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Dear RPPS Families,

I hope this edition of our newsletter finds you well. We've been busily working away on lots of initiatives and projects are excited to share some developments with you.

Please be aware that the weather looks very warm next week. Please could every child bring a water bottle and cap / hat to school. It is also important to apply suncream before school each morning throughout the week.

Maternity Cover – Miss Hannah Turian

Over three days last week we recruited Miss Evans's replacement during her Maternity Leave from September 2026 until July 2027. We had 60 applications for this role and shortlisted 10 candidates. Of those shortlisted, Miss Hannah Turian showed outstanding quality throughout the process.

Miss Turian will teach one of our Reception classes in September. We are currently finalising which Teaching Assistants will be linked to classes for the upcoming 2026-27 academic year.

Reception Class Assembly

This morning our Reception children treated us to an outstanding assembly, showcasing what they have learned since last September. Firstly, thank you to those families who came along to watch and support. It is greatly appreciated and we enjoyed hosting you here in school. We are so proud of your children – today they demonstrated how much fun they have at school and how much progress they have made in all areas of their learning.

Arbor Parent App

As mentioned before, we are in the process of streamlining our communication platforms between school and home. From September 2026 we will switch from Schoop to Arbor as a communication platform. All schools in Cardiff already use Arbor as their registration system and it has many integrated features like messaging and reporting absence.

Next week we will issue each family with a letter asking you to download the Arbor Parent app. Instructions will be provided and we will trial its use before the summer holidays.

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Class Photographs

Earlier this week we shared our plan for taking class photographs ourselves this year. Miss Smith has very kindly offered to take the photographs which will be available to purchase via ParentPay. All profits will go towards resources for all children across the school.

Confirmed dates for class photographs are;

Tuesday 23rd June (PM) - Year 1 (both classes), Year 2 (Mrs. Wright only), Year 4 (both classes), Year 5 (both classes) and Year 6 (Miss James only)

Thursday 25th June (AM) - Reception (both classes), Year 2 (Mr. Parsons only), Year 3 (both classes) and Year 6 (Mr. Lewis only)

Please could all children wear school uniform / school colours on the dates shown above. **PE kits should not be worn.** Year 6 children can wear their leavers hoodies.

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 'Sports morning'

On Wednesday 24th June we will enjoy our annual sports morning for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children. Timings can be found below – please join us at Roath Recreation Ground to support your child.

9.15am - 10.15am: Year 1
10.15am - 11.15am: Reception
11.15am - 12.15pm: Year 2

Culture Day

Eesha (Deputy First Minister of our Roath Park Senedd) has organised a 'Culture Day' for next **Friday 26th June**. We think this is a brilliant idea and are happy to celebrate the diversity within our community throughout the day.

Earlier today a Schoop letter containing all information for Culture Day was shared with all Parents / Carers. This is an optional event, and we would not encourage you to buy new clothing or items.

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Class allocations for 2026-27

Next week we will be publishing our class allocations for the 2026-27 academic year. This sets out which Teachers and Teaching Assistants will teach and support each class.

Moving-up mornings

All children will meet their new Teachers and Teaching Assistants on **Monday 2nd July** and **Monday 9th July** during the morning sessions.

Summer Fayre

A date for your diary... **Monday 13th July** will be the date for our Summer Fayre 2026. Our Friends of RPPS (PTA) will help us to organise this event and are looking for volunteers. Please contact PTA@roathparkprm.co.uk if you can help.

We will have Asian food, BBQ, various stalls and games. This year we have chosen not to apply for a road closure so we will open as much space as possible on the school site. The event will run from 3.30pm until 5.30pm. All are welcome – an event flyer will follow next week.

Building Update

I have requested an update on the proposed works to the façade, roof and boundary walls of the school. We will share further information with you as we receive it.

Inter Roath FC – Summer Camp

Inter Roath FC are launching a new Under 6 team next season. The club are running summer taster sessions at Roath Recreation ground on Saturday mornings at 9.30am between now and 25th July. To register your child's interest, please visit the following website and complete the 'connect with us' page - <https://www.interroathfc.com/>

SWAT-TKD Taekwondo – Summer Camp

Dean Matthews is running a Summer Taekwondo camp for children aged 5+. It will take place at Cardiff High School between 3rd – 6th August from 9am until 3pm.

Contact Instructor@swat-tkd.com for further details.

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School successes

Ballet: Quinn (Year 3) participated in his first ballet concert. He is currently working towards his grade 1 ballet exam later this year.

Triathlon: Layla (Year 5) and Liv (Year 4) both competed in a triathlon event at Maindy Leisure Centre.

Football: Waleed (Year 2) received 3 medals and a trophy from his football clubs - Radyr Rangers and 1st Kick Football.

Debate Champions: Congratulations to former pupil Roisin who won the prestigious 'Debate Mate' National Final with her team at Cathays High. We are incredibly proud of you!

Thank you to Parents / Carers who have shared out-of-school achievements and successes over the course of the year – please keep sending these in. I look forward to sharing and celebrating more as the year goes on.

Many thanks for your continued support,
Mr. L Fitzgerald

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