

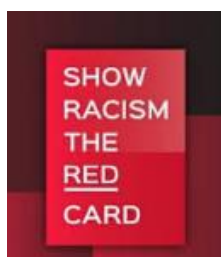


## Newsletter 2 – Summer 2026

Dear Rockcliffe Families,

We've reached May already and finally we have seen some warm sunshine on the Rockcliffe playground this week! Let's use our Learning Superpower of being Optimistic to hope this continues.

### Show Racism the Red Card



On Monday, our Year 3 children took part in workshops delivered by *Show Racism the Red Card*. Through thoughtful discussions and interactive activities, the children explored important themes such as equality, respect, and the impact of discrimination. The children were also given opportunities to reflect on their own attitudes and they learned about the importance of standing up against racism. We were really proud of the children's approach and thoughtful input into the sessions.

Here's what our Rockcliffe Reporters said:

*I think the session helped us to be able to identify racism because sometimes people might not realise that they are being racist. It helped us to understand what racism is and what it looks like.*

*I think it helped us to understand more about what racism is, how it can make people feel and what to do if you see it.*



### Whitley Bay Carnival

We hope our families can join us for the Whitley Bay Carnival on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May. The Carnival theme this year is "Folk" and at Rockcliffe we will be focusing on "The Elves and the Shoemaker". We will be having a whole school Carnival Week at the end of this half-term (week commencing 18<sup>th</sup> May). We are exploring the theme of "**Shoes**" across the week. We are planning a special shoe exhibition and would love to borrow unusual, memorable, or interesting footwear from our school families.

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We are looking for items such as army boots, ballet shoes, vintage styles like 1970s platforms, sports shoes, work boots, cultural footwear, dancing shoes, or anything with a story to tell! The shoes will be carefully displayed in an exhibition and also used as inspiration for dance, drama, poetry, and creative activities throughout the week. All items will be treated with care and returned promptly afterwards. If you are able to loan a pair of shoes, please put a named sticker on the sole of each shoe in a named bag and hand in to your child's class teacher/teaching assistant at pick up/drop off. Thank you for helping us bring Carnival Week to life!



### Friends of Rockcliffe



Thank you to our Reception parents for baking such tasty treats for this afternoon's Bake Sale organised by the Friends of Rockcliffe. Please sign up for the Quiz and Social Night next Friday (8<sup>th</sup> May) if you haven't done already. Information about class photos was sent on Schoolcomms this week.

### Facebook

We are now on Facebook. 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.

A few more dates have been added to the Dates for Your Diary in this busy term, so please check again. We also emailed out next year's holiday dates and training days on Schoolcomms on Wednesday.

Nursery parents, please remember that Nursery is closed next Thursday as we are a Polling Station.

Have a great Bank Holiday weekend, we will see you back in school on Tuesday.

*Tom Jones*



## Dates for Your Diary

May	
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup>	Bank Holiday
Tue 5 <sup>th</sup>	Y3/4 Bikeability Level 1
Thu 7 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Nursery closed for Polling Day</b>
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup>	PM: Beacon Beach School Eve: Friends of Rockcliffe Quiz Night and Social
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup>	Beacon, Priory and Lighthouse at Jarrow Hall AM: Nursery Beach School
Sun 17 <sup>th</sup>	Children's Cancer Run Sign up here: <a href="#">Cancer Run 2026</a>
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup>	Carnival Week AM / PM: Carnival Workshops (sign up via School Gateway)
Tue 19 <sup>th</sup>	PM: Lapwings Beach School
Thu 21 <sup>st</sup>	Dolce Summertime Fiesta-themed Lunch
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Puffins and Sandpipers Bake Sale
Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Whitley Bay Carnival
23 <sup>rd</sup> – 31 <sup>st</sup> May: Half-term	
June	
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup>	Start of Summer 2 PM: Priory Beach School
Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup>	AM: Reception Vision Screening
Thu 4 <sup>th</sup>	AM: Y4 Skipping Team Finals PM: Y2 Skipping Team Festival
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup>	PM: Lighthouse Beach School
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup>	PM: Sandpipers Beach School
Tue 9 <sup>th</sup>	PM: Seahorses Beach School
Thu 11 <sup>th</sup>	Dolce World Cup-themed Lunch
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup>	Nursery Messy Art Day
Tue 16 <sup>th</sup>	PM: Starfish Beach School
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup>	PM: Puffins Beach School
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup>	2.15pm: Seahorses and Starfish Sports Day
Tue 23 <sup>rd</sup>	2.15pm: Lapwings, Puffins and Sandpipers Sports Day
Tue 23 <sup>rd</sup>	5pm: Reception Sept 2026 Information Evening
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup>	Eve: NTLT Musical Showcase (Glee Club)
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup>	AM: Beacon, Priory and Lighthouse Sports Day
Tue 30 <sup>th</sup>	Whitley Bay Move Up Day 1
July	
Wed 1 <sup>st</sup>	Whitley Bay Move Up Day 2
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup>	After School: Y4 Leavers' Party
Tue 14 <sup>th</sup>	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.

