



## Newsletter 3 – Summer 2026

Dear Rockcliffe Families,

I hope you enjoyed the extra day off on Monday for the Bank Holiday. This week our Rockcliffe Learning Superpower has been Creative and we've had lots of opportunities through the week.

### Naomi Barley Author Visit

Last year, we welcomed local author Naomi Barley into school to share her amazing *Zig Zags* book with our younger children. On Tuesday, we were inspired again by Naomi, who returned to Rockcliffe to share her new book, *Zorkk Games*, about the further adventures of the Zig Zags. She worked with each class in school. It was wonderful to see how many children remembered her from last year. It was a great opportunity for the children to find out about being an author, the publishing process and how authors have to continue to be creative. Thanks to the Friends of Rockcliffe for funding this great opportunity for the children.



*Dexter said: I really loved the illustrations in the book and listening to her talk about how she imagines the stories and characters.*

### Sea Sense



We are really lucky to have our coastal location and be able to use the beach so regularly. But as part of this, we want our children to be aware of the importance of staying safe by the sea. On Wednesday, Years 1 to 4 enjoyed an assembly with Emily from Tide School's Sea Sense programme who talked to us about coastal safety and explained the tide wave to us. She then led a creative masterclass on tides, waves and rips for Priory, Beacon and Lighthouse classes so the children understood how they are formed and what to be aware of.

Our Rockcliffe reporters enjoyed the sessions...

*Noah said: I enjoyed learning about the tides and how they change the height of the waves. I didn't know that there is a tide wave that takes 6 hours to travel up and down our coast.*

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*Lizzie said: I found out about rips, currents and streams and how the water particles move within them. It was fun moving around and pretending to be the water particles!*

*Ursula said: I liked pretending to be the moon moving around the Earth and finding out how that pulls the water to make the tides.*

*Sam said: I didn't know about onshore, offshore and cross-shore winds and how they affect the texture of the sea.*

### **Bikeability**

Also this week, some of our Year 3s and Year 4s improved their bike control skills and completed Level 1 Bikeability with Leigh and Stephen from North Tyneside Council.

*Grace said: I learnt how to indicate and bike one-handed. I can ride without having to stop when I need to look over my shoulder.*

### **Trail and Challenge**



Last Friday, members of Year 4 represented Rockcliffe at the North Tyneside PE Service Trail and Challenge event at the Rising Sun Country Park. The sun was shining as our teams used their map reading, route plotting and team working skills to navigate their way round to various checkpoints. I was very proud of my team (The Rockcliffe Rockers) for leading us round – I even hit my step goal before lunch!

### **Children's Cancer Run**

It is great to see that so many of our families have signed up for this year's North East Children's Cancer Run on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May. Our start time is 10.25am so please meet in the Schools' Meeting Area at 10.05am – look out for the Rockcliffe Banner! There is still time to sign up if you'd like to join us.



### **Facebook**

We are now on Facebook. If you would like to follow us – simply visit our school website and click the Facebook link at the bottom of the Home Page.

I hope that all of our families have a great weekend.

*Tom Jones*



## Dates for Your Diary

May	
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
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> May: Half-term</b>	
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:

**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.

