchase a new costume or book. Your child is welcome to bring their favourite book to school or talk about it with us.

Upcoming experiences, trips and visits

Wednesday 4th March: Year 1 visit 'Plantasia' in Swansea

Thursday 5th March: 'World Book Day' & Year 6 football match vs. Albany Primary

Friday 6th March: Year 2 visit Cardiff Bay

Monday 9th March: Year 5 Year 6 'Iftar Celebration' from 5pm

Wednesday 11th March: Year 4 workshop with Quakers in Education on 'Peace Education'

Thursday 12th March: Year 5 'Futures Project'

Week beginning 16th March: 'Big Walk and Wheel 2026' event

Tuesday 17th March: Year 1 trip to Odeon Cinema

Wednesday 18th March: Year 4 workshop with Quakers in Education on 'Peace Education'

Wednesday 18th March: Year 6 visit to Penylan Library for American Literature workshop

Wednesday 18th March - Friday 20th March: Year 5 Llangrannog residential visit

Week beginning 23rd March: 'Big Walk and Wheel 2026' event

Tuesday 24th March: Year 2 workshop with the NSPCC & Year 4 Gallery Event

Wednesday 25th March: Year 4 workshop with Quakers in Education on 'Peace Education'

Wednesday 25th March: Class 5L robotics workshop

Thursday 26th March: Class 5O robotics workshop

Friday 27th March: Year 5 visiting Techniquet, Cardiff Bay

Iftar Celebration 2026

We are delighted to be hosting our 3rd annual Iftar Celebration on Monday 9th March from 5pm. Tanvier Ahmed from 'Unveiling Islam Cardiff' will be our key speaker during the

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evening. The event will consist of; learning about Ramadan, our pupils talking through their own experiences of Ramadan, sunset prayer and dinner.

This event is open to all families of children in Year 5 and Year 6. We cannot accommodate any more people due to space restrictions in our school hall. We hope you can join us.

'Stay and Play' events

Nursery and **Reception** 'Stay and Play' events will be held week beginning Monday 16th March. Appointments will be offered at drop-off and collection time on a first-come first-served basis.

These events will take place in your child's classroom. Teachers will be happy to discuss your child's progress with you.

Parents / Carers Consultations

Years 1, 2 and 3 meetings will take place on Tuesday 10th March and Wednesday 11th March.

Year 5 meetings will be on Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th March (change due to Llangrannog trip on Wednesday 18th March).

Year 4 and **Class 6L (Mr. Lewis)** meetings will be held on Tuesday 17th March and Wednesday 18th March.

Class 6J (Miss James) meetings be held over three evenings (Monday 16th, Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th March) between 3.45pm and 5.25pm. This is due to childcare arrangements.

Appointment slots will be emailed out on 4th March at 10am and will be live until 9th March at 10am. Please book quickly to avoid disappointment. All meetings will take place in the school hall from 3.45pm onwards. Teachers will be happy to discuss your child's progress with you.

Year 5 Llangrannog residential visit

Between Wednesday 18th and Friday 20th March, 32 of our Year 5 children will enjoy three fantastic days in Gwersyll Yr Urdd Llangrannog. They will be accompanied by Mr Loizos, Miss

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Owen, Mr Parsons, Mrs Richards and Mr Newbury. Mr Newbury has very kindly volunteered his time to join the group – we're very grateful for this.

Kit lists, itineraries and further information will be shared this week.

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

A summary for Parents / Carers can be found here: [Estyn \(Jan 2026\) - Summary](#)

Estyn's full report will be published on Monday 23rd March 2026.

Breakfast Club and Free Breakfast Club

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 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.

School successes

Football: Sam (Reception) was awarded a medal at Fab Bears. His team won in the final of a football tournament.

Tennis: Gracie (Year 3) took part in a tennis tournament at David Lloyd and won a certificate.

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Rugby: Jake (Year 6) won a medal for his side winning the London Welsh rugby tournament.

Swimming: Meredith (Year 5) achieved her 800m swimming badge through 'Learn To Swim Wales' at Cardiff Metropolitan University.

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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