November 2026

Rathmore Newsletter

November Diary Dates

3-11	Poppy Appeal
6	P4 Archibald's War
13	Children in Need
16	Odd Sock Day
16-20	Anti Bullying week
24	RathMORE Together Event 6-7pm

December Diary Dates

1	Flu Vaccinations
2&3	P1 Nativities
10	Stay & Play Evening N&P1 2027

P3 Harvest – The Enormous Turnip



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.

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.

Age NI Slip into Slippers



A huge thank you to everyone who supported Age NI's Slip into Slippers campaign through your donations and participation. Your kindness raised £369 to help Age NI continue its important work supporting older people across Northern Ireland. The children had great fun wearing their slippers in the classroom!

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 3 November. Please note the completion dates for each, differ depending on the club. Clubs facilitated by our school staff end on Thursday 12 November while privately paid clubs run until 26 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. Thank you for your help in ensuring all children are present each week.



'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.

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'Be Kind, Belong, Become Your Best'

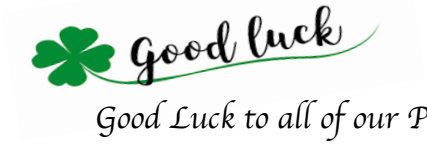
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P4 Archibald's War

P4 pupils will be on stage on 6 November 2026 performing P4 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!



P7 will be selling Poppy Merchandise from Tuesday 3 to Wednesday 11 November 2026. Prices range from 50p - £1.50



Good Luck to all of our P7 pupils sitting SEAG Assessments on 14 & 21 this month.

Anti-Bullying Week



Anti-Bullying Week is 16 – 20 November 2026. The theme is "Break the Silence," which focuses on encouraging pupils and adults, to use their words and actions to speak up, listen and take action together to create a safer and kinder environment.

Our 2026-2027 RRS Ambassadors will create and lead assemblies during this week on the theme 'Break the Silence'.

Odd Socks Day



Odd Socks Day 2026 is taking place on Monday 16th November 2026. It is supported by cBeebies presenter & ABA patron 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 on Monday 16 November 2026.

Children in Need - Friday 13th November 2026



The School Council are delighted to announce that all children are invited to bring their favourite teddy to school and accessorise their school uniform with yellow and spotty items to help raise money for Children in Need on Friday 13th November 2026.

A suggested donation of £1 can be made online through School Money.

Thank you for your support in helping us raise funds for this fantastic cause. We look forward to seeing lots of teddies, spots, and yellow throughout the school!

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 and provide feedback.

SBNI Online Safety Hub

SBNI
Safeguarding Board for Northern Ireland

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
Tuesday 24 November 2026
6.00 – 7.00pm

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.

RATHMORE TOGETHER
Est. 2025

We are so proud of our school community who worked towards our Gold Award during 2025-2026. This means United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, will be further embedded and extended this year to understand the importance of equality and respect better not just in our community but in the wider world.
To mark this outstanding award, the NI Children's Commissioner Chris Quinn has invited last years' Ambassadors to Stormont on UNICEF Children's Day. Our children will make a presentation to a group of invited politicians and community leaders sharing how Rathmore's culture of respect and equality, in our school and wider community, reflects the UNICEF aims.

'Article of the Month'

Article 19:
The Right to be Safe

This month, our school will focus on Article 19 of the UNCRC, which states that every child has the right to be safe and protected from harm. This links closely with Anti-Bullying Week, which highlights the importance of kindness, respect and looking out for one another.
Throughout the week, pupils will learn about what bullying is, the different forms it can take, and how everyone has a role to play in creating a safe, inclusive and respectful environment. We will discuss the importance of speaking up, supporting others and knowing who to talk to if they are worried about themselves or someone else.
In school, we will encourage children to reflect on how their words and actions can affect others, both in person and online. Through class activities and discussions, they will explore how kindness, empathy and respect can help build positive relationships and prevent bullying.
This month, why not talk with your child about the importance of being kind and respectful to others? Encouraging open conversations about friendships, feelings and how to seek help can help children develop the confidence to stand up against bullying and contribute to a caring school community.

PTA Friends & Family News

Our sincerest thanks to our PTA F&F committee members who have stepped down this year. We are so grateful for your energy, enthusiasm and creative ideas over the last few years and thank you for continuing to volunteer at our events this year.



Deborah Davies, Kerry Jeffers, Suzanne Morton & Colleen Close

The PTA Committee meets again Thursday 5 November 2026 at 3pm. All are welcome to be part of our planning and organising, so please come along if you can.

Thank you for taking part in our PTA Pumpkin Crafting event which raised £567.50. Our winners were announced at Assembly before the half term break (see photos).

New Resources

Your support of fundraising events make a huge difference. We have purchased more iPads and a charging cabinet as well as Literacy & Numeracy resources.





School Fund

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

Pumpkin Crafting Winners

Nursery: Teddy & Emily



P1: Olivia & Zach



P2: Joseph & Olivia



P3: Anna & Theo



P4: Grace & Alex



P5: Lucy & Robbie



P6: Olivia T, Daniel & Olivia N



P7: Kayden, Isaac & Thomas

