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Dear RPPS Families,

Yesterday was the final 'moving up' morning ahead of next school year and we've been so impressed with how well your children have managed the transition. The school was awash with fun and laughter during both transition mornings. We'd like to say a huge thanks to you all for helping us manage the upcoming changes.

We are fast approaching the end of this school year. I will write to you again at the start of next week with key information and updates leading into the holiday break. Sadly, I will also be sharing messages of farewell as a few members of our team will be leaving Roath Park later this month.

Upcoming events

Friday 10th July: Year 5 Commonwealth Day, Year 1 Enterprise Project (3pm start)

Monday 13th July: Year 5 cycling workshops, Class 3B visiting Porthkerry Park, Year 1 visiting Joe's ice cream, Year 5 Micro:bits workshop, RPPS SUMMER FAYRE (3.30pm – 5.30pm).

Tuesday 14th July: Year 5 cycling workshops, Year 4 visit to Ogmere-by-Sea.

Wednesday 15th July: Class 3H visiting Porthkerry Park, Sports morning for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 (Roath Recreation Ground), Year 5 movie afternoon.

Thursday 16th July: *Year 5 children at Sophia Gardens for England vs India, Year 6 Leavers Evening (4.30pm – 7.30pm).

Friday 17th July: Last day of school year, 100% Attendance Club visiting Joe's ice cream.

Monday 20th July: SCHOOL CLOSED - INSET DAY 6

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***England vs India (One Day International at Sophia Gardens)**

Through our partnership work with Glamorgan Cricket Club, we have been selected to provide mascots for England vs India on Thursday 16th July 2026. The England (and Wales) Cricket Board has provided 30 tickets for our staff and pupils. Our Year 5 children will form a guard of honour to welcome the players onto the wicket. Mr Loizos, Miss Owen and Mr Burnett will accompany the children throughout the day.

It is the second time in three years that we have been selected for this prestigious honour, we previously provided mascots for England vs New Zealand ODI in September 2023. We'd like to thank Brychan Tudor and colleagues at Glamorgan Cricket Club for this wonderful opportunity.

Hot weather

No weather warnings have been announced for the upcoming days and into next week. We will monitor this closely and continue taking temperature readings in classrooms and communal spaces. At present we do not expect to close the school in the coming days.

Our approaches: When the weather is warmer, we encourage children to wear their sun hat, drink plenty of water, make the most of shadier spaces on the playgrounds. We may otherwise ask or give them the option to stay inside. Our Site Manager (Mr. Burnett) ventilates the school every morning by opening the windows wide and we put window blinds down during the daytime. Doors and windows are opened to encourage airflow – this is more effective in some areas of the school compared to others.

Tîm Senedd Parc-y-Rhath | Roath Park Senedd Team

Our current Year 6 Senedd Team have enjoyed a successful year in their various leadership positions. They have recruited staff, visited local businesses, met with the media, talked at public events, run their own school events and even met with the Estyn Team back in January 2026. Well done to each of them for carrying out their duties and responsibilities so effectively and passionately.

Earlier this week, we democratically voted in our new Senedd Team for 2026-27. There were 19 candidates in Year 5 to choose from – each of them presented their promises with confidence and quality. You will be able to see our newly elected Senedd members on our school website early next week.

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Summer Fayre

Lots of information has been shared ahead of Monday's Summer Fayre. Please do your best to provide items as part of the 'bags of surprises' activity and bring cash with you to the event.

Arbor Parent App

From September 2026 we will switch from Schoop to Arbor as a communication platform. All schools in Cardiff already use Arbor's registration system and it has many integrated features like messaging and reporting absence.

Currently, **61%** of parents / carers have downloaded Arbor Parent App and successfully logged in. You will miss important notifications if you do not do this ASAP. Your Schoop app can be deleted at the end of this school year.

Class Photographs

The decision to take our Class Photographs 'in-house' has been a huge success. This would not have been possible without Miss Smith who has done everything from taking the photos, to printing and displaying them, ordering prints and mounts and assembling them. Thank you so much, Miss Smith.

We told you that any profits would be returned to the school and used to buy resources for all children across the school. From your photograph orders alone, we have raised over £1200. Your support is invaluable – THANK YOU.

Uniform

Please could all uniform orders be submitted by Monday at 3.30pm at the latest. This will allow Miss Wellbeloved a chance to order it and have it ready for collection at the start of next school year.

Building Update

We received a positive update this week. Cardiff Council have completed the tender process and are now looking at costs / timescales attached to the proposed works to repair the façade, roof and windows of our school building. We have been reassured that we are being prioritised and officers at Cardiff Council are progressing the work.

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School successes

Football: Lowen, Beauden and Freddie (Year 3) picked up various awards at Thornhill Under 8's presentation event.

Swimming: Isaam (Year 3) was awarded a medal for swimming 10m on his own.

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Swimming: Lizzie (Year 4) won the Rowland Jones Trophy as she was identified as the best 9-year-old swimmer in the Summer Festival gala. Lizzie also won 8 medals (6 gold, 1 silver, 1 bronze) for each race she competed in.

Hockey: Huey (Year 3) won 'performer of the season' in his Cardiff Met Under 8's awards ceremony.

Swimming: Aliza (Year 3) was awarded medals for swimming 5m and 10m on her own.

Swimming and Hockey: Theo (Year 5) won 2 gold, 2 silver and 2 bronze medals in a recent swimming gala. He has also been recognised as 'Most Valued Player' by Cardiff Met Hockey.

Tennis: Gracie (Year 3) won a trophy for finishing 3rd place in tennis club.

Drama: Penny (Year 3), Lizzie (Year 4) and Lucy (Year 2) recently competed in their drama class talent show. They came 2nd out of 19 acts aged between 7 and 15.

Wow, what a year we've had with out of school achievements and successes! Please keep these coming in from September onwards. I love reading them and will continue celebrating them in the future!

Many thanks for your continued support,
Mr. L Fitzgerald

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