



Staff News

We will be saying 'Thank You' and 'Goodbye' to Katie Francis at the end of term. We take this opportunity to send our best wishes as she starts a new teaching role in September 2025. Thank you for your contribution to Rathmore life.

Sponsorship Thank You

Thank you for your support of our 'Rathmore Dance-a-thon' Fundraiser last month. In total your generosity raised a fabulous £4810. Cancer Fund for Children have received a cheque for £2405 the remaining £2405 has been donated to our PTA.

Our top fundraisers were; James P6, Joshua P5, Lucas P4, Edison P3 and Sophia P1.



September Meetings

Our Parents' Information Sessions for P2 - P7 will take place 1 - 4 September 2025. At these meetings, you will get a chance to meet your child's teacher(s) and hear an outline of the year ahead, the curriculum your child will cover and how you can get involved in your child's education.

P2 – Tuesday 2 Sept at 1.20pm

P3 – Wednesday 3 Sept at 1.20pm

P4 – Thursday 4 Sept at 1.20pm

P5 – Tuesday 2 Sept at 2.25pm

P6 – Wednesday 3 Sept at 2.25pm

P7 – Monday 1 Sept at 2.05pm

Music Exams

Good luck to our 29 pupils sitting their ABRSM and Trinity College London Music Exams next week.



Annual Reports

Your child will receive their Annual Report and meet their new teacher on Tuesday 24 June 2025. Change is a natural part of life, so as we prepare our children for 'Moving On' we will celebrate the year that they have had and talk positively about their future.

End of Year Arrangements



The P7 Leavers' Assembly will start at 9.30am on Wednesday 25 June and our 'Class of 2025' will finish school after this event.

Good luck to our P7s as they continue to secondary school. We are so proud of you!

Our Nursery Classes will finish the school year with their Nursery 'Play & Stay' Celebrations on Thursday 26 June 2025.

P1- P6 Classes will finish on Friday 27 June which is a non uniform day. School will close for the summer at 12.15pm.



Best Wishes for a relaxed Summer

Sports' Celebrations

Congratulations to every child who represented Rathmore in our team sports this year. We are so proud of your positive attitudes, determination, team-work, skills, achievements and smiles. You are a credit to our school. Our sincerest thanks to our staff & parents for their support in 2024/25.



Football

We are so proud of the boys who took part in the Galactico Football Tournament. They played really well and came away as runners up. A fantastic way to end the season.



We were so lucky to have Michael, Ben & James who play for Bangor Football Club at our senior assembly with their NFL Championship League Trophy. The children were able to ask questions and hear how they started playing football. Thank you Bangor Football Club



North Down Athletics

P5 – P7 Rathmore pupils were outstanding at the annual North Down Athletics championships 2025. Lots of podium places and huge personal achievements for many of our pupils.

The Boys' team secured 2nd place and the Girls' team 4th place. This event has been running for many years in our community and we are lucky to be represented by such committed and enthusiastic pupils.



Celebrating Pupil Success



Well done to Mya and Eryn from P6 who won football awards at their Castle Ladies annual awards day.

Mya won Players' Player of the Year and Eryn won Coaches Player of the Year.

Congratulations to Helena, P5 who won Scottish OPEN Champion for both Kumite and Kata, bringing home 2 gold, 1 silver and 1 bronze.

Helena was also awarded top female competitor by her club Mizukara, during their annual display day.



North Down Primary School Athletics Meet

We are so proud of all the children who represented Rathmore at the Primary School Athletics' Meet.



Shared Education

Our Primary 4 pupils at Rathmore had a fantastic time taking part in our very first Shared Education Programme alongside Ballyholme Primary School and Bangor Central Integrated Primary School. The theme of the programme was Friendship and the 240 children enjoyed a range of fun and engaging activities including team building games, basketball and ICT coding workshops delivered by the Nerve Centre. It was a wonderful opportunity for pupils to make new friends, work together, and learn in exciting new ways. On 10th June we enjoyed welcoming our parents to the celebration afternoon at Crawfordburn Scout Centre it was a lovely way to round off a memorable experience. We're proud of how well the children represented Rathmore and look forward to more shared learning experiences in the future.



Charity Donation

Thank you to P7 who raised £52 for Cavaliers in Need.



Cavaliers in Need

Northern Ireland Charity Number: NIC102896

International Day of Play



House Competition

Thank you for supporting our first year of Rathmore's House System. The children and staff enjoyed our first award ceremony with colour and music. The 2024 – 2025 scores are:

1 st	Yellow	Purpose	5299
2 nd	Red	Respect	4975
3 rd	Blue	Caring	4322
4 th	Green	Kindness	4296

Congratulations to Sebastian and Emily who lifted the House Cup for Yellow House.



Wrap Around Care

We are pleased to continue to support parents with our Wrap Around Care, partnering with EA Catering for Breakfast Club and YMCA for After School and Holiday provision.

Breakfast Club costs will increase to £3.50 per session from 1 September 2025. The price has remained static for the past 7 years and this increase reflects rising costs. Thank you for your understanding.

YMCA will continue operating over the summer in West Church for our Rathmore children. We attach their updated Pricing and Promotional Flyer for those interested in high quality, child led, playful provision in our local area.

Free School Meals & Uniform Grants

All parents/guardians (including new applicants) are now able to apply online from via the EA connect.

Applications open
week of 9 June 2025

You may be entitled if you receive ANY of these benefits:

- ✓ Income Support
- ✓ Income Related Employment and Support Allowance
- ✓ Income Based Jobseeker's Allowance
- ✓ Guarantee Element of State Pension Credit
- ✓ Universal Credit and net household earnings not exceeding approved threshold

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PTA News

Summer Holiday Hamper



Thank you for your support of our final PTA fundraiser of the year which has raised £657. Thank you for donating gifts over the past 2 weeks. Pictured above are the PTA Chair, Suzanne with Secretary, Colleen who kindly packaged the hampers up. Our prize draw took place in classes this week and our lucky 'Summer Holiday Hamper' Winners are: -

N AM: Emily & PM: Poppy



P1 RMB/RMcD: Anna & CA: Aidan



P5 KMcA: Lena, BA: Thomas & JC/HM: Jack



P2 JB: Oliver & TF: Ruby



P6 LMcF/EH: Dylan & PL: Jake



P3 KF: Maggie, WL: Jude & JB: Natasha



P7 Jennifer from P7DD won the £25 Focus School Wear Voucher – thank you for your kind donation.

DD: Ethan, LG/MM: Alex & GL: Chloe



P4 JG: Harry, RW: Mila & KC: Freddie





Parent 2025-2026 Holiday List

Term 1

Wednesday 27 August – Friday 19 December 2025

School Commences	Wednesday 27 August 2025 (12:15 finish all week)
SD Day:	Monday 29 September 2025
Half Term:	Monday 27 October – Friday 31 October 2025
Last Day of Term:	Friday 19 December 2025 (12.15pm finish)

Christmas Break:	Monday 22 December 2025 – Tuesday 6 January 2026
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Term 2

Wednesday 7 January – Friday 27 March 2026

School Commences:	Wednesday 7 January 2026
Half Term:	Monday 9 - Friday 13 February 2026
St. Patrick's Day:	Tuesday 17 March 2026
Last Day of Term:	Friday 27 March 2026 (12.15pm finish)

Easter Break:	Monday 30 March - Friday 10 April 2026
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Term 3

Monday 13 April – Tuesday 30 June 2026

School Commences:	Monday 13 April 2026
May Day Holiday:	Monday 4 May 2026
May Bank Holiday:	Monday 25 May 2026
SD Day:	Tuesday 26 May 2026
Last Day of Term:	Tuesday 30 June 2026 (12.15pm finish)

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