

November Diary Dates

- 4 - 11 Poppy Appeal
- 6 & 7 P4 'Archibald's War'
- 10 Odd Sock Day
- 10 - 14 Anti Bullying week
- 14 Flu Vaccines Mop Up
- 14 Children in Need
- 25 RathMORE Together Event 6-7pm
- 28 PTA Crafting Event 7pm-late

P3 Harvest – The Little Black Cloud

Congratulations to the pupils and staff in P3. Your Harvest Thanksgiving Celebration was full of colour, music, movement and joy. We are so proud of all our P3 children! Thank you to our audience whose warm appreciation and support was wonderful.



Good Luck to all of our P7 pupils sitting

SEAG Assessments on 15 & 22 this month.



Storehouse North Down

We thank staff and parents for their generosity on behalf of Storehouse. Your food and toiletry donations during our P3 Harvest Celebrations to support local families are greatly appreciated.



Parent Teacher Consultations

Thank you to both staff and parents for prioritising and valuing our October Consultations. These conversations are an important element in our partnership with you and crucial at this time of year. We hope you found them informative and supportive.

After School Activities

Our clubs recommence on Tuesday 4 November. Please note the completion dates for each differ depending on the club. Clubs facilitated by our school staff end on Thursday 13 November while privately paid clubs run until 27 November.

We remind you that if your child is not able to attend their club, that you inform the teacher in charge of the activity. This is how we ensure all children are present.

Raffy's Thought for the Month

'Be Kind in All You Say and Do'

How we treat others says a lot about who we are.

P4 Remembers

P4 pupils will be on stage on 6 & 7 November performing Archibald's War, a play which is linked to their World War 2 Theme. We recognise this is an emotional theme which we approach with sensitivity. The rehearsals are going well, and we are excited to welcome all P4 families into our hall this week. Good luck everyone!

Anti-Bullying Week



Anti-Bullying Week is 10 – 14 November. The theme is "Power for Good," which focuses on empowering everyone, including pupils and adults, to use their words and actions to create a safer and kinder environment.

Odd Socks Day 2025 is taking place on Monday 10th November. Odd Socks Day is delivered in partnership with CBeebies and CBBC star Andy Day and his band, Andy and the Odd Socks. This is a simple and effective way to celebrate our uniqueness. Each class will focus on the theme in class and in assembly. We encourage every child to wear odd socks as part of their uniform next Monday 10 November.



Upcoming Charity Events



P7 will be selling Poppy Merchandise from Tuesday 4 to Tuesday 11 November 2025. Prices range from 50p - £1.50.



On Friday 14 November we will be supporting Children in Need. Children can accessorise their uniform with Yellow or spots. We will be learning about the work of this charity and request a £1 donation to 'Children in Need' appeal through School Money.

School Council



Pupil Voice

Congratulations to our newly elected members in our School Council, Eco Council and Rights Respecting School Ambassadors. We are proud of every candidate who prepared their application and presented to their class. Each elected member now has the opportunity to use their voice to shape internal decisions including how PTA funds are spent.



At Rathmore Primary School, our children's best interests are in the forefront of our minds in every decision we make. We are pleased to announce that this year we are working towards our Gold Award during 2025-2026. This means our child rights' approach based on the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, will be further embedded and extended to understand the importance of equality and respect not just in our community but in the wider world.

'Article of the Month'



Article 2: All children have all these rights, no matter who they are, where they live, what language they speak and what they're religion is

In October, our school explored Article 2 of the UNCRC, which states that all children have rights, regardless of their race, religion, or background. As part of Black History Month, pupils across the school engaged in meaningful learning about influential Black leaders who have shaped history. Each year group connected their studies to their current topics — for example, Primary 7 learned about Mary Seacole, a pioneering nurse whose story beautifully complemented their work on the

Victorians. These activities helped pupils understand the importance of equality, respect, and celebrating diversity in our school and beyond.

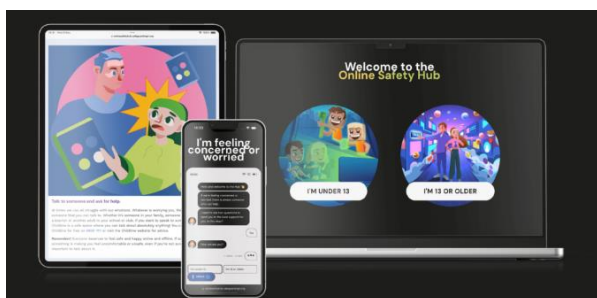
Talk with your child about the importance of treating everyone fairly and with respect. Enjoy story time with your child at home by choosing some new books by black authors e.g. My Hair by Hannah Lee, which was nominated for the 2020 Book Trust Storytime Prize.



SBNI Online Safety Hub

Choose from a range of topics you would like to know more about with lots of helpful advice and resources to keep you and the young people in your care safer online.

<https://onlinesafetyhub.safeguardingni.org/young-people/>



RathMORE Together at Christmas

We are delighted to announce that our first joint RathMORE Together community event is taking place this month.

When?

Tuesday 25 November 2025

Where?

6:00pm: Rathmore PS Car-Park.

Join us for our RathMORE Together Singing & Christmas Lights switch-on with a special 'guest' and treats.

6:30pm: Rathmore Road shops.

Take part in the Christmas festivities hosted by our businesses and enjoy some festive treats.

We remind you that this is an outdoor event and all children must be accompanied by an adult.



PTA News

Thank you for taking part in our PTA Pumpkin Crafting event which raised £527.50. Our winners were announced at Assembly before the half term break (see photos).

The PTA Committee meets Monday 3 November 2025 at 4pm. All are welcome to be part of our planning and organising, so please come along if you can.

Half Term Improvements

Have you noticed our new P3 zone yet? It was finished during our Half Term with funds raised since September. We will continue to work with our KS2 area which is next for our attention.



School Fund

Thank you to everyone who has paid the School Fund using the school money system. This remains a main source of fund raising for us with £10 payable per term.

PTA Christmas Centrepiece Workshop

Come along and enjoy a festive evening with friends and family at our PTA Christmas event on Friday 28 November 2025 at 7pm in the Imperial Bar.

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Help support us for your children's future!

Pumpkin Crafting Winners



Nursery: Willow



Nursery: Murray



P1: Isaac & Emily
P2: Sophia & Theo



P3: WL Wren & Patrick
P4: Robbie, Savannah & Adam



P5: Mia, Tilly & Cora
P6: Jessica, Toby & Anna
P7: Amber, Holly & Peter