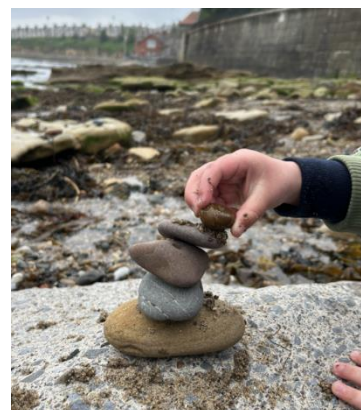


Newsletter 8 – Summer 2026

Dear Rockcliffe Families,

Our Rockcliffe Learning Superpower has been Involved in our Learning this week. On Tuesday I was lucky enough to go to Beach School with one of our Reception classes. I had a brilliant time with Starfish and was blown away by their curiosity and problem solving skills over the session. Not only did we discover many animals in their habitats (unfortunately not a starfish - I was asked where they would be many times!) but we had a great challenge of creating rock sculptures which we found out was a lot more challenging than we thought!



This week we also had our termly visit from our School Development Partner who reviewed our Development Plan from this year and he was really impressed with the progress we have made in our Phonics provision, working with the children on behaviour for learning and also our curriculum development. We also discussed our next steps for next year and what the priorities will be for Rockcliffe. I will share more in the new academic year.

Thank a Teacher



Wednesday was Thank a Teacher Day. Thank you to all the parents who took the time to send staff a message via the website. Can I also take the opportunity to thank all the classroom based staff for their incredible work this year and particularly at this very busy time in school.

Sports Week

Next week will be our Sports Week. Please see the letter sent out by Miss Millen on Schoolcomms this week. Through the week our children will be taking part in a number of active or sporting activities so please come in PE kit each day. We look forward to welcoming you to our Sports Day events next week. The weather looks good at the moment but if we have to postpone, we will give you as much notice as possible.



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Water Safety

Through our Beach School and the recent Sea Sense workshop for Key Stage 2, we regularly speak to the children about water safety. The RNLI have asked us to share the following resources with you as we approach warmer weather. This guidance highlights simple but vital steps to help keep children safe around water.



- [RLSS UK Parent Resources](#)
- [RNLI - Water Safety](#)

Friends of Rockcliffe

FOR
Friends of Rockcliffe

Picnic in the Park

COME AND JOIN US TO CELEBRATE A WONDERFUL YEAR AT
ROCKCLIFFE BY HAVING ONE BIG PICNIC, ALONG WITH SOME
MUSIC, ENTERTAINMENT & GAMES!

The Menu...

SNACK PACKS
SNACK BAG WITH FRUIT, CRISPS, AND SWEETS, AS WELL AS A
DRINK & A YUMMY ICE CREAM.
SUGGESTED DONATION OF £5

INDIVIDUAL SNACKS
SWEETS
ICE CREAMS
ALL AVAILABLE FOR A
SMALL DONATION

FRIDAY 17TH JULY
ROCKCLIFFE PARK GREEN - 3:15 TO 5PM
BRING CASH & A PICNIC BLANKET
ALL PROFITS GO BACK TO THE SCHOOL

Next Friday (26th) after school, is the Beacon and Lighthouse Cake Sale. They will also be holding a pre-loved Uniform sale alongside this. Please bring donations on Friday morning or if you are going straight to the Key Stage 2 Sports Day, you can drop items off at pick up on Thursday.

Have a lovely weekend,

Tom Jones

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Dates for Your Diary

June	
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 25 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 Per-loved Uniform Sale After School
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
Fri 17 th	Friends of Rockcliffe Picnic in the Park
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	