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Dear RPPS Families,

Welcome back after the February half-term break. We have enjoyed some lovely weather recently – I hope you are making the most of it!

Dydd Gwyl Dewi Hapus (Happy St. David's Day) for 1st March – we look forward to celebrating our annual Eisteddfod on Friday 7th March. Thank you for taking time to bake cakes, produce artwork and learn recitations with your children. I'd also like to say Ramadan Mubarak to those observing Ramadan during this holy month.

I have included information and some key dates in this version of my newsletter as the half-term through to the Easter holidays is very busy.

Ramadan 2025

Yesterday I shared a letter on Schoop to provide information on Ramadan. It is also available on the school website here: [Ramadan-Arrangements](#)

Eisteddfod 2025

Our annual Eisteddfod will take place on Friday 7th March. All children should attend school in either their house colour, a football or rugby shirt or the colours of Wales – red, white or green. Full details of this year's Eisteddfod can be found here: [Eisteddfod 2025 - Friday 10th March](#)

We've received an amazing amount of cake and model entries this week so it will be a difficult call for our team!

Football tournament

Our Year 5 football team are competing in the annual Cathedral School football tournament this afternoon. Good luck to them and thanks to Mr Loizos and Miss Faludi for taking them along.

Visit by French students

Following last year's brilliant Year 6 residential visit to Brittany in France, we are hosting French students this week. On **Tuesday 2nd March** they visited our school and learnt about our Eisteddfod. Tomorrow (**Thursday 6th March**) they will meet up with some of our Year 6 children and staff to tour Cardiff City centre. This has been a successful 3-year project involving schools in Cardiff and France with a focus on Celtic languages in Europe.

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Mrs. Lark and Mrs. Jones

Mrs. Lark's last day at Roath Park is dependent on the completion of her house sale – we will keep you informed. Mrs. Jones will retire on Friday 28th March. We will have farewell cards available for you to sign later this week.

Mrs. Wellbeloved has been in school this week to shadow Mrs. Lark. She will begin in her Admin Assistant role on Monday 17th March 2025.

World Book Day

World Book Day will take place on **Monday 10th March**. There is no expectation or requirement to buy a costume for this event. Your child can dress up as their favourite book character, bring a copy of their favourite book or if they do not have a favourite book they can come dressed as anyone they choose.

Iftar Celebration – Year 5 and Year 6

Information and a link to a registration form to our Iftar Celebration on **Monday 10th March** from **5pm** until **7.30pm** have been sent to Year 5 and Year 6 families. You can find these on Schoop – click the pencil icon and complete ALL parts of the form.

This event is open to everyone. If you are interested in learning about Ramadan, it would be great to see you there.

Parent Evenings / Stay and Play events

Nursery and **Reception** are hosting 'Stay and Play' events next week. Information has been shared via Seesaw and appointments can be made to come into school to join in with your child's learning.

Parent's Evening meetings for **Year 1, Year 2 (Mrs Burnett's class only) and Year 3** will take place on **Tuesday 11th March** and **Wednesday 12th March** in the school hall. Class 2B and Year 3 appointments have been offered through the Teachers 2 Parents portal today. We are hoping that Mrs Wright can join Miss Jenkins for Class 2W's appointments so have rearranged these for **Tuesday 25th March** and **Wednesday 26th March**.

Year 1 will offer appointments on a first-come first-served basis when you drop off or collect your child. The Year 1 team will make the appointments available from tomorrow morning (Thursday 6th March).

Year 2 (Mrs Wright only), Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 Parent's Evening meetings will take place on **Tuesday 25th March** and **Wednesday 26th March**.

Secondary School allocations

Secondary school allocations were shared by Cardiff Council on Monday 3rd March. Please ensure that you have logged onto the Cardiff Council school application platform and either accepted or refused your allocated school place by Monday 17th March.

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School day – essential information *

School starts at **8.55am** and ends at **3.30pm**.

School dinners should be ordered by parents through **Parentpay** at least **a week in advance**.

Schoop is our way of communicating with you. Ensure you have downloaded Schoop (Channel ID: 4303) and signed up to the relevant classes. Keep your notifications ON.

Attendance and punctuality *

School starts at 8.55am. Where a child does not come to school and we haven't received a call, email or voicemail we will be contacting parents straight away as part of our 'first response' strategy. We urge all parents to contact us if your child is unwell or cannot attend school and we will assist you where we can.

It is also VITAL that your child arrives to school on time. Our class registers will be shut at 9.05am meaning that any pupils who arrive after this time will be marked as absent. The benchmark for attendance across the school is 97% which equates to attending school on 189 days out of a possible 195 days.

Holiday leave during term time *

I have received a number of notifications of holiday leave. Thank you for these – it is useful to know your intention to travel during term-time just in case we are asked by the Local Authority. We require your dates of travel, how many school days not attending, location and reason for travel.

Please remember that Cardiff Council policy states that you cannot be absent from school for more than 20 school days. Doing so would result in the Local Authority asking us to remove your child from the school register and admitting a child who is on our waiting list.

School successes

Star on stage: Fred (Year 5) performed in the Stars of Tomorrow show in the WMC with Jigsaw Performing Arts. He only started going to Jigsaw in January so we are very proud of his performance.

Rugby: George (Year 6) captained Cardiff Schools RFC to win the Terenure Trophy in Ireland.

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. If I have missed anyone who has recently picked up an award, certificate or achievement outside of school please contact me with details LFitzgerald@roathparkprm.co.uk

Many thanks for your continued support,
Mr. L Fitzgerald

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