Newsletter 12 – Autumn 2026

Dear Rockcliffe Families,

As we approach the end of November, there is a definite sense of festivities in the air with performance rehearsals well underway, and we're gearing up for the Christmas events taking place in school. Earlier in the week, we sent out information about the arrangements for these via Schoolcomms and we will send reminders during this busy time of year.

Peacemakers

On Monday, our Year 3 and 4 children had their final class sessions with Jackie from Peacemakers. The sessions followed the Learning for Peace framework and involved structured, restorative circle-time workshops designed to build emotional literacy, empathy, and independent conflict-resolution skills in students. The aim is to help pupils manage their own feelings and resolve playground or classroom disputes constructively. Here is what our Rockcliffe reporters thought of the programme:

Otto: Peacemakers is an organisation that shows you how to control your feelings and make new friends! We made feeling cakes to show how to be a good friend. We did a magic carpet and had to think of three qualities about that person.

Charlie: I enjoyed doing the magic carpet because people said kind things about you.

Poppy: We learned how to be a good friend when people are upset. In peacemakers, we learned how to be kind and caring and how to stop conflict. We also learned if we calm down by ourselves, we don't get angry around others.

Some of our Year 4 children volunteered to be Playground Peacemakers and have completed a programme to help with being buddies at breaktimes. There will be more on that in next week's newsletter.

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UK Parliament Week



This week is UK Parliament Week. As part of this our Year 4 Events Team presented an assembly yesterday about democracy following their Democracy Day visit to the North Tyneside Council Chambers in October. In the assembly they talked about what democracy is, how we might use it in school, and what they would want from a local MP.

Friends of Rockcliffe Christmas Raffle



Get into the festive spirit and be in with a chance of winning some fantastic prizes! We've got loads of amazing prizes donated by local companies, with tickets starting from just £1!

Please share with your friends and family too - the more, the merrier!

* THE DRAW WILL TAKE PLACE AT 6PM ON SUNDAY 13TH DECEMBER.

* Just to clarify: Your tickets enter you into the draw for ALL of the prizes (we know the homepage is a little confusing!). And there's more good news... we'll be adding even more prizes over the next few weeks, so keep an eye out!

BUY YOUR TICKETS HERE: https://www.zeffy.com/en-GB/ticketing/friends-of-rockcliffes-chrismtas-raffle--2026

Good luck everyone! Thank you for supporting Friends of Rockcliffe!

Yesterday, Miss Boyd and Baby Kitt came to meet the Rockcliffe family. He slept soundly as he visited the classes. It was lovely to see them in school.

I hope you enjoy your weekend,

Tom Jones

Dates for Your Diary

December	
Fri 4th	Dolce Christmas Lunch – Children are invited to wear Christmas Jumpers Friends of Rockcliffe Christmas Quiz
Mon 7th	9.30am KS1 Christmas Performance for Y1 Parents
Tue 8th	9.30am KS1 Christmas Performance for Y2 Parents
Wed 9th	9.30am KS2 Christmas Performance for Y3 Parents
Thu 10th	9.30am KS2 Christmas Performance for Y4 Parents PM: Y2 at Jack and the Beanstalk (information to follow)
Fri 11th	10.30am Nursery B Performance
Mon 14th	9.30am Reception Performance 10.30am Nursery A Performance
Tue 15th	Lapwings, Puffins & Sandpiper – Christmas Party Day (information to follow)
Wed 16th	Nursery – Christmas Craft Day Starfish – Christmas Party Day
Thu 17th	Beacon, Lighthouse and Priory – Christmas Party Day (information to follow)
Fri 18th	End of Term

Training Days 2026-27

Term Dates are on our website here: Rockcliffe First School - Term Dates

Our remaining Teacher Training Days are:

- Monday 4th January 2027
- Thursday 6th May 2027 (Polling Day)
- Monday 7th June 2027

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