



Rockcliffe Newsletter 4 – Autumn Term

Dear Rockcliffe Families,

This week our Rockcliffe Learning Superpower focus has been Optimistic. It was lovely to hear about the optimism of so many children in today's Superhero Assembly. Please ask your children what they are optimistic about this year.

Beach School

This year all classes will be taking part in Beach School sessions with Mrs Duggan and their class teacher. This week, Puffin Class had a fantastic visit to Cullercoats Bay session inspired by *Ish* by Peter H. Reynolds. Embracing the book's message that creativity doesn't have to be perfect to be powerful, the children worked together to create an enormous collaborative artwork on the sand.



Fuelled by imagination, they drew inspiration from volcanoes, temples, rainbows, and broom sticks—transforming the beach into a haven of ideas. Lots of Learning Superpowers were displayed; it was a celebration of expression, creativity, collaboration, huge amounts of cooperation and thinking *ish-ly* on our beautiful coastline.



Our Year 4 Rockcliffe Reporters, Sam and Ursula, spoke to Puffins after their visit:

"It was fun because I got to find a lot of things. One of the interesting things that happened was the teacher found a creature but I'm not sure what it was." Stanley

"I built a giant sandcastle. I played with the sand and seaweed." Iva

"I saw crabs burying themselves in the sand. I liked making drawings." Tanwen

"I saw lots of crabs and I found a crystal. I made a boat from my *ish* drawing." Mikey

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Parents Evenings

The first Parents Evenings of the year will be on Monday 20th and Wednesday 22nd of October for you to have a chance to find out how your children have settled into their new classes. Bookings for these will be moving online instead of the previous paper system. We will give you advanced notice of the date and time these will be released.

Reception Applications – September 2026

If you, or anyone you know, are interested in a place at Rockcliffe for September 2026, we are holding a number of tours for families to visit our school. There are details on the website. Please pass on the link.

[Early Years Applications – Rockcliffe First School](#)



We (still) need you!

Thank you for all the interest in our Parent Governor vacancies and becoming part of the Friends of Rockcliffe team.

Information about Governor nominations will be sent via Schoolcomms on Monday.

We would still love for more parents to become involved in the Friends of Rockcliffe so if you are interested, please email office@rockcliffeschool.org.uk and we will arrange a meeting to discuss plans. The commitment can be as big or small as you would like.

A reminder from Dolce - Allergies

Dolce, our school lunch catering team, have asked us to remind families to update or add information on SchoolGrid if there are any changes to your child's dietary needs or allergies. Having up to date records is the best way to ensure we can safely cater for all pupils. If a child has an allergy or dietary requirement that is not listed, parents can contact customer care to add a dietary note. They can be contacted on customercare@dolce.co.uk or 01942 707709.

I hope all of our families have a wonderful weekend,

Tom Jones



Dates for Your Diary

September	
Mon 29 th	Beacon class – Great North Museum
Tue 30 th	Flu Vaccination – please register if you would like your child to have this
Tue 30 th	Lapwings – Beach School
October	
Wed 1 st	Puffins and Sandpipers – Discovery Museum
Thu 2 nd	Lapwings – Discovery Museum
Thu 2 nd	Dolce: A Day at the Movies themed lunch (please order via School Grid)
Mon 6 th	Lighthouse class – Great North Museum
Tue 7 th	Starfish – Beach School
Mon 13 th	School Photograph Day
Tue 14 th	Seahorses - Beach School
Mon 20 th and Wed 21 st	Parents' Evenings (3.30 – 6.00) Booking details will be sent soon.
Mon 20 th	Priory class – Great North Museum
Wed 22 nd	Sandcastles Nursery – Beach School
Fri 24 th	Break up for half-term
November	
Tue 4 th	Start of Autumn Term 2
Wed 5 th	Dolce: Fireworks and Bonfire Night themed lunch (please order via School Grid)
Training Days 2025-6	- Monday 3rd November 2025 - Monday 5th January 2026