



Newsletter 12 – Spring 2026

Dear Rockcliffe Families,

I can't quite believe we are at the end of the Spring term already. The last half-term has flown by but there have been so many great experiences for the children and I'm sure lots of great memories have been made. The summer term is already looking busy and full of opportunities - we will update key dates for you after the holidays.

Fashion Show

Last year, I didn't really know what to expect with the Fashion Show! It was amazing then and it was equally amazing this year. It was brilliant to see so many of our fantastic children showcasing their individuality and shining brightly together in front of a packed audience. Their smiles said it all. It was a fabulous end to the term. A big thank you to Mrs Appleby for coordinating the event, and to all the parents who supported it with outfit choices, helping to raise a stylish sum of nearly £800 for the school!



Whitley Bay Junior Parkrun Takeover

It was also great to see so many of our children and families at the Rockcliffe Whitley Bay Junior Parkrun Takeover on Sunday morning. Well done to everyone who embraced the chilly morning after an hour's less sleep to take on the challenge. It was another great opportunity to be shining together and a huge thank you for the fundraising efforts – you raised over £1000 for school! I hope it has inspired you to Parkrun and sign up for the Children's Cancer Run on Sunday 17th May. We will be doing another Parkrun Take over in the future – we'll aim for the summer and a non-clock change weekend! A big thanks to the staff and Governors who came to support the event too.



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Key Stage 1



Lapwings, Puffins and Sandpipers have been having a busy and fun last week of term! In Design Technology, they have been learning about vehicle design as part of their Great Journeys topic. This week they learnt how to use a saw and cut axles for their own vehicles. After testing, they proved to be a great success.

To support learning in Science, they also visited the Quarry and Stationmaster's garden. They observed a range of wildlife and flowers (including Frogcliffe the Frog!) as they searched for signs of Spring.



From all the staff team, whatever you are doing of the Easter holidays, we hope you have a great break and enjoy the time together. We look forward to welcoming all the children back on Monday 20th April.

Tom Jones

Dates for Your Diary

April	
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.
May	
Thu 7 th	Nursery closed for Polling Day
Sun 17 th	Children's Cancer Run Sign up here: Cancer Run 2026

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.