



## Newsletter 11 – Spring 2026

Dear Rockcliffe Families,

I'm going to start this week's letter exactly the same way that I started last week's. It's been another very busy week here at Rockcliffe with lots of great opportunities for the children. Again, thank you to all the parents for your positive and supportive feedback at Parents' Evening last night. We really enjoy sharing the progress and achievements of your children with you.

### Spring Sing - Glee Club



We were back at the Whitley Bay Playhouse on Monday night, this time for the Spring Sing which saw seven schools across North Tyneside perform. Our Glee Club were amazing and wowed the audience with three different songs before the interval. All their weeks and hours of rehearsals really paid off. A huge thanks to Mrs Marr for all her time and expertise building up to the event. On Tuesday we received an email from a parent from a neighbouring school who

was watching his children in the show. He said, *"Just a note to share my admiration and appreciation for the Rockcliffe Glee Club performance last night. As a musician myself and coming from a musical family I really was blown away by the Rockcliffe choir. It had it all."* Once again I was a very proud headteacher!

### Parkrun Takeover

We are really looking to the Rockcliffe Whitley Bay Junior Parkrun Takeover this Sunday. Please remember to sign up for a barcode on the parkrun website if you don't have one and try to raise as much as possible through sponsorship. Please could the children wear their Rockcliffe Navy PE kit and can we meet at 8.50am on the helipad by Spanish City for a school photo. After the event there will be smoothies available donated by our parents from Eat Clean. Lots of staff will be running along with you or cheering you on along the way. Remember the clocks go forward but it will be well worth hopping out of bed for!



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### Skipping Festival Success

At the Y4 skipping festival on Thursday, our team came second against five teams from across North Tyneside. As well as team success, we had lots on individual certificates too. It means we'll be at the Skip Dance finals in June!

### Vindolanda Visit - By Sam, Ursula, Lizzie and Noah - The Rockcliffe Reporters

Last Friday, Key Stage 2 went to Vindolanda Roman Fort, where we explored the ruins of the Roman Fort and village and saw the Vindolanda Tablets, which were very interesting. In our groups, we had to find clues around the fort to solve a crossword. It was a little tricky but great fun! In the afternoon, we visited the Roman Army Museum in Brampton. There was an archery testing game; you had to be very strong! We also had an interactive lesson with a holographic teacher named Velius. We loved it! Amber said, "I enjoyed looking around the museum." Rowan said, "I really liked looking at the Roman coins."



### Lighthouse and Beacon Beach School

Lighthouse and Beacon classes had a wonderful Beach School visit this week as they were challenged to think and build like the Romans. The children showed a plethora of learning superpowers as they worked together to build Hadrian's Wall and a range of forts. They thought carefully about their features and were able to include lots of their knowledge they have obtained about the Romans over this term.

### Marvellous Maths

On Wednesday we had our termly visit from our School Development Partner, Richard Kiely from Education North Tyneside, who was looking at maths across school with our maths lead, Miss Boyd. On his lesson visits, he was really impressed with the teaching and also the enthusiasm and knowledge of the children completing their work. One moment that stood out was when one of our Year 1 children went off to complete his work saying "Maths is going to be so fun!"



### Parking Plea



Just a reminder to some parents to please make sure you are parking safely and respectfully around school. We are seeing an increasing number of cars across the yellow zig-zags on Rockcliffe Street and one car had a near miss with a child last week. Thanks for your cooperation with this.

I hope to see you at the Junior Parkrun on Sunday ahead of our last week of the Spring term next week (how are we so far into the year already?). Don't forget - it's our Friends of Rockcliffe Lapwings Class Bake Sale on Wednesday after school for an end of term treat.

*Tom Jones*

### Dates for Your Diary

March	
Sun 29 <sup>th</sup>	Rockcliffe First School Whitley Bay Junior Parkrun Takeover – Please meet for a school photo at 8.50am wearing your Rockcliffe PE kit
Mon 30 <sup>th</sup>	Starfish Beach School – AM
Tue 31 <sup>st</sup>	Seahorses Beach School – AM Priory Beach School - PM
April	
Wed 1 <sup>st</sup>	Friends of Rockcliffe Bake Sale: Lapwings
Thu 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Easter Fashion Show – 10am and 3.45pm End of Spring Term
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> Easter Holidays	
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup>	Start of the Summer Term
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup>	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.

