

June 2025

Newsletter Rathmore

Diary Dates

5 June	Musical Evening 7pm
6 June	Boys' Football Tournament
9 & 12 June	North Down Athletics
11 June	International Day of Play
17 June	New P1 Induction
18 June	New Nursery Induction
19 June	Sports Celebration
24 June	Moving on Day & Reports Home (date change)
25 June	P7 Leavers' Assembly
26 June	Nursery Leavers' Day
27 June	P1 – P6 Last Day of Term (12.15 finish & non-uniform)

2025 - 2026 Induction

On 17 & 18 June we welcome the parents of our new P1 and Nursery pupils into the school to begin their introduction to life at Rathmore.

Our current P1 pupils will finish school at 12.30pm on 17 June to facilitate these visits. Our P1-P6 children will meet their new teacher on Tuesday 24 June at the 'Moving On' morning to support the children in this transition process.

Annual Reports

Our Nursery – P7 Reports will go home via 'school bag post' on Tuesday 24 June so please check their bags. (Please note this date change to accommodate our children sitting music exams the previous day). Reports will be posted on the last day of term if your child is not in school.

P7 Residential



Our P7s had a fabulous residential trip to Dublin which included Dublin Zoo, bowling, Emerald Park, cinema and lots of chat and fun. We are delighted to report that the hotel staff said we were all a pleasure to have and we are so proud of the children.

Fit for Life Week

Our 'Fit for Life' week last month focused on promoting a healthy lifestyle amongst pupils through diet, exercise and being mindful of their feelings. This was a tremendous week for the children and staff.

Our sponsored activity was 'Rathmore's Dance-a-thon' raising money for Cancer Fund for Children and PTA funds.

House Sports' Day

Thank you for your support of our first House Sports' Days. The House colours, events, music and team points made the event so exciting.



Thank You For Your Support

Raffy's Thought for the Month:

'Be proud of your achievements'.



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'Caring, learning, excelling together.'

Secondary School Taster Days

During 'Fit for Life' week our P6s had the opportunity to spend a full day in 'big school.' Our girls went to Glenlola Collegiate and our boys to Bangor Grammar School. They were able to spend time in PE, Science, Music, Drama, Art etc and even used the playground and canteen spaces.

Our whole P7 Year group have been invited to Bangor Academy & Sixth Form Centre on 20 June to spend a full day experiencing the timetable, subjects and organisation of a secondary school.

We are so grateful to our local partner schools in supporting our 'Rathmore Readiness Programme' for the children's transition to secondary level education.

Rathmore Music



Good luck to our 24 instrumentalists who will sit their Trinity and ABRSM exams this month. We are grateful to Laura Martin who practises pieces, aural and accompanies each child for their exams.

We look forward to our Musical Evening on Thursday 5 June when the children will showcase their progress and expertise. Thank you to all of our parents who support Rathmore music at home and school.

Digital Leaders

Our Digital Leaders have been working hard throughout the year completing their training led by Microsoft Dream Space and carrying out school-based tasks. On the 14th May they attended their graduation day at Dream Space @ W5 Life and we were thrilled that they received the Platinum Level Dream Space Ambassador Award for successfully completing the program and demonstrating outstanding STEM and 21st-century learning skills. We are so proud of them!



Eco-Council



Our Eco-Council, led by Mrs Alexander have been on a recycling mission this year.

At their meetings this year, they quizzed Mrs Hardy and Mr Hodgen about Rathmore's bin waste, invited the council, River Ridge Waste Company and the DEARA minister himself, Mr Andrew Muir to discuss Rathmore's issues. They have also created a solution!



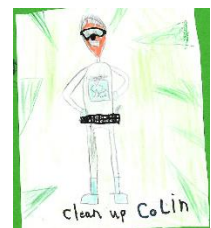
From June 2025, Rathmore recycling bins will be active in every classroom and office space. The Eco-Council have presented their Eco Charter, Eco characters ('Recycle Ruby' and 'Clean-Up Colin')



along with their timetable and action to the whole school community. We will be

ready for our River Ridge recycling collection this week!

Thank you so much to our amazing Eco-Council. You are making a difference and caring for our environment. You are Superstars!



Let's Dance Bangor



On 21 May 2025, Rathmore's Dance Team thoroughly enjoyed taking part in 'Let's Dance Bangor'!

The Dance Team had the opportunity to experience three dance workshops, whilst dancing alongside pupils from Ballymagee, Grange Park PS and Kilcooley PS.

Sincere thanks to Ballymagee PS for organising such a wonderful morning of dance!

Well Done Boys



Well done to Ethan and Orin who took part in the North Down Athletics Primary School Mini Meet. They both took part in 3 events and did a brilliant job representing our school.

Great Karate Start



Rachel started karate in Sept last year, during that time she has completed grading to get her yellow belt & within 6 months was competing in competitions in Ireland and Northern Ireland.

She has displayed kata and kumite to a very good standard, improving, gaining experience and getting better each time. Due to her diligence, hard work and effort she was awarded the Diamond Novice Award for 2025 by her club, Mizukara Karate.

Outdoor Classroom Day

P3 and P5 had a fantastic time working together as part of Outdoor Classroom Day!! 🥰🌳

We look forward to a further celebration on 11 June 2025 as it is International Day of Play.



Thanks to further PTA funds raised this year, we have plans in place to complete our KS2 and P3 outdoor areas over the summer holiday closure.

We are so grateful for all of your PTA donations which enable us to enhance our extensive Rathmore site. Next year we will target our ICT, Maths and Reading resources. Thank you.

North Down Sports' Competition

Good luck to all of the Rathmore athletics who have qualified for the annual inter-school primary athletics competition next week. Go Team Rathmore!

Lost Uniform

As the weather becomes warmer, children often remove outer layers. Please ensure ALL uniform items are named so that your child can be easily reunited with any misplaced uniform items.

Considerate Parking

Sadly, we continue to receive feedback that cars are inconsiderately parked in the neighbourhood. Please respect our neighbours and do not block driveways or pavements.

Staff Car Park

Our barrier remains broken, so we ask that only badge holders enter the car park.

Girls' Football

Our Girls' Football Team finished the season with the Galatico Football Tournament last Friday at Avoniel. They played brilliantly and scored fabulous goals getting to the final... where they won! They came home with the Galatico trophy. We are so proud of their team work and skills' development this year.



Sincerest thanks to all family & friends' support at our matches this year and our coaches Mrs Davies and Dr Mitchell-Barrett. We look forward to hearing about their achievements along with all sport in school at our 'Sports' Celebration' on 19 June.

Thank You

Thank you to the PTA for their support and hard work this year. Their enthusiasm has been much appreciated.

PTA News

Pre-Loved Uniform

Thank you to everyone who has brought 'Pre-Loved' uniform items into school. We have organised and displayed items according to age and are now 'Open' for business.

Please have a look, take what you would like and leave a donation for PTA in our Honesty Box.

Summer Hamper

Following the success of last year's hamper, we are organizing Summer Holiday Hampers again. Your chosen donation items are to be sent to the teacher by 20 June with the class raffle draw taking place on 24 June.

Raffle tickets will be available via School Money – **'Shop'** until 20 June.

Please find the leaflet attached which explains further.



Committee Meeting

Our final committee meeting for this year is tonight at 7pm in the school. We will be reviewing our past year and making plans for next year.

If this is an area of school life that you would like to contribute to, please come along tonight at 7pm.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our PTA events.

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for updates and events this year!!!

Help support us for your children's future!