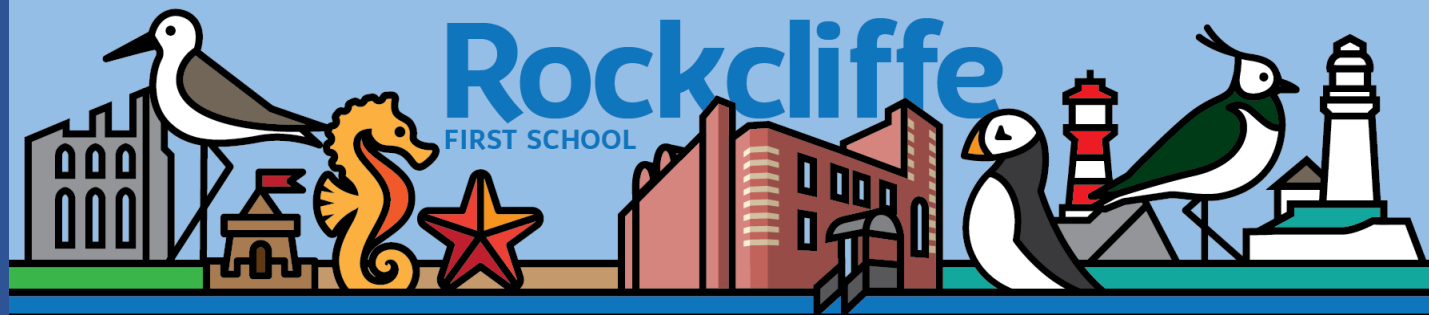




Newsletter 12 – Summer 2026

Dear Rockcliffe Families,

So here we are – the end of the academic year and the end of my first full year as Head of Rockcliffe. I am incredibly proud of what we have achieved as a school and as a community this year. I'm really looking forward to next year (after a little rest in the summer)!

Goodbye Y4

Tomorrow we wave goodbye to Year 4 for the final time. They have all shone so brightly this week. They dazzled in their Leavers' Performance on Tuesday night and fully enjoyed their Leavers' Feast on Wednesday. They all received their gifts from the younger years after jumping the Rockcliffe River too. That was a lovely opportunity to celebrate their individuality one last time. We wish them the best of luck at Middle School.



Tomorrow, we also say goodbye to Miss Russell who has done a fantastic job teaching Seahorses class at the end of the week since January. We will still be seeing Miss Russell in school in the future when she will be back covering classes for us.

Thank you

I'm going to end with a few thank yous. Firstly, thank you to all the families for your support this year and embracing the period of change in school. Your kind words and messages really do mean a lot to us as staff. I'd also like to say a big thanks to our Governors who work so hard behind the scenes and give up a lot of their time to support the work we do as a school. We're really grateful to the two Friends of Rockcliffe committees that have done such fantastic work across this year. We really wouldn't be able to do a lot of things in school without your fundraising efforts. I want to say a huge thank you to our amazing staff

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team. They really do go above and beyond each day to make the best opportunities for our children. The final thanks goes to the brilliant children at Rockcliffe First School. You're the reason we do what we do, and your fantastic attitude and enthusiasm for school and events this year has been incredible.

I hope all of our families have a great summer holiday. We look forward to welcoming you back on Wednesday 2nd September – please read the information sent out yesterday to ensure a smooth start to the year (we will resend this at the end of the holidays too).

Enjoy the Party in the Park tomorrow.

Tom Jones

Dates for Your Diary

September	
Tue 1 st	Teacher Training Day
Wed 2 nd	Start of Autumn Term 2026-27
Term Dates & Training Days 2026-27	
Term Dates are on our website here: Rockcliffe First School - Term Dates	
Our Teacher Training Days are:	
• 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	

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