



Newsletter 6 – Summer 2026

Dear Rockcliffe Families,

Welcome back to the final half-term of this academic year. I hope you had a fantastic half-term break and enjoyed the sunshine. This week, our Rockcliffe Learning Superpower focus has been *Collaborate and Co-operate*. There have been lots of sporting opportunities and Beach School sessions to enhance the work in class on this theme. There's plenty more opportunities to come this half-term too. On Tuesday, we welcomed our Nursery September 2026 parents into school for the first time. It was lovely to meet our new and existing families, and we look forward to seeing you in school over this half-term again.

Whitley Bay Carnival

It was wonderful to have so many of our families at the carnival parade at the start of the holidays. Our giant Cowboy Boot looked amazing followed by even more amazing elf and shoemaker costumes (I think apron sales in the North East were through the roof!). It was a fantastic day and really embodied our school motto of *shining brightly together*. A huge thanks to Lindsay Ford, Anna Tooke, Flora Davoll, Jo Anderson and Annabel Miller for creating the boot, and to Lindsay and Anna for co-ordinating the events in school. It won't be long until we start plans for next year's event!



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Shining at Skipping



On Thursday, our Year 4 and Year 2 teams took part in the Skipping Festival at the Parks Centre. Our Year 2 team did brilliantly and really impressed Miss Millen, Mrs Wilson and Mrs Blackburn, and came away with a Silver Award. Then our Year 4 team picked up individual Gold and Silver awards as part of their Skipdance routine to *The Glen* choreographed by Miss Boyd and Mrs Appleby. The team showed all their Superpowers as there was technical hitch with the music and the children just carried on without, keeping perfectly in time and working brilliantly together. We are very proud of both teams!

Road Safety

This week, our Year 1, 2 and 3 children learnt all about the importance of road safety building on sessions from last year. In the sessions from the Pedestrian Training Team, the children learnt where it is safe to cross the road and also who are the helpful people who can ensure we are kept safe. These important messages back up our work in PSHE. It is Reception and Year 4's turn next week. More sessions will continue through this term.



Girls' Football

Well done to our Year 4 Girls' Football team who took part in the football festival at Marine Park today. They played a number of matches and finished third in their group. Once again, our children showed amazing team work and were really supportive of each other. Well done to them!

Have a lovely weekend,

Tom Jones

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Dates for Your Diary

June	
Mon 8 th	PM: Sandpipers Beach School
Tue 9 th	PM: Seahorses Beach School
Wed 10 th	Nursery and Reception Sponsored Scoot
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)
Thu 5 th	5.15pm: Y3 Marden Bridge Middle School Open Evening
Fri 26 th	AM: Beacon, Priory and Lighthouse Sports Day Beacon and Lighthouse Bake Sale
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
Term Dates & Training Days 2026-27	
<p><i>Term Dates are on our website here: Rockcliffe First School - Term Dates</i></p> <p><i>Our Teacher Training Days are:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuesday 1st September 2026 (Mon 31st August is a Bank Holiday) • Friday 23rd October 2026 • Monday 4th January 2027 • Thursday 6th May 2027 (Polling Day) • Monday 7th June 2027 	



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.

