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Dear RPPS Families,

I hope you enjoyed last week's May half-term break. Apologies for not writing to you before half-term, we were prioritising our update regarding the school building at this time. You can find more information here: [Building Update - May 2025](#)

There is a lot happening and coming up at school so I have broken down the main events and updates below. Please also take time to read weekly Class Newsletters shared on SeeSaw and Schoop.

ParentPay – a plea from us

School meals: As explained ParentPay is our only way of ensuring your child gets the school meal you have ordered. If you do not order through ParentPay then your child may not get the meal they want. When families do not order, it increases the risk of not having enough food for the other children too as our cooks do not know how many meals are required.

School trips: We have successfully moved over to ParentPay for school trips. Today's Year 1 trip to St Fagans Museum was the first trip where we asked for consent and payment to be made through ParentPay. Year 5 have trips upcoming to the Senedd and Techniquet which are both on ParentPay and other year groups are in the process of adding trip too.

You **must** ensure that you are signed up to ParentPay and use it to order school meals / give consent and pay for trips and experiences. In the future, school uniform and breakfast club payments will be added to ParentPay. We trust that this digital payment system will make things easier for families.

Attendance and punctuality

Attendance across the school is very good for this point in the year – we have reached pre-Covid levels and want to keep moving in the right direction. The benchmark for attendance across the school is 97% which equates to attending school on 189 days out of a possible 195 days.

We are experiencing repeated patterns of lateness by a group of pupils. As explained before, when your child is late it causes disruption for staff in classes to stop what they are doing and collect children from the school gate and your child misses learning time. Schools starts at 8.55am and finishes at 3.30pm.

Eid al-Adha – Friday 6th June

I just wanted to say Eid Mubarak to those celebrating Eid al-Adha on Friday 6th June. We do not expect our pupils and staff celebrating Eid to be in school on Friday but school will be open as usual. Any absences for those celebrating Eid will be authorised under the category 'religious observation'. This will apply for one school day, as per Cardiff Council policy.

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Marriage news

We are delighted to share that over May half-term Miss Gibson got married to her long-term partner, Rheon. The happy couple spent their wedding day with family and friends in their beloved Anglesey, North Wales. We wish the newly married Mr. and Mrs. Jones our very best wishes and many happy years together.

New plants

We were very lucky to receive a donation of compost, bark and some plants from B&Q in Cardiff Gate. Thank you to their store manager who has been really supportive and helpful. A team of pupils and staff in school have been busy making the school site look prettier by filling up planters, removing weeds and planting new shrubs / flowers. We will continue to work on this through the Summer Term.

Cath Little Storyteller - 'celebration' event

Throughout the day today all pupils across the school have been involved in a Storytelling Event to celebrate the work they have completed with Cath Little. Cath has worked with all classes over a period of 10 weeks to improve oracy skills. It is our third year of working with Cath and we (the team at RPPS and Cath) are amazed to see the progress that pupils have made with acquiring and using speaking and listening skills.

Roath Park Kind Hearts - Charity Table Top Sale

We are raising money for Tenovus Cancer Care and playground resources at Roath Park Primary School. Please help us by donating any of the following items (in good, working condition); toys, books, plants / gardening items, bric-a-brac, hair fashion and beauty, material by the metre. We will also be selling ice lollies. A date will be shared by the 'Roath Park Kind Hearts' very soon.

130 Year Celebration

We are in the process of planning a celebration event for the school's 130th birthday. Our Friends of RPPS (PTA) are currently looking at activities and plans with us and we will share these ASAP.

Sports Days

Friday 13th June 2025 - Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 at Cardiff Met (National Indoor Athletics Centre) from 9am until around 12noon. This date was confirmed by Cardiff Met in February and shared with families via Schoop / updated on the Yearly Planner.

Thursday 26th June 2025 - Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 at Roath Recreation Ground. Miss Owen shared further details on Schoop this week – you can find timings below;

Year 1: 9.15am – 10.15am

Year 2: 10.15am – 11.15am

Year 3: 11.15 – 12.15pm

We look forward to welcoming you as spectators on these days.

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After school clubs – Summer Term

The following after school clubs will run this term;

Club / activity	For who?	When?	Where?	Staff member / Volunteer
Roath Parkers Club	Year 4	Tuesday 3.30-4.30pm	School site or Roath rec.	Miss Kent Miss James Miss Jenkins
Maths Club (20 spaces - not tuition)	Year 3 - Year 6	Wednesday 3.30-4.30pm	Year 3 classroom	Dr. Claudia Carrillo math_span@yahoo.co.uk
Taekwondo	Year 3 - Year 6	Friday 3.30-4.45pm	School hall	Master Dean Matthews Instructor@swat-tkd.com
Choir	Year 3 - Year 6	Tuesday 3.30-4.30pm	Year 6 classroom	Mr Lewis
Cricket	Year 5 & Year 6	Thursday 3.30-4.45pm	School site or Roath rec.	Mr Loizos Mr Fitzgerald

Mrs. Mary Willicombe

It is with great sadness that I share the passing of Mrs. Mary Willicombe. Mrs. Willicombe was the Admin Officer at Roath Park before Mrs. Hunter and retired in August 2018. She was a dear friend to many of our team and very well known within the school community. We share our sincere condolences with Mrs. Willicombe's family and friends and send them strength at this time.

School successes

Karate: Noor (Year 3) competed in the Welsh Karate League and won gold medal in Kata.

Dance: Lily (Year 5) went to Barry with her dance team for the WDO dance competition. Her team came second in their category (hip hop) and also got a certificate for 'Stand Out Stars.'

Swimming: Alex (Year 5) represented City of Cardiff swim team at the Tiger Bay Open. He swam in the 100m backstroke and 100m freestyle; and then in 200m breaststroke, 200m freestyle and 200m backstroke.

Swimming: Theo (Year 4) competed in the same swimming event as Alex (see above). He won gold medals in 100m backstroke and 50m breaststroke and was the fastest 9 year old.

Rugby: Uno and Harseb (Year 3) and Hardhaya (Year 2) were presented with trophies at the Old Illtydians end of year presentation ceremony.

Gymnastics: Nora H (Reception) recently passed her gymnastics Level 1 assessment at her club.

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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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