



Newsletter 9 – Spring 2026

Dear Rockcliffe Families,

This half-term is an extremely busy one! Our Rockcliffe Learning Superpower this week has been focus and there has certainly been lots of great opportunities for our children to focus on.

Robinwood 2026

Our amazing Year 4s spent the start of this week on their residential at Robinwood near Alston on the Northumberland-Cumbria border. It was an action packed-three days taking in activities including canoeing, escape rooms, zip-lining, caving and climbing. It was certainly an opportunity to make great memories and for the children to shine brightly together in so many different ways. Each and every one of them challenged themselves and showcased all of their Rockcliffe Superpowers. I'm sure it will be a highlight of their year and it is for us as staff too. There were so many moments that made me a very proud Headteacher but one of my standout memories was on Tuesday evening. A member of the Robinwood catering staff came up to me and said, "Your children have such a lovely and natural respect for the staff and their manners are amazing." There are lots of great things we will be building on in class too. Can I thank the staff team of Mrs Appleby, Miss Boyd, Miss Brown, Mrs Tooke, Mrs Wilson, Mr Stubbs and Miss Eberhardt for supporting the visit and taking the time away from their own families to make our visit such a success. Plans have already started for next year's trip!



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Year 3 Arts Award Discover Project

Meanwhile back at Rockcliffe HQ, Year 3 were taking part in an Arts Award Discover project, a nationally recognised qualification from The Arts Council. They explored landscape art and the work of sculptor, photographer and environmental artist Andy Goldsworthy. Inspired by our local coastal environment, the children experimented with drawing, painting, collage and sculpture to create some fantastic artwork. The project finished with a special Beach School visit, where the children worked together to create their own landscape sculptures using natural materials.



Nursery Songs and Scones

It was wonderful to welcome our nursery parents into school today for the annual Songs and Scones to celebrate the important women in our children's lives ahead of Mother's Day this weekend. It was a superb performance from the children and we got to enjoy some delicious scones they had baked on Thursday.

World Book Day Quiz

Thank you to all the families who took part in our World Book Day Family Emoji Quiz – we loved seeing so many entries come back and we hope you enjoyed solving the picture book clues together at home. Congratulations to our prize draw winner Ruby from Lighthouse who has won the book voucher. Well done, and happy reading!

Red Nose Day



Next Friday (20th March), we will be getting involved in Comic Relief 2026 with a special "Funny for Money" day! We will be coming to school in normal uniform but please bring along a joke ready to tell! The joke can be creatively attached to your school jumper, written on a piece of paper, or presented in any fun way. Throughout the day, we will be sharing our jokes (for Key Stage 2 this will be on the bus to Vindolanda) We know this is close to the Junior Parkrun school fundraiser so we are asking families to donate what they can directly to the Comic Relief website to support this wonderful cause. [Donate here!](#)



Parents' Evenings

I look forward to seeing you in school for the first of our Spring Parents' Evenings next week. Please come a few minutes before your appointment so you have chance to look at your child's books before you meet with their teacher. The children will have Post It-noted a piece of work they are really proud of. All appointments will be in the upstairs classrooms, please come to the Main Entrance to enter the building.

Whatever you are doing this weekend, have a great time. I hope our Year 4s catch up on some sleep!

Tom Jones

Dates for Your Diary

March	
Tue 17 th	Y3 Dance Festival – 7pm
Wed 18 th	Parents' Evening
Fri 20 th	Red Nose Day – Bring a joke to share in school! KS2 Vindolanda and Roman Army Museum Educational Visit
Mon 23 rd	Lighthouse Beach School – PM
Mon 23 rd	Glee Club – Spring Sing
Thu 26 th	Yr4 Skipping Festival Parents' Evening
Fri 27 th	Beacon Beach School – PM
Sun 29 th	Rockcliffe First School Whitley Bay Junior ParkRun Takeover – 9am
Mon 30 th	Starfish Beach School – AM
Tue 31 st	Seahorses Beach School – AM Priory Beach School - PM
April	
Wed 1 st	Friends of Rockcliffe Bake Sale: Lapwings
Thu 2 nd	Easter Fashion Show End of Spring Term
Friday 3 rd – Sunday 19 th Easter Holidays	
Mon 20 th	Start of the Summer Term
Wed 22 nd	9am: Parent Coffee Morning - Connect & Parent Carer Forum will be delivering a Co-regulation session. They'll cover: What is co-regulation? The Stress Response and How to Support Co-regulation.



BAKE SALE

Here are the upcoming dates and hosts of our next Bake Sales:

Wed 1st April - Lapwing

Fri 1st May - Starfish & Seahorse

Fri 22nd May - Puffin & Sandpiper

Fri 26th June - Beacon & Lighthouse

* Please bring donations of baked goods to your class drop-off door the morning of your sale.

