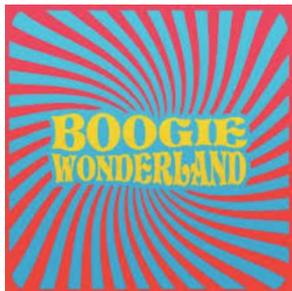


Newsletter 10 – Spring 2026

Dear Rockcliffe Families,

It's been another jam-packed week at Rockcliffe. We have certainly been using our Superpower of *Finding Solutions* to fit everything in! It was lovely to see so many parents in school on Wednesday for our first Spring term Parents' Evenings to share the achievements of your children so far this year. We really appreciated the positive comments from you too. We look forward to seeing the rest of you next week.

Year 3 Dance Festival



The Whitley Bay Playhouse was full of energy and enthusiasm on Tuesday evening for the PESSPA Dance Festival. It was wonderful to see so many schools from across North Tyneside coming together to showcase their dance skills to a packed audience. Our Year 3s were absolutely fantastic dancing together to Boogie Wonderland! It certainly got the crowd clapping along! They were all *shining brightly together* in more ways than one – showcasing fantastic team work skills and creativity whilst literally dazzling on stage in their sparkly outfits! Once again it made me very proud to be the Headteacher of Rockcliffe. A huge thank you to Miss Millen and Mrs Tooke for choreographing the routine with the children and giving up their time to rehearse and support the children.

Neurodiversity Celebration Week

This week, we have been celebrating Neurodiversity Celebration Week in school. The children enjoyed listening to the story *The Umbrella of Us* in Monday's assembly with Miss Thompson. It helped us explore and appreciate how everyone's brain works in different and wonderful ways. As part of our celebrations, the children have been challenged to design their own umbrella, filled with drawings or writing that show what their brain is good at. We are so proud of the thoughtful and creative ideas the children have shared, highlighting the unique strengths that help us to shine brightly together within our school community.



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Parkrun Assembly



In Tuesday's Assembly, Whitley Bay Junior Park Run Directors Donna and Sophie came to explain to the children all about the Rockcliffe Takeover on Sunday 29th March. The children were really enthused so we hope to see as many children on the start line as possible. We even had a practice of a warm up! Please remember to register for a bar code and we have sent sponsor forms home to raise money for improving the school's outdoor space. Parents are welcome to run but the Junior Parkrun team would also appreciate any volunteers. Information was sent via SchoolComms on Tuesday.

World Down's Syndrome Day

For World Down's Syndrome Day, Miss Russell (one of our Reception teachers) led a special assembly to learn about Down's Syndrome. We listened to a girl called Chloe explain what Down's Syndrome is, and Miss Russell's brother Paul explained what having Down's Syndrome means to him. The children learnt that some people with Down's Syndrome may need extra help with certain things, but they can still go to school, have jobs, enjoy hobbies, make friends and achieve amazing things. During the assembly, we also looked at examples of people with Down's Syndrome and celebrated their achievements, including taking part in sports, performing on stage and living full, happy lives. The key message was about kindness, understanding and making sure everyone feels included. To celebrate World Down's Syndrome Day on 21st March, children are encouraged to wear their boldest and brightest socks. This is a fun way to raise awareness and show that the Down's Syndrome community has an important voice to be heard.



Red Nose Day

Today, school was full of laughter as the children shared their best jokes throughout the day in support of Comic Relief. The children's jokes were definitely better than the teacher's! Thank you to everyone who donated to this important cause.

To complete our week, today our Key Stage 2 classes have visited Vindolanda as part of their history work – we will share more next week. On Tuesday, Mrs Duggan and I visited our Linking leaders partner school in Chester-le-Street – we left with lots of great ideas to share here. Then on Thursday all of our Governors were in school – it was lovely to share all of the great experiences for the children and the hard work of the staff with them. Next week is also a busy one – starting with the Spring Sing on Monday! Have a great weekend and Happy Eid to all of our families celebrating this weekend, *Tom Jones*



Dates for Your Diary

March	
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 – 10am and 3.45pm 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.

