



Diary Dates

- P1 First Full Day
1 October
- P5 Intergenerational Celebration
1 October
- After School Clubs Commence
1 October
- Parent Governor Election
7 October at 7pm
- Nursery – P7 School Photographs
10 & 11 October
- P3 Harvest Celebration
17 & 18 October
- Maths' Week
14 – 18 October
- Parent/Teacher Consultations
(no after school clubs)
21 - 24 October
- Nursery Consultations (no classes)
21 & 22 October
- Half Term
28 October - 1 November

PTA

Thank you to all parents who supported our PTA Events and School Fund last year. We will be able to complete the installation of outdoor class spaces for P2, P3 and KS2 use. Your donations during 2024–25 will target in class resources in IT and Literacy. We hope to update and extend the technology experiences in school for our children. Thank you for your support of Rathmore through the PTA, it makes a huge difference.

Parent Teacher Consultations

Our first formal consultations for this year will take place from Monday 21 - Thursday 24 October. Please note that school will finish for all P1-P7 pupils at 1.10pm each day this week, including the Friday. You have received your letter to specify your preferred days for Consultations. We would request that you return these by Thursday 3 October. Confirmation of your Consultation time will be sent home on the 11 October. Nursery Consultations will be on the 21 & 22 October. (Nursery will be closed for pupils on these days).

There will be no Afterschool Clubs this week.

European Language Week

We wish to say a big thank you for all the effort you put into making our European Languages Week and in particular, our Dress Up Day such a massive success. It is wonderful for our children to celebrate and learn about such a rich variety of cultures as we continue our Transformation journey towards becoming an Integrated School.



Raffy's Thought for the Month

"We all need friends.

Treat others the way you want to be treated"



Harvest Celebration

This year's P3 Harvest Assemblies will be held on Thursday 17 and Friday 18 October mornings. Doors will open at 9.15am and tickets are now available to P3 parents. Our food donations this year will go to support the work of Storehouse North Down. We would appreciate contributions of jars, tins, prepacked food and long-life milk for distribution. Please leave contributions into school from Friday 11 October. Thank you for your ongoing support in our charity work. We know this collection will be greatly appreciated by Storehouse.

After School Clubs

Start this week on Tuesday 1 October. We remind you that if your child is not able to attend their club, that you inform the teacher in charge of the activity. That way, we can ensure that all children are present and correct.

Mobile Phone Use

Thank you for supporting Rathmore's mobile free environment. We respect that children who require phone use after school keep them turned off and in bags during our school day.

P1 – P7 Flu Vaccinations

Please note that our annual Flu Vaccinations will take place on Monday 4 November 2024. Letters from School Health will be sent home via school bags.

Considerate Parking

Please show consideration to each other and our local residents in how and where you park.

Intergenerational Celebration

Our P5s are excited to welcome their guests today for our first Intergeneration Celebration. Your hosts will serve refreshments, before they entertain you and give you a tour of their class. Thank you for your support.

School Photographs

Photographs of your child/ren as individuals and siblings will be taken by 'Cool for School' on 10 and 11 October 2024. Please ensure that your child/ren are wearing their full school uniform and are prepared to smile. Ordering service is directly through Cool for School so it is important to log in and book. Registration information is attached. Quick link:

<https://orders.coolforschoolphotography.com/register/?code=RATH24>

Year Ahead

Rathmore PS has a busy calendar of events and celebrations which have now been planned for our 2024-2025 year. Please find 'The Year Ahead' attached so that our school holidays and events can be noted.

School Menu: Autumn & Winter

Please find EA's new menu attached which runs from Monday 7 October 2024 – 10 February 2025. Bookings are made via School Money.

Some more pictures from our European Language Celebrations

Primary 1





Primary 2



Primary 5



Primary 3



Primary 6



Primary 4



Primary 7



Maths Week 12-20 October 2024

Rathmore Primary School is very excited to be involved in Maths Week 2024, which takes place between the 14-18 October. We will be using a variety of open-ended maths and STEM challenges to promote Reasoning and Problem-Solving skills throughout our school.

As a school we want to promote a positive attitude towards maths and to encourage children and parents to enjoy taking part in mathematical activities.

During this week, we would love for you to engage with your child/ren in some maths activities at home. Details and ideas will follow.

PTA Children's Christmas Cards

This year our PTA are organising a Children's Christmas Card fundraising event.

The letter and template were sent home last Friday, 27 September 2024. Please refer to this letter for the design guidance to ensure the best results for your child/ren's cards.

The deadline date for the return is Monday 7 October 2024. Please return all completed artwork to your child's Class Teacher. Your School Money account is now live should you wish to a pack or multiple sets as required. Many thanks for your help with this.

Rights Respecting School

To maintain our UNICEF's Rights Respecting School Silver Award; staff, children and governors will undergo a further assessment in November. This will centre around the Programme's Aims, Ethos and Rathmore's journey over the last 8 years. A big thanks to all of our children who have put themselves forward for our RRS Steering Group, School Council, Eco Council, Buddy Council and House Captains. This 'pupil voice' growth within RRS work fits well with the focus of the integrated ethos.

PTA News

Our PTA Annual General Meeting took place on 13 September 2024. We gave our sincerest thanks to the 2023-24 PTA Committee who raised an incredible £19,000 towards our Outdoor Spaces. We said a special farewell to Bronwen Stewart and Linda Bone who have retired from our Committee as Office Bearers.

We welcome our new 2024-2025 Committee members and look forward to a successful collaborative year as we introduce some new initiatives.

Lynsey Whiteside, Chair
Suzanne Morton, Shadow Chair
Julie Hardy, Vice Chair & Finance
Coleen Close, Secretary
Claire Alexander
Janeen Best
Deborah Davies
Kerry Jeffers
Kelly McAdams
Terri McKee
Rhonda Mitchell-Barrett

Parentkind

The charity that supports school PTAs - have teamed up with Asda, who is making millions of pounds available to donate to primary schools across the UK through their 'Cashpot for Schools' initiative – all you have to do is, opt in through the Asda Rewards app, choose our primary school and shop and scan in store or shop online at Asda.com, between 2nd September and 30th November 2024

Coming Soon...
PTA Pumpkin Event



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Help support us for your children's future!