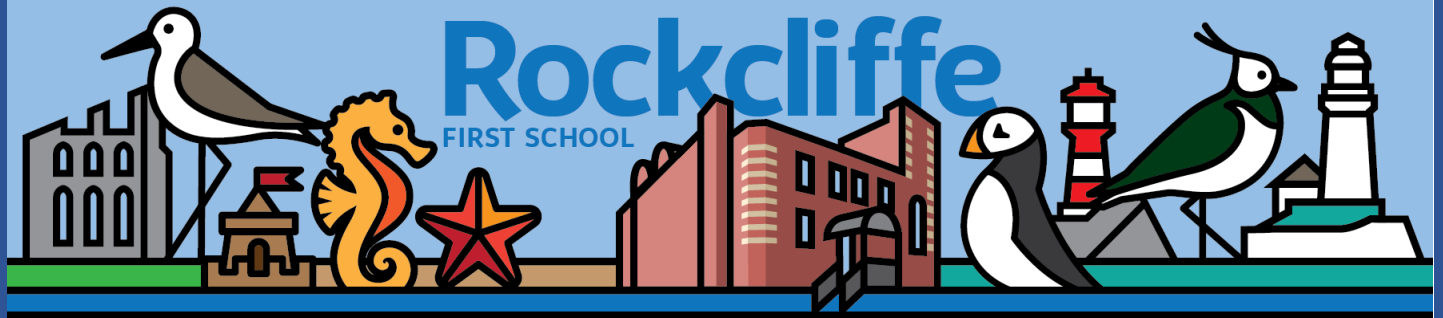




Newsletter 8 – Autumn 2026

Dear Rockcliffe Families,

Here we are at the end of Week 8 and the end of our first half-term of this academic year. It has certainly felt very autumnal on the journey into school this week! Looking back over this half-term we have really noticed the changes too and we are really impressed with the fantastic start to the year the children have made. New children joining the Rockcliffe Family in Nursery, Reception and further up the school have settled so well and it is like they have always been here. When I look back through the newsletters, we have had a very busy half-term with lots of great opportunities for the children in school and out on visits. The continuation of Beach School has been very successful and we are continually thinking of ways to bring our curriculum to life.



Parent Consultations



It was wonderful to welcome parents and carers into school over the last two weeks, and I hope you have seen from your child's books how well they have embraced the challenges in their new year groups. I have really enjoyed looking at work and speaking to the children about their learning over the half-term too. Thank you for all the positive comments from your meetings and about the year so far.

Miss Boyd

Today we say a temporary goodbye to Miss Boyd as she starts her maternity leave after half-term. We are really excited that she will be gaining a new addition to her family and we can't wait to share more news in the coming month. We wish her the best of luck. Miss Russell, who taught Seahorses in Reception last year, will be returning to Rockcliffe after half-term to teach Puffins at the end of the week.



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Coffee Morning

Next term we will be hosting a coffee morning hosted by the North Tyneside Parent Carer Forum. This is open to all families in supporting children with their wellbeing. Please see the flyer.

Staff Learning

Please remember that tomorrow is a Teacher Training Day. I'm often asked, "What do you do on a training day?" Tomorrow, we have three sessions. In the first we are having an update on Online Safety and how to support children with this. We then have a staff session from Peacemakers, who are working with our Key Stage 2 children on peer resolution. We are also completing training on allergens with another Whitley Bay First School. It has been a busy week for staff training too. On Monday, Mrs Duggan and I took part in the first sessions of our new Linking Leaders programme which has a focus on the latest research of teaching and learning and curriculum. It gave us lots of ideas to implement here. Then on Wednesday, Miss Thompson and I attended the annual Connect Mental Health Conference to update our action plan and gain insight into the new services and sessions they can provide to us as a school to support our families, like the coffee morning above.

I hope all of our families have a great half-term and well-deserved break. We're back on Monday 2nd November for what is traditionally a very busy but magical half-term in school. We will update the Dates for Your Diary of all the key events when we are back.

Enjoy your week,

Tom Jones

North Tyneside Parent Carer Forum

NHS
North East and North Cumbria

**You are invited to a parent carer event
within your school!**
**Come along to find out who we are and how
we support families in North Tyneside.**

Where: Rockcliffe First School
When: Thursday 19th Nov 9am

**Open to any parent or carer who has a
child/children who experiences difficulties or
struggles in their lives or who has any Special
Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND).**

****No diagnosis required to join us****



Dates for Your Diary

November	
Mon 2 nd	Start of Term Nursery Beach School
Tue 10 th	Lighthouse Beach School AM
Wed 11 th	Beacon Beach School AM
Mon 16 th	Priory Beach School PM
Fri 13 th	Children In Need Day Flu Immunisations for Rec to Y4
Fri 20 th	Nursery Beach School
Fri 27 th	Beacon Cake Sale after school
December	
Mon 7 th	9.30am KS1 Christmas Performance for Y1 Parents
Tue 8 th	9.30am KS1 Christmas Performance for Y2 Parents
Wed 9 th	9.30am KS2 Christmas Performance for Y3 Parents
Thu 10 th	9.30am KS2 Christmas Performance for Y4 Parents
Fri 11 th	10.30am Nursery B Performance
Mon 14 th	9.30am Reception Performance 10.30am Nursery A Performance
Fri 18 th	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	
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