

DECEMBER 2025 UPDATE

Staffing Changes

We are very pleased to announce that, following the departure of Mrs Fiona McCarthy and Mrs Diane Johnstone to Depute Head Teacher posts elsewhere, we have appointed Miss Alanna Salmond and Mrs Estelle Bruce to permanent positions at Rattray Primary School.

We are absolutely delighted that Miss Salmond and Mrs Bruce will remain with us permanently, as they are both outstanding assets to our school. We are sure you will join us in making them feel very welcome here at Rattray.

The remainder of this update is just to remind you of some the things which are arranged for this week.

Christmas Hampers Item Shortage

This year we are again asking for donations for our Christmas hampers. Please send any donations to school with your child or pass them into the school office. The draw will take place on Monday 22nd December. All proceeds will be used to support school events, including this year's Christmas activities. Hamper tickets can be purchased on parentpay. Thank you in advance for all your support.

Infant Nativity - Tuesday 10th December

A reminder to all that entry to the event tomorrow is a 'food donation' which will be used for our Christmas Hampers. Currently, we are nearly at full capacity and booking is closed, if you haven't booked a seat, please contact the school office who may be able to squeeze you in!

Before the 9.30am morning performance and after the 1.30pm afternoon performance tea/coffee and shortbread (provided by our generous Parent Council) will be available for everyone attending in our school GP room.

As part of their Enterprise topic, Primary 4 will be selling homemade gingerbread biscuits at the performances too. Each gingerbread biscuit will cost 50p, if possible, please bring change to make it easier for the children who are selling them.



Pupil Festive Fun Day – Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th December

Pupils will have the opportunity to enjoy eight Christmas-themed stalls created by our upper school classes:

- Snowman Snowball Throw
- Pin the Nose on Rudolph
- Jingle Bell Cups
- Mini-Golf
- Hoopla
- Tin Can Alley
- Bouncy Castle
- Festive Hot Chocolate



Parents can purchase tokens via ParentPay for children to use at the stalls. **One token = 50p.** To take part in all eight stalls once, your child would need **8 tokens**. As a gift from the school, each child will initially receive **two free tokens** to use on the stalls. Supporting this event helps cover the costs of all our Christmas activities. **There is still time to buy tokens, and we encourage you to do so as many children do not yet have tokens purchased.**

School Christmas Lunch – Thursday 18th December

School Cook Elaine and her wonderful team will be serving up Christmas Lunch on the last Thursday of term. This can be paid for, as usual, through parent pay.



Christmas Disco – Thursday 12th December

All children (and staff) are invited to attend a disco on Thursday 12th December. This will take place in the school assembly hall from 6pm to 6.45pm for P1 to P3 pupils, and from 7pm to 8pm for P4-7 pupils. Entry is £2 per child and all proceeds will go to school funds. Party clothes or casual clothes can be worn. **Parent helpers are most definitely welcome!**

Christmas Jumper Day - Friday 19th December

On Friday 19th December we would like to invite everyone (pupils and staff) to dress up in a Christmas jumper or outfit or Dress down in casual clothes for Christmas jumper day.

Christmas at the 'Hub' - Friday 19th December 2pm

All the classes will join together in singing some festive favourites in the Rattray Community Connect building (The Hub) from. This will be held on Friday 19th December at 2pm. **Entry to the event is a foodstuff donation' which will be used for our Christmas Hampers. Any surplus items will be donated to The Trussell Trust Foodbank.** Christmas jumpers/clothing are a must! We do have some remaining tickets and these can be booked through the following link.

Christmas at the Hub - <https://forms.office.com/e/v18rkNkQRH>

Numbers are capped initially at 2 tickets per family (not per child). If there are further tickets available, these will be released in time.

Class Christmas Parties – Monday 22nd December

On Monday 22nd December we are going to be holding a whole school Pyjama Day. This will double as a Christmas party day for all our classes. We invite all children to wear pyjamas, onesies, or anything else festive. This will be worn outside during break and lunch time so needs to be weather appropriate! Please do not go to the expense of buying new clothing for this event. Each class will watch the following movies on Tuesday, all of which are PG ratings. The children will watch them in class, if you feel that the chosen film for your child is not suitable then please get in touch with our school office and your child can be elsewhere in the school at movie time.

<u>Class</u>	<u>Film</u>	<u>Rating</u>
P1	The Grinch (animated)	U
P1/2	Arthur Christmas	U
P2	Polar Express	U
P3	Home Alone 1	PG
P4	Home Alone 2	PG
P4/5 and P5 (children can choose 1 of the 2 movies on offer)	Home Alone 2	PG
	The Grinch	PG
Upper school classes (P6, P6/7, P7) children can choose 1 of the 3 movies on offer	Elf	PG
	Nativity 1	U
	Home Alone 3	PG

Santa Run – Tuesday 23rd December

On the above date we will be hosting our third Rattray Santa Run. All children from P1 – P7 will participate in a run or walk around the common followed by a fun outdoor disco. Children can wear a Santa hat or other festive head gear on this day to help with the festive feel!

Last day of term

Our school and early childhood centre closes for our Winter break at 12 noon on Tuesday 23rd December.

On behalf of all the staff we would like to thank you for your continuing support. We hope you have the most amazing Christmas with your loved ones and friends. We also hope that your new year celebrations are wonderful and that 2026 is filled with happiness too.