



Newsletter 9 – Summer 2026

Dear Rockcliffe Families,

Summer has truly hit the coast this week (apart from at drop off this morning!) and I think we have been lucky to have the cool sea breeze on the yard so we could keep business as usual at Rockcliffe. It has been wonderful to see so many of our families at school events over this week. We really appreciate the time and support you give to the school. On Tuesday evening we met our new Reception parents for September 2026 and we look forward to the children coming for their stay and plays over the next two weeks.

Sports Week

On Monday we held our Reception children's first Sports Afternoon. They took to it like professional athletes and literally took everything in their stride. Year 1 and 2 took over the batons on Tuesday afternoon in the sun and again showed brilliant team work with a healthy dose of competitive spirit. This morning, Year 3 and 4 took the Churchill Playing Field's running track to show off their Rockcliffe Learning Superpowers. Thank you to the parents who took on the challenge of the Parents' Race too (I promise it was requested last year!). All week the children have had events and activities with a sporting theme to help raise the profile of an active lifestyle. Thank you for the positive feedback on the Sports Afternoons and Mornings, and a big thank you to Miss Millen for co-ordinating the week's events. I also need to mention our amazing Sports Leaders from our Y4 Pupil Leadership team who demonstrated events so well at the start of the week. We want to have collaborating and co-operating at the heart of the events with children working as teams but we believe it's important to have some healthy competitive spirit too. We announced the winning teams in assembly today. In Reception Red team took the Gold medal, Blue team in Key Stage 1 and Whitley Bay team were champions in Key Stage 2!



Headteacher: Tom Jones

Rockcliffe First School ■ Grafton Road ■ Whitley Bay ■ NE26 2NR
0191 607 6573 ■ office@rockcliffeschool.org.uk
www.rockcliffeschool.org.uk



North Tyneside Learning Trust Musical Showcase



Being part of the North Tyneside Learning trust (NTLT) offers our school lots of great extra curricular experiences. On Wednesday evening, our Glee Club took part in the NTLT Musical Showcase at the Whitley Bay Playhouse. They performed 13 songs alongside choirs from Appletree Gardens, Hadrian Park, Monkhouse Primary, Monkseaton Middle and Richard Dees Primary School. It was a brilliant way to perform as part of a larger group. The event was extra special for Rockcliffe this year as our very own Mrs Marr was the Musical Director and conducted the choirs through the evening. The applause at the end reflected what a brilliant performance it was. Plans for next year's event are already underway!

Move Up Days

Next Tuesday and Wednesday, our Year 4s will be taking part in their transition days at the local Middle Schools. We wish them the best of luck. At Rockcliffe we will have two transition mornings on those days for the children to get to know their new class groupings and meet their new teachers. I wrote to you earlier in the week about how the classes will be set up and who will be teaching each class next year. With our PAN of 45 and limit on class sizes, it is not an easy task arranging classes but please be assured our teams have put a lot of thought and effort into the class groupings. Their current teacher will let the children know which class they will be on Tuesday morning. Staff have already met to ensure that the transition can be as smooth as possible.

Leavers' Feast

On Wednesday 15th July we will be holding our annual goodbye to Y4 Leavers' Feast. We will be catering for children in Year 4. If children in Reception to Year 3 would like a packed lunch from the kitchen that day please order one via SchoolGrid. There will be no hot meal option. Information about other end of term events will be coming out next week.

Have a lovely weekend and enjoy the sunny weather,

Tom Jones

Facebook - Please follow our Facebook page – visit our school website and click the Facebook link at the bottom of the Home Page.



Dates for Your Diary

June	
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
Wed 15 th	Leavers' Feast: We will be catering for children in Year 4. If children in Reception to Year 3 would like a packed lunch from the kitchen that day please order one via SchoolGrid.
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	

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