



Newsletter 4 – Summer 2026

Dear Rockcliffe Families,

I can't believe we are coming to the end of this half-term already. We have had another action-packed week at Rockcliffe with plenty of opportunities to use our Learning Superpower of *Keep Improving*. The children have started their reflection of their year for their report comments. They have really enjoyed looking back at their work and extra-curricular activities though the year. We have got an exciting Carnival Week planned to end this half-term next week.

Carnival

On Thursday, our Year 4s, who will be leading our Whitley Bay Carnival parade, took part in a workshop with Courtney from the Whitley Bay Carnival to create items for their costumes. They looked fabulous! Our theme is Elves and the Shoemaker, and next week we have a whole school Carnival Week that will be centred around Shoes. On Friday, we will be sharing our work with each other and taking part in a mini-parade in school. Children are invited to come to school in their favourite shoes (normal uniform) for this event. For any families joining us for carnival workshops and the parade next Saturday, information has been sent via School Gateway.



NTLT Star Awards

Rockcliffe have a nominee for this year's North Tyneside Learning Trust Star Awards. Lyla in Year 1 has been nominated in the Resilience category. She received her Golden Envelope in assembly this week. This year Lyla was diagnosed with diabetes and has shown such a brilliant attitude to the changes in her routines. We are really proud of her. She will be attending the awards event in July.

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Musical Showcase

In Tuesday's Key Stage 1 assembly, we were treated to a musical concert from some of our Year 2 musicians who have been learning the ukulele with Geoff. They were really confident and note perfect proving that practice does make perfect. It was a great example of children *shining brightly together*.



Grafton Gallery



The Grafton Gallery is now exhibiting Seahorse Class' beautiful driftwood aquarium for the month of May. Each child has produced a unique piece for the artwork. This is part of a three-month collaboration with our Early Years children and local artist, Flora Davoll. The June exhibition will be a collaboration with Nursery Sandcastles. The Grafton Gallery can be found as you turn right out of the Early Years gates, only a few footsteps from school. The Gallery celebrates "community, art and connection." This second exhibition with Rockcliffe is a perfect representation of this. If you have a moment, please do stop by to take a look and celebrate Seahorse class's wonderful artwork.

Friends of Rockcliffe Quiz Night

Thank you to all of our parents and staff who supported the Friends of Rockcliffe Quiz Night last Friday. It was a fantastic event with lots of brain scratching, singing and dancing! The winners were a team called 3 men and 8 babies. They won the trophy and are going to keep a hold of it until next year, so you have a year to get training to take the title! The event raised an amazing £825 for school.

Next Friday, as an end of term treat, it is the Puffins and Sandpipers Bake Sale on the yard at the end of the day. If children in those classes could get their recipe books out and please can the rest of us please come and support. Please remember it is cash only.





Children's Cancer Run

On Sunday it is the North East Children's Cancer Run on. Our start time is 10.25am so please meet in the Schools' Meeting Area at 10.05am – look out for the Rockcliffe Banner! You can sign up on the day (get there early) too.



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.

Have a great weekend and I'll see the Rockcliffe Runners on Sunday,

Tom Jones



Dates for Your Diary

May	
Sun 17 th	Children's Cancer Run Sign up here: Cancer Run 2026
Mon 18 th	Carnival Week AM / PM: Carnival Workshops (sign up via School Gateway)
Tue 19 th	PM: Lapwings Beach School
Thu 21 st	Dolce Summertime Fiesta-themed Lunch
Fri 22 nd	Carnival Week: Children to come to school in their Favourite Shoes 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 PM: Priory Beach School
Tues 2 nd	AM: Reception Vision Screening
Thu 4 th	AM: Y4 Skipping Team Finals PM: Y2 Skipping Team Festival
Fri 5 th	PM: Lighthouse Beach School
Mon 8 th	PM: Sandpipers Beach School
Tue 9 th	PM: Seahorses Beach School
Thu 11 th	Dolce World Cup-themed Lunch
Fri 12 th	Nursery Messy Art Day
Tue 16 th	PM: Starfish Beach School
Fri 19 th	PM: Puffins Beach School
Mon 22 nd	2.15pm: Seahorses and Starfish Sports Day
Tue 23 rd	2.15pm: Lapwings, Puffins and Sandpipers Sports Day
Tue 23 rd	5pm: Reception Sept 2026 Information Evening
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:

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.

