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Dear RPPS Families,

We kicked off our 'Big Walk and Wheel' event today which will run for the next two weeks. Where possible, please consider cycling, scooting or walking to and from school. In previous years we've achieved 92% of all pupils throughout the school travelling actively. Let's try our best to equal or beat our record this year!

Iftar Celebration 2026

On Monday 9th March we hosted our 3rd annual Iftar Celebration. We enjoyed a brilliant evening where we; learnt about Ramadan, listened to our pupils talking through their own experiences of Ramadan before sunset prayer and dinner.

Thank you to the families, staff and pupils who attended. I'd also like to say a special thanks to Tan Ahmed from Unveiling Islam Cardiff, Imran Khan (parent) for providing dates and Mrs Shaz (staff) for decorating the school hall.

Eid al-Fitr 2026

We are currently in the month of Ramadan with Eid al-Fitr expected to be announced on either Thursday 19th or Friday 20th March. Some pupils will choose to celebrate Eid with their families. A one-day absence from school will be recorded as 'authorised' for religious observation. This is in line with Local Authority policy.

Yearly Planner – Updated (IMPORTANT)

Our Yearly Planner was recently updated: [YEARLY PLANNER 2025-26 - UPDATED](#)

Upcoming experiences, trips and visits

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

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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 2 Celebration Assembly (9.30am), Nursery to Year 2 Easter Bonnet Parade & Year 5 visiting Techniquet in Cardiff Bay.

'Stay and Play' events

Our **Nursery** and **Reception** 'Stay and Play' events began today. It was great to see lots of families here in school earlier today. We hope you enjoyed joining in with learning and play.

Parents / Carers Consultations

Years 1, 2 and **3** meetings took place last week. Thank you to those who attended and were able to discuss attainment and progress with their child's class teacher.

Year 5 meetings will take place tonight (Monday 16th March) and tomorrow (Tuesday 17th March). Some staff will be joining our Year 5 cohort on the Llangrannog trip from 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.

**Please contact the school if you have not already booked an appointment for meeting your child's class teacher this week.*

**Annual Written Reports to Parents/Carers will be published on Monday 6th July.*

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 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.

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Kit lists and itineraries have been shared already. Mr. Parsons held a meeting with parents last week.

School meals

Please remember that school meals **must** be ordered in advance.

If you know your child will be at home for Eid or are taking part in trips or visits where they will not be at school e.g. Llangrannog, please delete your school meal order on ParentPay.

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.

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School successes

Gymnastics: Willow (Year 3) won a medal for achieving Level 3 at Somersaults Gymnastics Club.

Swimming: Joash (Year 5) swam 400m and was awarded a certificate and medal.

Swimming: Nora (Year 1) swam 25m and was awarded a certificate and a medal.

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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