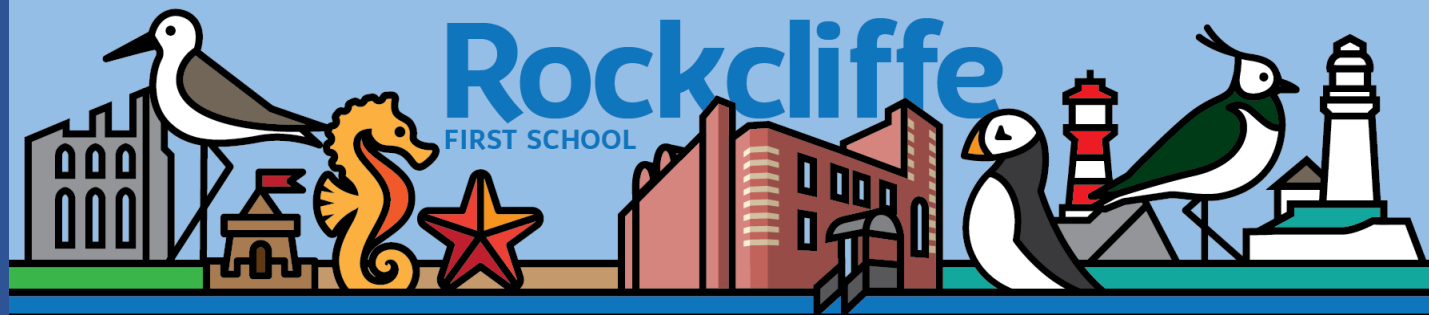




Newsletter 1 – Autumn 2026

Dear Rockcliffe Families,



What a brilliant start we have had to the start of this academic year! All the children have been Rockcliffe Superheroes this week. They have really impressed in all aspects of school life and have been truly *Shining Brightly Together*. It has been lovely to catch up with the children and families, and hear about your exciting summer adventures. Can we say a huge welcome to our new families who have joined us in Nursery, Reception and also in Year 2 and Year 3. It has been lovely to meet you all too. As a staff team, we are really excited about the year ahead and the exciting opportunities for the children.

Summer works

As you will have noticed, we have had a lot of work over the summer to improve the school site and some of our classrooms. Thank you for all of the positive comments. The final phase of the works takes place next week, when we will have a team on site installing new play equipment. We are very excited! Thank you for your help with such a smooth start to this year by following our routines and procedures in the return to school guide. Unfortunately, we are going to have to disrupt the already well-oiled machine next week at drop off and pick up. From Tuesday to Friday the gate on Grafton Road will be out of use. So for drop off and pick up:



Reception Drop Off and Pick Up and Kids' Club After School Pick Up: Please use the Main entrance on Windsor Terrace. The electronic gate will be open and then turn left onto the Early Years Yard and access the doors from there

Key Stage 1 and 2 (Years 1 - 4) Drop Off and Pick Up: Please use the Gates on Rockcliffe Avenue or Rockcliffe Street.

Extra-curricular Club Pick Up: Children will be dismissed from the Gate on Rockcliffe Avenue opposite the park. This will be the procedure going forward too.

Nursery will enter and leave in the usual way. Please pass on this information to any other adults who are collecting your child. We should be back to business as usual the following week!

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Welcome Back Summer Fair!

We're excited to announce that we'll be holding a **Welcome Back Summer Fair after school on Friday 18th September 3.15- 5pm!** 🌿

Come along and join the **Rockcliffe Family** for an afternoon of fun, games and activities.

There will be something for everyone, including:

- 🎨 Face painting
- 📖 Books, toys & games for sale
- 🍰 Delicious cakes
- 🎯 Fun games and activities
- 🎁 Tombola and other fun extras

It's a wonderful opportunity for our **new starters and their families to meet the Rockcliffe Family**, make some new friends and enjoy a little fun together — all while helping us raise funds for our school. 💖

More details will follow soon, but in the meantime, we would be incredibly grateful for any if you could save donations of:

- 🧸 Cuddly toys
- 📦 Gift bags / paper bags
- 📖 Books & toys
- 🎟 Tombola prizes

Every donation, big or small, will be greatly appreciated and will help us make the fair a fantastic event for everyone. We'll let you know when and where to drop it off soon.

Thank you for your continued support!

From,

Friends of Rockcliffe 💖

Polite Reminders

For children in Years 1 to 4, please can you return your Form 4s that were sent home this week. Please remember to order your school meals via SchoolGrid with your child and share with them what they will be having.

Have a great weekend and we will see you back on Monday for our first full week.

Tom Jones



Dates for Your Diary

Please keep checking back – these will be updated soon.

September	
Tue 8 th	5pm: Y4 Robinwood Information Evening
Fri 18 th	Welcome Back Fair
October	
Mon 12 th	Tempest Photography - Individual Photos
Wed 21 st	9am: North Tyneside Inclusion Service Parent Workshop (see below)
Thu 22 nd	End of Term
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>	
• Friday 23rd October 2026 • Monday 4th January 2027 • Thursday 6th May 2027 (Polling Day) • Monday 7th June 2027	

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

Growing Brains, Guiding Behaviour

A free workshop primarily for families of children in the Early Years (0-5). However, it is also suitable for families of children of First School age,

We know that young children struggle to manage their emotions and behaviour, this often comes out in behaviours which we as adults find difficult to manage.

In these workshops we will explore the link between brain development and behaviour and offer practical tips for supporting children when they are dysregulated.

We will cover:

- Brain development in early childhood and how this can affect behaviour.
- Tools and 'top-tips' to support co-regulation.

Come along to our free workshop on Wed 21st October at 9am – 10.30am at Rockcliffe First School to find out more.



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