



Newsletter Rathmore

RRS Gold Celebrations



We were delighted to celebrate our achievement of the Rights Respecting Schools Gold Award with a whole-school celebration day. The children each received a certificate and sticker to recognise their contribution and took part in a fun Rights Scavenger Hunt across the school. It was wonderful to see so many children dressed in blue and gold to reflect our RRS values. The day was a fantastic way to recognise the hard work and commitment of our whole school community in achieving this prestigious award.

Eco-Council – Green Flag Success



We are delighted to share that our school has been awarded the Green Flag this year, This is a fantastic achievement and shows how much we all care about looking after our environment. Our Eco Council have worked incredibly hard to help everyone in school make greener choices, from reducing waste through recycling and learning how reusing materials can benefit the environment.



Mrs Henry - Eco Teacher of the Year!



Congratulations to Mrs Emma Henry who was awarded Eco-Teacher of the Year in recognition of her role in developing Rathmore's culture of outdoor learning and emphasis on healthy living and pupil wellbeing. This is an outstanding achievement and we thank Mrs Henry for her vision and commitment to this role.

Annual Reports

Your child has now received their Annual Report and met their new teacher. 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 9.10am on Friday 26 June 2026 and our 'Class of 2026' 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 Monday 29 June 2026.

P1- P6 Classes will finish on Tuesday 30 June 2026 which is a non-uniform day. School will close for the summer at 12.15pm.

Best Wishes for a relaxed Summer



September 2026 Update

Our Parents' Information Sessions for P2 - P7 will take place 25 – 27 August 2026. 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 – Wednesday 26 August 2026 at 1.15pm

P3 – Thursday 27 August 2026 at 1.15pm

P4 – Thursday 27 August 2026 at 1.45pm

P5 – Wednesday 26 August 2026 at 2.15pm

P6 – Wednesday 26 August 2026 at 1.45pm

P7 – Tuesday 25 August 2026 at 2.15pm

Sponsorship Thank You

Thank you for your support of our 'Super Skipping Session' Fundraiser last month. In total your generosity raised a fabulous £3532. NI Hospice will receive a cheque for £2000 and the remaining £1532 has been donated to our PTA.

TransformEd Literacy Conference



We were delighted to be invited to present at the TransformED Literacy Conference last month. Our Literacy Leader, Michele Moore shared Rathmore's innovative approach to 'oracy' with schools from across Northern Ireland. It was a wonderful opportunity to showcase the excellent work taking place in our school and to contribute to improving literacy practice for all learners.

Shared Education 2026



Our Primary 4 pupils at Rathmore had a fantastic time taking part in the Shared Education Programme alongside Ballyholme Primary School and Bangor Central Integrated Primary School again this year. The theme of the programme was Friendship and over 200 children enjoyed a range of fun and engaging activities including team building games, kite flying 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 29th May we enjoyed welcoming our parents to the celebration afternoon at Crawfordsburn 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.



P3 Violin 'Pathways'



Throughout the year, our P3 pupils have taken part in EA's Pathways groups, enjoying the opportunity to learn a new instrument and develop their musical skills.

Well done to everyone who took part, and a

huge thank you to the EA Music Service for providing this enriching experience for our children.

Orchestra Outing

This month 31 of our P6 and P7 musicians were delighted to be invited to the Regent House Music Department for a special workshop and concert. After spending the day in sectional rehearsals alongside Regent House musicians, our pupils joined together for a wonderful afternoon performance.

The experience was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone involved and provided a valuable opportunity to develop ensemble skills, learn from others and grow in confidence as musicians. A huge thank you to Regent House for their warm welcome and for making this opportunity possible.



Musical Evening



Our annual Musical Evening showcased the incredible talent, commitment and hard work of 100 pupils from across the school. From our beginner musicians taking to the stage for the first time, to our P7 performers, orchestra, ensemble groups, soloists and our fantastic school choir, every performance reflected the dedication and enthusiasm our children have shown throughout the year.



We are immensely proud of every pupil who performed with such confidence, joy and determination.

Music Exams

We are delighted to celebrate the achievements of our talented music pupils this month. On 19th June, 21 students successfully completed their Trinity College graded music examinations (Grades 1-3), demonstrating dedication, confidence, and impressive musical progress.

This brings our total number of graded exam successes to 30 pupils so far this year – a fantastic accomplishment. Well done to all our musicians for their hard work and commitment and thank you to the staff and families who continue to support their musical journey.

Football

The boys took part in the Galactico Soccer Tournament at Avoniel, where the boys once again performed brilliantly and reached the semi-finals. Despite a narrow defeat after extra time, they showed resilience, skill and determination until the very end.

We are extremely proud of every member of the team. Their hard work, dedication, teamwork and respect for one another have been outstanding throughout the year. They have been excellent ambassadors for our school. Thank you to the parents for all the support.



The girls travelled to Avoniel to compete in the Galactico Soccer Tournament. Once again, they played fantastically, showing great teamwork, determination and skill. They progressed all the way to the final, where they were narrowly defeated in a penalty shoot-out.



A special mention goes to Harper, who was awarded Goalkeeper of the Tournament for her outstanding performances.

North Down Primary School Athletics Meet



Congratulations to our talented P5-P7 athletes who represented the school at the North Down Athletics Championships. Every child performed exceptionally well, with many competitors achieving a podium finish in their events – a fantastic accomplishment that reflects their hard work, dedication, and determination.

We are especially proud of our boys' team, who were crowned Overall Boys' Champions, an achievement the school has not celebrated for many years. The children demonstrated excellent sportsmanship throughout the competition and were wonderful ambassadors for our school.



Sports' Celebrations

Congratulations to every child who represented Rathmore in our team sports this year. We are so proud of your positive attitudes, determination, teamwork, skills, achievements and smiles. You are a credit to our school. Our sincere thanks to our staff & parents for their support in 2025/26.

Celebrating Pupil Success



Jonah, P5 travelled to Scotland with the U10 Belfast Junior Giants to take part in the Ronnie Miller Memorial Tournament. The team played an incredible seven back-to-back games, showing great determination and teamwork to make it all the way to the tournament final, narrowly missing out after a nail-biting penalty shootout. It was a fantastic weekend filled with hard work, resilience, friendships, and memories that will last a lifetime.



We are delighted to share that Helena, P6 has been awarded both Top Female Competitor and Student of the Year for Karate at her annual display day, in recognition of her achievements, and positive influence in inspiring others.

Adding to this success, Helena has also been selected to represent WUKF Ireland at the upcoming European Championships this October.

House Competition

Thank you for supporting our Rathmore House System. The children and staff enjoyed the events throughout the year and our award ceremony for 2025-2026 will be during our final House Assembly. Good luck everyone!

Uniform Policy

Thank you for your consultation support of our updated Uniform Policy. We have emailed the Policy to you today. Following discussions with Bailies, Roberts and Signature Works, a branded PE uniform will now be available from all 3 suppliers. We remind all families to make full use of our Pre-Loved Shop in the front entrance of school.

Free School Meals & Uniform Grants

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



Free School Meals and Uniform Allowance

ea Education Authority

How do I apply?

- 1 Log on to/register with EA Connect
- 2 Check your eligibility on EA Connect
- 3 Add each child you wish to claim for
- 4 Start your application
- 5 Upload supporting documentation
- 6 Confirm all info is correct and submit your application

For more info visit: www.eani.org.uk/fsm

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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. The YMCA Summer Programme has been emailed to parents.

Our Breakfast Club costs will remain at £3.50 per session from 1 September 2026.

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

PTA Friends & Family News

Raffy Rocks Competition

Thank you for your support of our final PTA fundraiser of the year which has raised £440.



Our lucky 'Raffy Rocks' prize winners are: -

Nursery	Willow & Sam
P1	Evie & Ayda
P2	Ella & Natti
P3	Adam & Hugo
P4	Lucy, Rory & Jude
P5	Tiago, Lucas & Ethan
P6	Eileen, Sienna & Olivia
P7	Chloe & Lexi