



JUNE 2025 NEWSLETTER

It has only been six weeks since our last newsletter and those weeks have been packed full of learning and events for our pupils. In this short time scale our P7s went to Lendrick Muir, some classes have been to Stirling Castle and Broughty Ferry. Other have competed in cricket, tennis, basketball, football and athletics competitions, we had a barbeque, we participated in our sports day, our P7s visited high school, our new P1s came to visit our school, two classes visited Stormont Care Home, our P7s visited SCYD, the fire station, the police station and lastly we had our very own Ratray circus and music festival.

All of these events and activities require thoughtful planning and organisation, and they simply wouldn't be possible without the dedication and hard work of our entire school team. From our office staff who ensure everything runs smoothly, to our school and nursery support staff who support, accompany and transport children, and our teaching and nursery staff who take the lead in planning many of these experiences—each person plays a vital role.

As we approach the end of the school year, it's important to take a moment to recognise and thank our incredible Ratray staff team. Their commitment to going 'above and beyond' for our pupils does not go unnoticed. I am deeply grateful for all they do.

I want also to extend my heartfelt thanks to our entire school community—parents and carers, staff, and the many professionals who support our children and school each day. Your contributions make a real difference. I wish everyone connected with Ratray a restful and well-earned summer break.

Successful Students

We are always incredibly proud of our Ratray pupils, but recently several students have raised the bar which regards to their achievements.

We entered 4 teams into the local **cricket** festival in Meigle, and one of our boys team won the whole event which meant they progressed to the Perth and Kinross cricket finals. Our Ratray pupils played exceptionally well. This regional final had teams from all over Scotland including the private sector, and the children did so well. Well done to James, Jude, Krystian, Lewis, Aaron, Max, Marcus, Jayden and Ethain. Also, a huge thanks to Mrs Downie for accompanying the children to the different events.

In May, some pupils from P3, P3/4 and P4/5 represented our school at a tennis tournament in Blairgowrie. They played fantastically well and one of our teams won the whole tournament. Well done to all our budding Murrys and Raducanus, the winning tennis players were Matvii, Arlo, Filip and Ciaran.

Recently we entered our first ever Basketball tournament as a school. A group of hardy P5-7 pupils travelled to Perth with Mr Masterton to compete. They played exceptionally well and represented the school brilliantly. We are very proud of

Lastly, some of our P6 and P7 took part in the local athletics competition, sadly our P7s were at Lendrick Muir and couldn't all manage. One of our P6 pupils, Molly, won her events and was going to take part in the PKC finals. Sadly, an injury prevented her from taking part in the finals. But, we are certain she would have excelled.

Exiting P7 Pupils

We will be sad to say goodbye to our fabulous Primary 7 pupils. They've had such a great time visiting high school that some didn't want to come back! It's been a joy to watch them grow, and we know each and every one of them is capable of achieving great things. We wish them all the luck and success in the years ahead—at high school and beyond.

We will have our usual Ratray send-off when they exit from the main school office along with staff leavers via our 'Ratray human arch' to Ratray Common at 12 noon on Thursday. Bring your cameras and tissues!

Staffing Update

There are some staffing changes which will take place during the summer break. Mrs Paula Wilson (currently teacher at Coupar Angus) will be teaching our P2 class after the summer break, Mrs Wilson will be covering Mrs McCarthy's secondment, which is due to end around Christmas break.

Ms Hvazdzetskaya (Miss H.) will return to our school after her yearlong secondment, after the break she will be working across classrooms supporting our children as a Pupil Support Assistant (PSA), also joining us as a PSA for next session is Miss Ashleigh Henvey who is currently employed at Guildton. Ms Coles (Judy) will not be returning on supply next school year, she wishes to enjoy her retirement, picking up supply days here and there, I'm certain Rattray won't see the back of our lovely Ms. Coles.

School Uniform and expectations for after the summer

As a reminder our school uniform is a combination of grey, maroon and white. All children's belongings should be named or have some mark of identification.

Grey skirt, grey pinafore, grey trousers, grey culottes or grey shorts

White polo shirt or white shirt/blouse

Red/Maroon gingham dress

Grey/Maroon sweatshirt, cardigan or jumper

Maroon Hoodie (P7 Prefects only)

School Tie



Our school uniform supplier is Border Embroideries who provide a greater range of affordable uniform. The website allows uniform to be delivered to your home address if you pay a delivery charge, or it can be sent free to the companies Dundee store. You can find all available uniform options (grey and maroon) at this web address. <https://www.border-embroideries.co.uk/schools/rattray-primary-school.html> You will also find several sporting options too, including our new school sports top and house sports t-shirts. However, there is no expectation to order from this company or have Rattray branded uniform, supermarket uniform in school colours is more than acceptable.

Last summer, through the Parent Council, Mantalk and Pupil Equity Funding every child in the school was given a labelled gym bag and t-shirt in their house colours. For PE lessons, children will be expected to wear black shorts/leggings, house coloured t-shirt and trainers/gym shoes. For outdoor PE, tracksuit bottoms or leggings, a warm top and trainers will be needed. Children should not wear football or sports strips.



PLEASE SUPPORT THE SCHOOL BY ENSURING YOUR CHILD WEARS SCHOOL UNIFORM EVERY DAY AND BRINGS THEIR SPORTS KIT (INCLUDING A TSHIRT THE COLOUR OF THEIR HOUSE) TO CHANGE INTO ON THEIR PE DAYS.

Free school meals and school clothing grants

Free School Meals are offered to **ALL** pupils in P1 - P5 **without the need for parents/carers to apply**. Don't forget to apply for Free School Meals for your child when they move into P6 as they will no longer be automatically entitled to Free School Meals.

An application form must be completed if you also require a school clothing grant for your child in P1-P7. Parents/Carers in receipt of a qualifying benefit will receive an annual school clothing grant of £126 per child in primary school and £157 per child in secondary school. Please [Apply online](#)

You can claim free school meals (P6 and P7) and a school clothing grant (all ages) for your child(ren) if you are receiving:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- any income-related element of Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit, but not Working Tax Credit, with an income of less than £19,995
- both Child Tax Credit and Working Tax Credit with an income of up to £9,552

- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Universal Credit with a monthly earned income of not more than £796
- If you are aged 16 to 18 years and receive any of these benefits in your own right, you can claim free school meals for yourself.

It is also useful to note that for every child who receives a clothing grant, will also bring funding through the pupil equity fund (PEF) to our school. This PEF funding helps provide additional staff, subsidise school trips and events and supports free breakfasts and other initiatives aimed to raise equity and attainment. **THEREFORE, APPLYING FOR SCHOOL CLOTHING GRANT NOT ONLY BENEFITS YOU PERSONALLY BUT THE SCHOOL AS A WHOLE – SO PLEASE APPLY IF YOU THINK ARE ENTITLED TO THIS OR CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE AND WE WILL SUPPORT YOU TO DO THIS.**

For more information regarding free meals and clothing grants please visit the PKC website. [Free school meals and school clothing grants - primary and secondary - Perth & Kinross Council \(pkc.gov.uk\)](https://www.pkc.gov.uk/free-school-meals-and-school-clothing-grants-primary-and-secondary/). Any applications that are submitted before 1 July cannot be processed for session 2025/26, these applications will be refused, and parents will be asked to reapply again after 1 July 2025.

School Handbook 2025/26

Our school handbook for next session is available to view on the council website or in paper form from school office. Follow this link – [school handbook](#)

Standards and Quality Report 24/25

Attached to this newsletter is our school and nursery standards and quality report for this academic session.

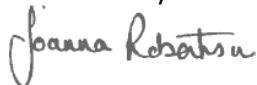
Holiday dates

School closes for the summer holidays this Thursday 26th June at 12 noon and reopens for pupils on Tuesday 19th August at 9am. The school holiday and term dates up to July 2027 are available at the [following link](#).

On behalf of all the staff I would like to thank you for your continuing support. If you have any questions or queries regarding any of the items within this newsletter, please don't hesitate to contact the email address below.

I hope you all have a wonderful summer!

Yours faithfully



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