



Newsletter 1 – Summer 2026

Dear Rockcliffe Families,

Welcome back. And a particular welcome to our new families who joined us this week. I hope you all had a lovely Easter break – the children have told me lots of exciting things that they had done. Can you believe we are at the start of the summer term already? I'm really looking forward to the term ahead.

We're in Fashion



We ended last term with the amazing Fashion Show. Your support with fundraising for this and making the children look fabulous on the cat walk has meant the children will be looking equally stunning on the beach. We have used the money to buy new vizi-vests for Beach School! Nursery tested them out yesterday at a chilly Cullercoats Bay and looked brilliant. We get lots of compliments from the public at the beach on the journeys there and back. Now everyone will know it is our amazing school shining brightly together there!

What's that in Reception?

Our Seahorses and Starfish have been very excited to welcome some caterpillars into their classroom! The children are already enjoying observing them closely and learning about their life cycle. Over the coming weeks, we're looking forward to watching the amazing changes as they grow, form chrysalises, and eventually emerge as butterflies. Once they have fully grown, we will release them outside, which will be a really special moment for the children. It's a wonderful hands-on way for them to explore nature and understand how living things change over time.



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Earth Day

Reception celebrated Earth Day on Wednesday by learning all about how to take care of our planet. The children enjoyed sorting different pictures into the correct recycling bins, thinking carefully about what can be recycled and what cannot. They showed fantastic teamwork and growing awareness of how small actions can help protect the Earth. One of our new Governors, Janine, also shared some activities for you to do at home – you will have received this via School Gateway on Wednesday.



Friends of Rockcliffe



You will have received information from the Friends about their Quiz and Social Night on the 8th May. Please sign up and help support the school. It sounds like a great night. The Friends are also planning fun class photos for you – we will have more information next week. Finally, ahead of the Bank Holiday we have the Reception class Bake Sale next Friday after school. Maybe we could have some butterfly or minibeast inspired bakes?!

Facebook

We are now on Facebook eventually (I won't bore you with the technical difficulties!) so we can connect more easily with local events. If you would like to follow us – it is easiest to find the link to the page at the bottom of our Home Page on our school website. We will be using this to promote events and showcase work in school but our communication with parents will still be via School Gateway.

Please see on the next page key dates for this term. We will keep updating this through the busy term. Have a lovely weekend,

Tom Jones



Dates for Your Diary

April	
Tue 28 th	Tempest Year Group Photos for Nursery, Reception and Year 4
May	
Fri 1 st	AM: Y4 Orienteering Team Trail and Challenge Seahorse and Starfish Bake Sale
Mon 4 th	Bank Holiday
Tue 5 th	Y3 Bikeability
Thu 7 th	Nursery closed for Polling Day
Fri 8 th	Friends of Rockcliffe Quiz Night and Social
Fri 15 th	Beacon, Priory and Lighthouse at Jarrow Hall
Sun 17 th	Children's Cancer Run Sign up here: Cancer Run 2026
Mon 18 th	Carnival Week – more information to follow
Thu 21 st	Dolce Summertime Fiesta-themed Lunch
Fri 22 nd	Puffins and Sandpipers Bake Sale
Sat 23 rd	Whitley Bay Carnival
23 rd – 31 st May: Half-term	
June	
Mon 1 st	Start of Summer 2
Thu 4 th	AM: Y4 Skipping Team Finals PM: Y2 Skipping Team Festival
Thu 11 th	Dolce World Cup-themed Lunch
Fri 12 th	Nursery Messy Art Day
Mon 22 nd	Seahorses and Starfish Sports Day - 2.15pm
Tue 23 rd	Lapwings, Puffins and Sandpipers Sports Day - 2.15pm
Tue 23 rd	Reception Sept 2026 Information evening – 5pm
Wed 24 th	Eve: NTLT Musical Showcase (Glee Club)
Fri 26 th	AM: Beacon, Priory and Lighthouse Sports Day
Tue 30 th	Whitley Bay Move Up Day 1
July	
Wed 1 st	Whitley Bay Move Up Day 2
Fri 3 rd	After School: Y4 Leavers' Party
Tue 14 th	5pm: Y4 Leavers' Performance



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.

