

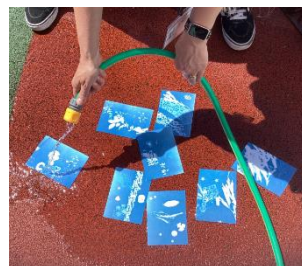
Newsletter 7 – Summer 2026

Dear Rockcliffe Families,

This week, we have been focusing on our Rockcliffe Learning Superpower of *Learn from our successes and mistakes*. Today's Superhero Assembly showcased how our children have done this in so many ways. Also this week, we have completed the statutory Phonics assessments in Year 1 and also the Multiplication check for Year 4. I always say they are for us to worry about and not the children. We make sure the children are fully prepared and the teaching teams in those year groups couldn't be prouder of the excellent approach the children had whilst doing these. As staff we have also been doing our own learning this week. I spent two days in Birmingham at the Primary Science Teaching Trust Conference. I have come back with lots of ideas and many of the sessions featured elements of the teaching and learning focus of our CPD programme in school. Miss Robinson also hosted a moderator from Northumbria University to see how we support trainees in school. They were extremely complimentary about Rockcliffe and remarked on how welcoming we were. Finally in our staff CPD session on Tuesday, each teacher showcased the work they have been doing on creating tasks for children to think deeply about their learning. It was a great way for us to learn from our successes.

Creativity in Nursery

On Tuesday, Sandcastles Nursery welcomed Grafton Gallery artist Flora Davoll for a special workshop. The children created artwork for the gallery's June residency, inspired by the book *The Bluest of Blues* by Fiona Robinson. Drawing on the book's beautiful illustrations and photographs, the children produced their own cyanotype prints. Thankfully, the sun made an appearance to help develop the prints! The finished artwork is already on display at the Grafton Gallery. It's just a few steps away from the Reception gate. Please have a look on your walk home. Today has been Nursery's 'Messy Art Day'. The worked together to create large scale artwork and got extremely involved in the process. There was lots of art, lots of mess and lots of fun!



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Sponsored Scoot

On Wednesday, our amazing Nursery and Reception classes took part in a sponsored scoot to raise money for resources in Early Years. The children were brilliant and we definitely think scooting should be an Olympic sport! Thanks to their efforts and your sponsorship generosity, we have raised over £1,000. The staff team are already creating a shopping list of new resources for our Early Years classes.

Next Wednesday is Thank a Teacher Day. You can find out more information here: [Resources for Parents - Thank a Teacher](#)



Have a lovely weekend,

Tom Jones

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Dates for Your Diary

| June | |
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| 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 | |
| <i>Term Dates are on our website here: Rockcliffe First School - Term Dates</i> | |
| <i>Our Teacher Training Days are:</i> | |
| <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.

